

February 2020 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Carers

We're looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you at our Parents / Teacher meetings after half term.

The children have really enjoyed their History learning enquiries this half term and you'll have the opportunity to see some great learning when you come and speak to Teachers in March.

I will also be running two workshops for Parents / Carers around our unique and inspiring curriculum. We believe we have a very special curriculum in our ACE schools and it is important that Parents / Carers understand what we are trying to achieve for all our learners and why we are teaching the way we are. The workshops will begin at 4pm and then again at 5pm on both days (Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th). The sessions will last about thirty minutes and there will be time for you to ask any questions you may have around our Curriculum.

Parent / Carer questionnaires will be available to complete on both evenings. Please do take the time to complete these, as they give us invaluable information and help us to consider your views as we make ongoing improvements in all areas of school life.

If you're unable to make the sessions and would like to talk to me about learning at Galampton, my door is always open and I'm always happy to respond to any queries you have.

ARE YOU AN ARTIST?

After half term, all classes will begin a three week Art Learning enquiry. Our children will consider what artistic knowledge and skills are required, to produce a self portrait. The portraits will go into a School Gallery and children will use information technology to support and communicate their learning in Art. If you are an artist, or you know an artist, we'd love to have some experts visit school to help us learn how to create a self portrait. All 'artists' are welcome, whether an 'A level' student or someone who has a passion for Art and who could pass that passion and expertise on. Do let your child's class teacher know if you can help.

Have a lovely half term break and enjoy the time with your children.

Katy Burns Headteacher



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



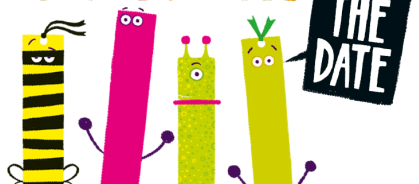
We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day (WBD) on Thursday 5th March. We will be having a 'Dress up day' where the children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book. We will be hosting a series of events in school to celebrate our passion for reading.

We will also be holding a '**Big Booky Breakfast**'. Children and Parents / Carers are invited in to school at 8.30am – 9am. Could we ask for some 'Secret Readers'? Parents / Carers can approach their teacher secretly to surprise their child on the day from 9.15-10.15am, more details will follow soon.

We would like to raise funds for Book Aid International, so would be very grateful for your donations. Book Aid International is a charity, which donates books to schools and libraries across Africa.

All children will receive a £1 book token to spend in their local bookshop.

THURSDAY 5 MARCH



Parents Evenings

These appointments will take place on
Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th March at
3.30-6.30pm.

**Please contact the office if you
have not yet booked your slot.**

Galmpton CE Primary Supporting Sport Relief (Red Nose Appeal)



On Friday 13th March, as part of this year's Sport Relief (Red Nose Appeal) the children may come into school dressed as their favourite sports personality, or clothes appropriate to their favourite sport. We will also hold a cake sale at the end of the school day. We kindly ask for home baked / shop bought cake donations on the day. If you would like to make a donation, monies raised go directly to the Red Nose Appeal.

Book Competition Winners

Thank you to everyone who entered our Reading in Unusual Places Competition. Our Kitchen staff were tasked with the difficult job of choosing the winners.

Their final decision was:

EYFS - Max Bowerman

Y1 - Roman Lowe

Y2 - Harriet Critchley

Y3 - Sam Emmins

Y4 - Toby Wilson

Y5 - Emily Critchley

Y6 - Cohen Denham

Well done everyone!

Attendance Data for the period 04.9.19 – 07.02.20

Whole School	95.71
Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	95.83
1	96.62
2	96.58
3	95.90
4	95.87
5	94.41
6	94.94



Well done to Year 1
who have achieved
the highest attendance
since the start of term!



Meet our new School Council Members!



After writing a letter of application, delivering a speech to their classmates and holding a democratic vote, we now have our new school council! We meet weekly on a Wednesday afternoon to discuss issues which are important so that we can improve our school community. At present, we are recruiting a Head Girl and a Head Boy from Year 6 - if you are interested in this post please see the job description on the School Council notice board. If you have any ideas or issues that you would like the children on the School Council to look into, please talk to your class representative and they will raise these in future meetings.

