



# Galley Common Infant School

# NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Believe, Achieve

**Welcome back** to the start of the summer term. We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break. This term is a very busy and exciting term with lots of activities and events taking place, so please keep an eye out for letters on ParentMail.



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Class 1 - Ted and Rosie      Class 2 - Imanii and Lemae  
Class 3 - Olivia and Nancy W      Class 4 - Alannah and Aubree  
Class 5 - Poppy-Mai and Ben      Class 6 - Elijah and Peggy



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Class 1 who have achieved 96.67% attendance this week.

Class 1 - 96.67%      Class 2 - 93.21%  
Class 3 - 95%      Class 4 - 95.48%  
Class 5 - 95.56%      Class 6 - 88%

**Our DfE target is 96%**  
**Whole School Attendance this week is 93.9%**

**Canopies** - Next week we will be having some canopies fitted over Monday and Tuesday. On Monday they will have access to the sensory garden, therefore Class 1 parents may need to use a different entrance/exit. Please bear with us and we will advise you of any changes.



**Coffee Morning** - Please come along to our coffee morning on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am, where RISE will be available to speak too. We hope to see you there.



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## DIARY DATES

### April

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Morning (9am)

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>

Maths Workshop (9am)

### May

Mon 6<sup>th</sup>

Bank Holiday

Tues 7<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Film Night

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

YR + 1 Film Night

Tues 14<sup>th</sup>

KS1 Summer Disco

Weds 15<sup>th</sup>

YR Summer Disco

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>

9am Coffee Morning

Fri 17<sup>th</sup>

Class 1 assembly



### Teacher Training Dates

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

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

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Bonanza Creative Workshop** - Today our Year 2 children took part in an exciting interactive workshop learning about carbon monoxide and the science behind it, how it is produced, recognising signs and symptoms, and how to keep safe from the gas at home. We hope they had fun and enjoy their goody bags.

**Welcome** - on 8/4/24 we welcomed Mrs Owen to the school. Mrs Owen will be working in Class 1 to cover Mrs Gordon's maternity leave. Welcome Mrs Owen.



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



**Pre-Pedal** - Next week our Reception children will begin Pre-Pedal sessions where they will learn useful skills which will help them to ride a pedal bike.



Tel: 02476 392219

**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.



### 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>  
[www.galleycommoninfofschool.co.uk](http://www.galleycommoninfofschool.co.uk)

## 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](mailto: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.**





## Being brave

Being brave isn't about not feeling scared. Being brave is about what you do even when you do feel scared.

Feeling scared is often a sign that we are doing something challenging, and it is completely normal to feel this way! Even though it can feel uncomfortable, being brave and facing difficulties can also help us to learn and grow, both physically and emotionally. Therefore, we need to step outside our comfort zone at times to be able to overcome challenges. Remember, being brave does not mean we have to cope alone!

*"Asking for help is one of the most courageous things you can do" – Charlie Mackesy*

### Our tips for being brave:

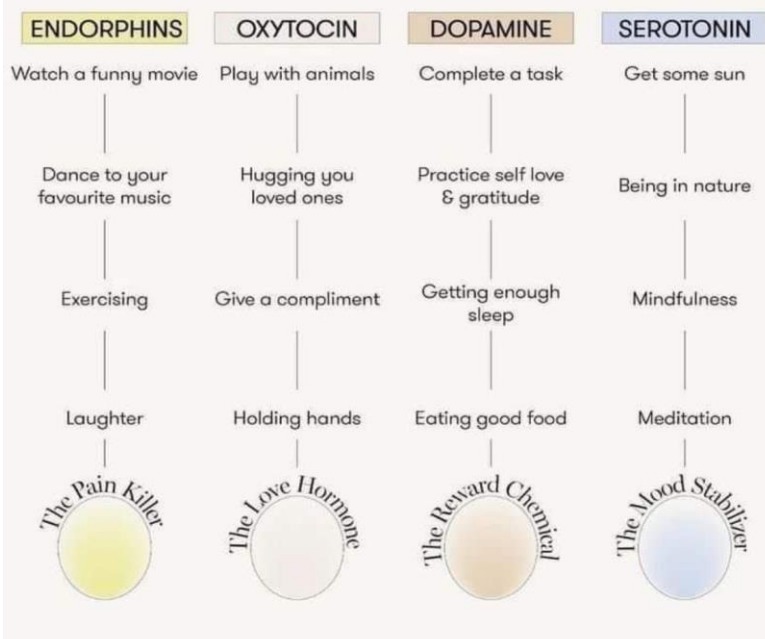
1. **Take chances and make mistakes!** Sometimes it is helpful to fail, so you can practise being brave. Try something you have been wanting to try and take that chance to move out of your comfort zone. You might even find that it wasn't as bad as you thought it would be.
2. Practise **positive self-talk** to help develop your bravery. Repeat these sentences to yourself or out loud - 'I can do hard things'; 'I am awesome'; 'I can enjoy challenge'. You might want to write positive statements on post-it notes and stick them around your mirror so you can remind yourself of them every day!
3. **Ask for help** when you need it from someone you trust. Taking the step to talk to someone is one of the bravest things you can do!
4. **Strike a power pose!** Standing up tall, your head held high and with your hands on your hips can help make you feel more confident and ready to take on a challenge. What pose makes you feel more confident?

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars 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](mailto: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 09 April 2024

In this week's Family Information Service newsletter there is information about a Department of Education consultation, preparing for local elections, Warwickshire's new youth councillors 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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk), calling [0800 408 1558](tel:08004081558) or finding support on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies](http://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](#).



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL  
EDITION



Thursday 4 April 2024

Welcome to the special edition of the Family Information Service newsletter. We understand that a lot of families are worried about the impact of the increasing cost of living, and we know that many might struggle to make their incomes stretch to cover the basics. Visit the [Cost of Living website](#) to find information and support to manage increased household costs.

This month's special edition focuses on the **Healthy Start** scheme. Research shows that **over 1/3 of all eligible households are not signed up to the scheme**. Read on to learn more about eligibility, how to apply, what you can buy and more.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



**Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.**

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



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



**It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.**



**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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