



September 19



# NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to school from all the staff at Galampton. It has been wonderful to see the children rush through the doors as the new school year begins. Our new children in our EYFS class and in other year groups have settled in really well!

Thank you, as ever, for your efforts in ensuring that they are smart and

in full school uniform with black shoes.

Could you please make sure uniform is labelled and that you encourage your child to take responsibility for their belongings? Our youngest children are doing brilliantly at this! Taking responsibility is our core value at Galampton so we use every opportunity to instill this in our children and I know you will be doing this at home too! We're all looking forward to another really successful year at Galampton and working closely with you.

*Katy Burns*

Headteacher



## Win £20,000 for your primary school

From 6th September Aldi's Kit for Schools is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. Every time you spend £30 at Aldi, you'll receive a Team GB sticker for your primary school. Every completed Kit for Schools poster will receive an exclusive Aldi sports kit for your school and the chance to win one of twenty £20,000 prizes.

<https://www.aldi.co.uk/kitforschools>

### Collect and Win

Ask your class and parents to pick up their Team GB stickers whenever they spend £30 at Aldi and bring them in to school to add to your Aldi's Kit for Schools poster.

Once the poster is complete with 300 Team GB stickers, send it to us and you'll receive a free school sports kit and the chance to win a cash prize of £20,000.



# Hill House Residential

During the last week of the Summer term Y5 went to Hill House on their 5 day residential. The week was filled with exciting activities starting with an orientation of the beautiful grounds.

The week was very busy with trips off-site for canoeing and other activities. Lots of team games

took place and archery was very popular with a few children managing to "split the willow". In the afternoons there were lots of competitions with Kwik-cricket and football and fortunately the weather was hot enough to swim. The children's favourite entertainment was the disco and movie night. A great time was had by all and great memories were made.





**FRIDAY 27TH SEPT 7PM**  
**GALMPTON SCHOOL HALL**  
**TICKETS £5**

**Includes game sheet and food**  
(Extra game sheets will be on sale @ 50p each)  
**£4 CORKAGE WILL APPLY**  
Soft drinks will be available to buy on the night

Tickets for this fun filled evening will be on sale from Mon 16th - Thurs 26th Sept inc from the school office. Be quick before they sell out!



All of our new parents should now have received their ParentPay login details.

ParentPay is used to pre-order and pay (KS2 only) for school lunches, and to book and pay for After School Club and School trips/residential.

Should you have any problems in accessing the site or need any help with bookings, please contact the school office.

We would ask any parents who have yet to activate their accounts, to do so as soon as possible.

Also we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents who book the in-house After School Club, that when paying using employer or Government voucher schemes, to please let the office know as this requires a slightly different booking method.

## Welcome back Mrs Bowerman!

Jen Bowerman has returned following a year's maternity leave and joins us again in the office on Thursdays and Fridays.



## School Census Day: 3rd October

We encourage children to have a school meal every day if they can, but on Census Day it's really important for all KS1 (including YR, Y1 & Y2) and any families who receive the Local Authority free school meals, to order a school lunch. There are many ways in which funding is calculated for schools and part of it is decided on uptake of free school lunches provided to children on Census days, whether it's through the KS1 Universal free school meals scheme, or the means tested Local Authority free school meals.

Could you be eligible for Local Authority free school meals?

If you think your family may be entitled to this additional benefit, forms are available from the school office, just pop in to pick one up, or request one to be sent home. Once completed, return to the office and we will scan and email on your behalf. Couldn't be simpler and could be of benefit to your family.



# Message from Galmpton Residents Association

On behalf of the Village we would like to welcome the staff, children and parents of Galmpton Primary School.

The GRA is made up of a group of volunteers and our main role is to help provide a link to the schools, Greenway and other organisations who are part of our community. Our next AGM is on Wednesday 18th September in the Village Hall at 6.30pm - you would be welcome to attend!

There are many issues surrounding parking and using the Village road system. In the first instance, could we ask you to ensure that you do not park obstructing any driveways, preventing residents accessing their property. We also request that car engines should be switched off whilst waiting to pick up or drop off to reduce air pollutants – making it a safer and healthier environment for us all. Parking close to the school has always been a problem. If we could ask all concerned with School to park a little further away, that could make a great deal of difference and reduce the daily congestion. If you need any help, advice or guidance about travelling by car and parking in Galmpton, please get in touch with [galmptontraffic@gmail.com](mailto:galmptontraffic@gmail.com)

Sending our best wishes to you all

Galmpton Residents Association

# After School Club

Our after school club has got off to a fantastic start and the children are really enjoying their time, feeling safe and supported by the ASC team. Although booking ahead makes life easier for the team, for parents who don't always know work patterns or have an emergency, we can book children into the club at late notice on the same day. So if you do need to use the club please let the office know by 11am ideally. We're working on improving access for parents to the club, and of course, once our external room is built this will be a huge improvement.



# Attendance Matters!

Our attendance policy (and therefore my decision to give authorised absences) are based on the Torbay model that follows DfE legislation. I understand and empathise with parents who wish to take a cheaper holiday in term time. However, I'm unable to authorise these holidays as they do not fall into the 'exceptional circumstances' category. Please see below to see what poor attendance looks like in terms of days missed.

## Attendance Data for the period 04.09.19 – 13.09.19

Whole School	96.93
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	99.22
1	94.58
2	98.33
3	97.92
4	96.46
5	97.38
6	95.21

Well done to Year 2 who have achieved the highest attendance since the start of term!

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	114 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

# Galmpton Primary School

## TERM DATES

### Autumn 2019

Wed 25th Sep - Tempest Photography (individual & family)

Thurs 26th Sep - Y6 Sports Festival @ BC

Tue 1st Oct - YR Welcome Service 9.15am  
followed by Phonics workshop for YR Parents/Carers

Thurs 3rd Oct - Y2 Sports Festival @ BC

Tues 8th Oct - French Workshop (Y4 & Y5) @ CFGS

Tues & Weds 8th-9th Oct  
Open Sessions for YR Sept 2020 intake 9.30am

Thur 10th Oct - Y5 Sports Festival @ BC

Mon 14th Oct - Harvest Eucharist 2.15pm

Mon 14th Oct - October Bikeability talk (during worship)

Tues 15th -16th Oct  
Open Sessions for YR Sept 2020 intake 9.30am

Fri 18th Oct - Virgin HC Flu Immunisations Y1-Y6

Thurs 31st Oct - Y6 Sports Festival @ BC

Sun 2nd Nov - Lupton House Bonfire Night

Mon 4th Nov - Parent's Evening (times TBC)

Weds 6th Nov - Parent's Evening (times TBC)

Thurs 7th Nov - Y4 Sports Festival @ BC

Thurs 14th Nov - Y5 Sports Festival @ BC

Mon 18th - Thurs 21st Nov - Bikeability (Y5)

Weds 20th Nov - 'Bags to School' Collection Day

Thurs 21st Nov - EYFS Sports Festival @ BC

Fri 29th Nov - Beauty & the Beast Panto (FROGs)

Sun 1st Dec - Christingle Service @ Churston Church 9.30am



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