



GALLEY HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below some key information for the lead up to the February half term.

The Book Fayre

We are pleased to announce that our school community spent a grand total of £949.03 at this year's Book Fayre. This means the school now has £509.42 to spend on books for the school. Thank you very much for all those who were able to make a purchase.

The money will be used to buy the following books for whole class guided reading sessions:

- A class set of 'The Boy in the Dress' by Anne Fine for Year 3;
- A class set of 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell for Year 4;
- A class set of 'Holes' by Louis Sachar for Year 5.

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

Last Wednesday, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children competed in a swimming gala against four other local schools. Miss Andrews and Mr Jordan, who accompanied the children, were extremely proud of the team's sportsmanship, behaviour and swimming abilities. Galley Hill finished in third place overall, and the Year 6 boys and the Year 6 girls teams have qualified for the next round at Loftus later this month. We wish them lots of luck for the next round.

Table Tennis

Congratulations to Ella in Year 5 who represented the school in table tennis on Tuesday and finished first. Ella only conceded three points in six matches and has qualified for the regionals later this month. Well done, Ella! The whole school is behind you!

Year 1 Badminton Session

Our Year 1 children attended a badminton skills session at Prior Pursglove last week. They rotated around a number of stations that helped them to practise the skills needed for the game. Miss Rees said that their behaviour was impeccable and she was very proud of each and every one of them for their efforts. A few parents have mentioned that their children enjoyed the session so much that they would like to join a local club.

World Book Day

For World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Watch this space for further details of planned activities for this special day.

Phonics Meeting for Year 1 Parents

On Tuesday 12th February at 5:30pm, parents of children in Year 1 are invited to a meeting about the phonics screening test. Miss Rees will provide information about how the test will be carried out and how the children will be prepared. It will also give parents the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.



London Meeting for Year 5 Parents

Following the success of last year's trip to France, Mr Vertigans has organised for the Year 5 children to visit London in June and spend time with children from a school in France. On Wednesday 13th February at 5:30pm, Mr Vertigans will hold a meeting for Year 5 parents to provide further information about the trip and to allow parents to ask any questions they may have.

Friends of Galley Hill Magic Night

A huge thank you to the Friends of Galley Hill for organising and hosting the Magic Night last Friday evening. We know how much time and effort is needed to arrange a night such as this and we truly appreciate all you do for the school. The grand total for the evening was £183.35. Thank you to all the families who were able to attend and support the event.

Miss Williams

Tomorrow, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Williams who has been working in Year 3 since November as part of her university teaching practice. We would like to thank Miss Williams for all the help and support she has provided for the children over the past few months and wish her the best of luck for the rest of her teacher training.

Road Safety Assemblies

On Monday, we welcomed members from Cleveland Fire Brigade to deliver road safety sessions with our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children. Years 1 and 2 discussed how to cross a road safely and learnt about the different types of crossings that can be used, whilst Years 3 to 6 learnt about the dangers that roads can present and the ways to stay safe when riding a bike.

Reminder: Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 15th February, we are having a non-uniform day to raise money for transport for school sporting events. The children can come to school dressed in their sports clothes and we kindly request a donation (£1 is suggested).

We hope all our families enjoy the rest of the week. Hopefully, the weather will improve for the weekend and not be so wet!

Your Senior Leadership Team