Junior Choir

The Junior Choir joined the Devon branch of The Royal School of Church Music on Saturday 8th February, to sing at the Evensong Service at Exeter Cathedral. It was a beautiful Service and a great experience for all the girls.



School Garden

A huge thank you to Galmpton residents, John and Marion Fudge, who kindly donated the new fir tree in the Community Garden and a much needed greenhouse.

Without our volunteers Dave and Carol Eason, Keith Wallace, Chris & Nhing Eason, who all helped cutting down and chopping up the overgrown trees and Jez Owens who replaced our fence posts, our new garden project would not be taking place. Our Year 2 gardeners have been busy planting seeds, which will go into the new greenhouse, making seed cakes for our hungry birds and collecting leaves & petals to decorate masks.





Y1 Coronation Street Party

On Tuesday 11th February, Year 1 had a wonderful morning preparing for a street party in the classroom, to celebrate the Coronation of the Queen.

As part of their learning journey, the children created diary entries, imagining they were the Queen on 2nd June 1953, for their families to come in and view. They also created food "of the time" to sample including Jam Tarts, Victoria Sponges, Sausage Rolls and Sandwiches with Coronation Chicken and Spam! It was lovely to see so many family members coming in to celebrate our learning with us, and a special thank you to Sam Ward for preparing and cooking the food with the children.



CAP Assembly Child Assault Prevention 24th February

A CAP follow-up Assembly is taking place in February. This is designed to provide a concise and cost effective way of reviewing the philosophy and safety strategies given to the children in the initial classroom workshops last year.

It is recommended that the Assembly should take place approximately 12-18 months after the full project has been implemented in a school.

The Assembly is drama based, reflecting and reviewing the strategies taught in the previous workshops, eg.

- Safe, Strong & Free
- Saying NO
- Peer Support
- Self defence/safe distance/the Yell
- Internet Safety
- Safe and Unsafe touches/secrets
- Trusted Adults/Keep on telling until you get help
- Childline

Galmpton Primary School SPRING TERM DATES — 2020 —

Thur 27th Feb	YR Sports Festival at Brixham College
Thur 5th Mar	World Book Day
Thur 12th Mar	Y3 Sports Festival at Brixham College
Fri 13th Mar	Sport Relief
Thur 19th Mar	Y3 & Y5 Sports Festival at Brixham College
Fri 20th Mar	FROGs Easter Fayre 3.15-5pm
Thur 26th Mar	FROGs Egg Rolling KS1 & KS2, 9am FROGs KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, 2.15pm
Fri 27th Mar	Last day of Spring Term, 2.15pm finish
Mon 30th Mar – Mon 13th Apr (Inclusive)	Easter Holidays
Tues 14th Apr	Pupils return to school – Summer Term
Sun 19th Apr	Galmpton Open Garden (Community Garden)
Tue 21st Apr	Tempest Photography in School for Class Photos
Wed 29th Apr	Y5 Hill House Residential
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Sun 17th May – Fri 22nd May	Y6 Bude Residential
Thur 21st May	Census Day (please could KS1 and all FSM children pre-order lunches)
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May	Half Term Holidays
Mon 1st June – Wednesday 3rd June	Non Pupil Days
Thur 4th June	Pupils Return to School

Goodbye, Good Luck & Welcome

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two staff members after half term. Emma Connell is returning to PCC as a French Teacher. Mrs Connell has been a valued member of our team and we are very grateful for all her hard work. We would take the opportunity to welcome Amy Colliver, who is taking on Mrs Connell's roles and responsibilities.

Michelle Thompson, one of our dedicated MTA's is also leaving Galmpton, and we would like to thank her for all her help and support at lunchtimes. The children will miss her and we wish her well.

Interviews for the MTA position will take place after the Half Term holidays.



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