



Galley Common Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were chosen as "Star of the Week"

Class 1 - Eelan and Connie	Class 2 - George and Ava-Mai
Class 3 - Nancy G and Poppy	Class 4- Maicie and Alper
Class 5 - Evalyn and Ollie	Class 6 - Lochlan and Amari

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 1 who have achieved 97.04% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 97.04%	Class 2 - 93.93%
Class 3 - 91.43%	Class 4 - 95.86%
Class 5 - 96.3%	Class 6 - 85.6%

Our DfE target is 96%

Whole School Attendance this week is 93.48%

Packed Lunches - as a parent/carer you play an important role in setting an example and teaching your children from a young age about choosing healthy food and drink. This will help them to have a nutritious diet that meets their growing needs and help to make sure they continue to eat healthily as they get older. It is important children are eating the right amount of food for their age. Young children need small portions of food whereas older children need larger amounts.

We will be carrying out the optional KS1 tests in May this year and by following the link, parents can find out more about optional KS1 SATs:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024_Information_for_parents_optional_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf

DIARY DATES

April	
<u>Mon 22nd</u>	Maths Workshop (9am)
May	
<u>Mon 6th</u>	Bank Holiday
<u>Tues 7th</u>	Year 2 Film Night
<u>Thurs 9th</u>	YR + 1 Film Night
<u>Tues 14th</u>	KS1 Summer Disco
<u>Weds 15th</u>	YR Summer Disco
<u>Thurs 16th</u>	9am Coffee Morning
<u>Fri 17th</u>	Class 1 assembly

Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24th May

[Warwickshire School Term Dates 23/24](#)

SCHOOL NEWS

The Big Grow - This week the children have taken part in 'the big grow'. They have all had the opportunity to plant a sunflower seed and will learn how to care for their sunflower and watch it grow. They will eventually be able to bring their sunflowers home.

Maths Workshop - Please come along to our maths workshop on Monday 22nd April at 9.00am. We hope to see you there.

Coffee Morning - Thank you to those who attended, we hope you found it useful.

Reminder - The Year 1 Cinema trip takes place next week the 26/04/2024, if you have not yet filled in the consent form giving your child permission to go please do this at your earliest convenience. Payments are also due and can be made using ParentMail.

This term is very busy and exciting with lots of activities and events taking place, so please make a note of diary dates and keep an eye out for letters on ParentMail.

Our School Rules



1. Listen Carefully
2. Take Care
3. Try your best



HEALTHY SCHOOLS

ILLNESS - If your child is ill and not able to come to school, please telephone the school office by 10.00am to give a reason for their absence. If we do not hear from you by 10.00am, Miss Doherty will be ringing you to find out why your child is absent.

If your child is sick or has had diarrhoea, they should **NOT** come back into school, until they have been clear for **48 hours**.

Please **send a note** with your child when they return to school, explaining their absence. Thank you.

The Parenting Together workshop is for parents (including expectant parents) of children 0-19 (25 with SEND) living together and those living apart. It is suitable for co-parents in separate homes, single parents supported by other adult carers, extended families, and blended 'step' families. The word "parents" is used to refer to anyone in a parenting role, including foster carers, grandparents, etc.

For more information please visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-parenting-support-71623337213>

SAFEGUARDING

"The safety of the child is the first and paramount consideration"

Child protection concerns - If you have any child protection concerns, or wish to raise any issues, please feel free to call into school and speak to Mrs Middleton, Mrs Newman, or Mrs Salmon. You can also email safeguarding2107@welearn365.com You can also speak to a member of the Social Care Emergency Duty Team on 01926 886922.



The Highway Code / School Keep Clear Signs / Zig-Zags/ Double Yellow Lines:

Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership would like to remind parents of The Highway Code. The Highway Code states: "You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings." (Highway Code rule 238, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.)

School Keep Clear markings mean no stopping during the time and days specified on adjacent or nearby signs. The markings help prevent vehicles from parking near or in front of school entrances, to ensure safe access for children and parents.

Please park safely, legally and considerately and away from the school gates.





Mental Health in Schools Team
Tips For Wellness



Sleep & Rest

Getting enough sleep and making time to rest is so important for our bodies and brains. Sleep helps our bodies in being able to repair and regenerate, gives us energy and supports motivation. It helps our brains with cognitive function, learning and problem solving. It also improves memory and concentration and is vital for our mental wellbeing in regulating our emotions and mood.

It is also important to find time to rest, to take some time out of our busy day to stop, take a break and do something that promotes our wellbeing!

Our tips for sleep and rest:

We all have a morning routine that helps us get ready for the day! Let's think about a night-time routine to help us wind-down and get ready for a good night's sleep.

Routine - Aim to go to sleep and wake up at the same time each day and try to follow your night-time routine in the same order each evening too. Having a good routine helps to regulate our body clock and supports the production of the sleep hormone melatonin, which helps us to feel sleepy.

