



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 15th December 2023

Monday	18 th December	All day	Year 2 Windsor Castle Trip
Tuesday	19 th December		Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday	20 th December		Quartz Class Christmas Party
Wednesday	20 th December	2pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Friday	5 th January 2024		Back to School

Message from Mrs Birch

This week, I have been reminded so many times about the reasons I love being part of our Galley Hill community. The fantastic performances from both our Key Stage One and our Nursery children have been amongst those reasons. Another event that made me so proud was the gift collection, organised by Miss Reardon, that took place this morning. It was touching to see our community support each other in such a way and I really hope that all who attended appreciated the opportunity. Thank you to Miss Reardon for all of her hard work and to everyone who donated items to make this possible. As a school, our primary purpose is to educate your children but I hope you know that Galley Hill is so much more than that.

It feels so relevant that our value for the month of December is thankfulness. I have spoken with the children in assembly this week about the importance of being thankful for the little things and for all of the incredible things they do have, before complaining about the things they don't.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope you can enjoy some time with friends and family this holiday. Thank you for your continued support of your child and our school.

Start of the Day

I would like to remind parents that our school day for children from Reception to Year 6 begins at 8:45am. This is the time when the teachers should be starting their time with the children. Doors are open from 8:40am for children to be delivered to class. I would like to request that all parents support us in ensuring that the children's learning time is maximised by ensuring that the children are brought to school on time and that any discussions with staff are those that are urgent and brief.

Staff News

We would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Spooner, our Upper Key Stage Two Leader, who this week found out that she had passed her National Professional Qualification in Senior Leadership. Mrs Spooner worked incredibly hard for this qualification over 18 months and brought about much positive change to our school, such as the implementation of our new phonics scheme, as a result of her learning.

End of Term

Just a reminder that term ends for Christmas for all children on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm. The children return to school on Friday 5th January at 8:45am. We hope this gives them all a day to get back into routine after the craziness of the festive period!



Wednesday!

Well done to these children who have all been selected for Well Done Wednesday to come and have milkshake and cookies with Mrs Birch.

Amber: *Lyla B*

Turquoise: *Teddy W*

Garnet: *Kinannah Z*

Jade: *Harry R*

Crystal: *Daisy O-T*

Pearl: *Olivia H*

Diamond: *Lylah P-L*



Well done *Emmy D* in 4 Opal who earned her Bronze award at Brownies this week and 6 new badges. Great achievement Emmy!

Andre C in 3 Ruby has passed his first belt in Karate. Well done for gaining your Blue belt. Keep up the hard work!

Well done *Freya F* in 4 Coral who has achieved her Sapphire gymnastics badge and will now move up to intermediate level! Brilliant work Freya!

If your child has anything from outside of school that you would like to share then please email the details over to admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk and we can include them on the next Newsletter.

Notice Board



Nursery Applications

Nursery applications open on 1st January 2024 and close on 1st March 2024. If your child is 3 rising 4 next year and would be due to start Nursery in September 2024 then don't forget to make your application. An application form for our Nursery can be found on our website, or you can come in to the office for a paper copy.



Lost Property

Outside the dining room under the shelter you will find the lost property box. This is currently overflowing with coats, fleeces and lunchboxes! If your child has lost something then please do pop round there and have a look through. We are aiming to try and sort it before the end of term and reunite any items that have names on but do feel free to have a look through in the meantime if you are missing anything.

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of
the
Week!

Amber: Triton L-F

Garnet: Elena A

Turquoise: Billy E

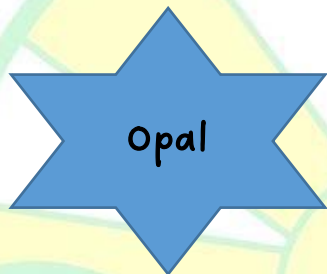
ATTENDANCE

Green is for classes with attendance above 95%, Amber for classes with 90-95% and Red for classes with attendance less than 90%.

	Red	Amber	Green
Quartz			95.6%
Nursery Amber			96.6%

Reception Garnet		94.3%	
Reception Turquoise		95%	
1 Jade		93.4%	
1 Crystal		93%	
2 Diamond			98.3%
2 Pearl		94.7%	
3 Ruby		90.7%	
3 Emerald		94.1%	
4 Coral			96.3%
4 Opal			98.7%
5 Onyx		95%	
5 Sapphire			98.5%
6 Topaz		95%	
6 Amethyst		92%	

Well done to



for winning the attendance award this week!



Attendance Ladder



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Wilson!