Environment - Dim the lights an hour before bed. Keep the room dark, if possible, try using an eye mask or black out blinds. A cool bedroom and slight drop in body temperature can help us to go to sleep. Think about reducing distractions, the blue light emitted by our TV's, consoles, phones and iPads can trick our brains into thinking it is daytime, turn on night mode and turn off tech at least an hour before bed.

Calming - Create a cosy, calm bedroom, snuggle up with a soft blanket or favourite cuddly toy. Avoid caffeine and fizzy drinks, maybe have a warm milky drink or herbal tea. Listen to calming music, read a book or try some mindfulness colouring to help wind-down.

Relax - Take a warm bubble bath or shower before bed, this can help our bodies to relax. Meditation, gentle yoga, breathing exercises and progressive muscle relaxation are great ways to relax too. Try the relaxing body scan video below.

Rest - Mindfulness breaks help us to rest and recharge within busy schedules. Having a movement break can help if you have been sitting for a long time. Look away from screens for a few moments. Maybe have break/lunch outside or take a walk in nature. Take time to focus on your breathing or try meditation. Taking regular short breaks can support concentration, boost our creativity and reduce stress!



More sleep tips and information!



Body scan video

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate! thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk.

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays.

Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Happiness Chemicals & How to Access Them



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER



Tuesday 16 April 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about how you can support your child to manage exam stress, the Multiply programme, social care support for children with SEND survey and much more!

The Family Information Service (FIS) supports families across Warwickshire with information and signposting. You can get in touch with the team by emailing fis@warwickshire.gov.uk, calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies. Head over to our [Facebook](#) to see where you can find the FIS team across the county this week.

If you would like to know more about FIS and where to find information and support on the FIS and SEND Local Offer webpages, book a place on an [online FIS discovery session](#).

LEARNING IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES 2023/2024

KEY PRIORITIES	PRIORITY
PRIORITY 1.	Continue to meet the social and emotional wellbeing needs of the school community
PRIORITY 2.	Improve the writing practice and progress so that most children meet or exceed the expected standard for their age.
PRIORITY 3.	To embed the consistent approach to Learning Behaviours across the school
PRIORITY 4	Maximise the capacity of the teaching team so that progress and attainment of children is maximised

Free School Meals

Schools should provide meal options for all children attending school. Meals are available free of charge to:

- All infant pupils (reception, year 1 and year 2) - known as universal FSM
- Pupils who meet the free school meals [eligibility criteria](#) - known as benefits - related FSM

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2, they will automatically be entitled to universal infant free school meals. However, if you do meet the benefits - related free school meals eligibility criteria, then it is advised you apply to receive additional benefits:

- [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\)](#) programme is for children aged 4 to 16, in reception to year 11, in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. HAF offers eligible pupil's access to activities and at least one healthy meal is provided during each session. The activities take place during the Easter, summer, and Christmas school holidays.
- [Pupil premium](#) is extra funding paid directly to schools for each pupil who is eligible for free school meals. It can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support to improve pupil's education.

You can apply for benefits-related FSM at any time online by clicking the following link:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any questions or need support with applying, please contact the team by emailing freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or calling 01926 359189.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority



GOVERNORS

Please meet our Governors – If you need to contact the Chair of Governors, Mr John Price, please contact Mrs Arkinstall in the school office on 02476 392219 or admin2107@welearn365.com



Mr J Price - Chair of Governors
Mrs K Middleton - Head Teacher
Mrs Gordon - Staff Governor
Mrs C Paremain - Co-opted Governor
Mrs K Gilbert - Co-opted Governor
Mr J Parr - Co-opted Governor
Mr R Scott - Parent Governor
Mr C Joyce - Parent Governor
Vacancy - Co-opted Governor

 **Stratford Literary Festival**
stratlitfest.co.uk

4th-5th May 2024

Events for Families

Michael Rosen
Bear Hunt Workshop
Neill Cameron
The Brothers McLeod
Julian Sedgwick
and Chie Kutsuwada



How to Book

By phone: **0333 666 3366**
(Mon-Fri 9am-7pm)

Online: stratlitfest.co.uk

In person: **Box Office and Information Desk,**
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Bridgefoot,
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6YR
(during the Festival only)

All tickets include VAT and incur a booking fee. There will be a £2.50 charge to post tickets.

Scan me to book



All events take place
at Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Bridge Foot CV37 6YR




Save the dates!

Together with Autism Conferences 2024

FREE Events

For professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, autistic adults and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

Great news! **act for autism** have partnered with Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System to bring you three conferences covering all things autism.

Leamington 29th June	Coventry 14th September	Nuneaton 9th November
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Come along to hear great talks, attend dynamic workshops, meet the services and talk to others about their experiences of autism.

Free to attend. Bookings will open six weeks before each event.

9.45am - 4.00pm
More details to follow

In partnership with





For queries and information: info@actforautism.co.uk
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A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent's Guide on how to help keep your children safe online

When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Developed in partnership with:



Skips

www.skipssafetynet.org

Operation Talkative

Intelligence regarding possession of knives

Have information about someone carrying a knife?



Scan the QR code to contact Crime Stoppers anonymously

Report it to us



999 in an emergency
101 to report info



report online
warwickshire.police.uk