



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 8th September 2023

Monday	11 th September	3.20pm	Year 6 Welcome Meeting
Tuesday	12 th September	3.20pm	Year 2 Welcome Meeting
Thursday	14 th September	3.20pm	Year 4 Welcome Meeting
From Monday	18 th September onwards	After school	All clubs start
Monday	25 th September	All day	Year 3 Trip Celtic Harmony
Thursday	5 th October	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
All Week	16 th -20 th October		Year 6 at PGL residential
Friday	20 th October	4pm-5pm KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm KS2	FROGs Hallowe'en Disco
Friday	20 th October	3.15pm	Break up for Half Term

Message from Mrs Birch

Welcome back! It is so lovely to have our school community back together again after the summer break and we have so enjoyed seeing all of the children in their new uniforms and hearing about their holiday adventures.

It really has been a fantastic start to the year despite the unexpected Autumn heatwave. The children have been enthusiastic to learn and the behaviour around the school has been exemplary - you could not hear a pin drop in celebration assembly this morning. Well done Team Galley Hill!

Welcome Meetings and Curriculum Updates

As you will know, Welcome Meetings have been taking place with class teachers for each year group (Years 1 to 6). Years 2, 4 and 6 will all be taking place next week. During these meetings, teachers have been / will be sharing some information about expectations for the end of the year group in Reading, Writing and Maths so you are able to support your child appropriately with learning at home. If you have not been able to attend the meeting for your child, we will endeavour to get the presentations for each year group on our website by the end of next week for your reference. They will be available on the

class page for your child's year group: Class Pages | Galley Hill Primary School and Nursery

As ever, teachers in Years 1 to 6 have also created a curriculum overview sheets, which will tell you a little of what your child will be learning this term. These will be emailed out to you next week and can also be located on the school website on the class pages. If you want to know more about the curriculum our children follow, there is lots of information available here: Our Curriculum | Galley Hill Primary School and Nursery.

School Day Times

Just a reminder that our school day, for all year groups apart from Nursery, is now 8:45am - 3:15pm. Please ensure that your child is in school in order to start at 8:45am. The classroom doors are open from 8:40am.

Staff News

Sadly, Mrs Winn made the decision to leave Galley Hill over the summer holidays but we are hoping to still see her on a supply teacher basis. The teaching assistant for 1 Crystal will now be Mrs. Derham.

Parents in 3 Ruby will have noticed that Ms Thompson will be known as Miss Carden going forward.

We are very sad that two of our cleaning team will be moving on later this month. We are very grateful to Mrs Hessey and Mrs Colquhoun for their hard work and wish them well for the future. We are now in the process of recruiting new cleaners so please speak to the school office if you are interested in this after school role.

Key Stage Two Snacks

As you will know, children in Early Years and Key Stage One are provided with free fruit each day as part of the government scheme. Children in Key Stage Two are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break time. This can be a whole piece of fruit or vegetable or bread sticks only. The children will not be allowed to eat other things at break time.



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

Ruby: Ivy H

Emerald: Alice W

Opal: Sahand D

Coral: Faye S

Sapphire: Grace W

Onyx: Mustapha T

Amethyst: Oliver M

Topaz: Jamie C



Well done to Sienna C in 1 Crystal who has been awarded Gymnast of the Week at her class with Sapphire Gymnastics. Fantastic work Sienna!

Helaina M in 4 Coral over the summer holidays came first in her age group at Sapphire Gymnastics Club Championships, and also won Bronze at an Artistic Ice Skating competition in Milton Keynes. What a successful summer holidays you have had Helaina! Well Done!

Well done to Emma M in 2 Diamond who has been awarded Gymnast of the Week at her class with Sapphire Gymnastics. Brilliant Emma, Well done!

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break.

Over the summer we unfortunately had two governors retire from their posts - one parent and one co-opted. We would like to thank them both for their many years of support to the governors, staff, and pupils. They will both be missed.

As we will be looking to recruit new governors, applications for parent governors will be sent out next week. We will especially be looking for new governors with a background in finance or HR, or who perhaps know about Health & Safety. However, any parent who has an interest in the education of all our pupils and would like to become a governor is welcome to apply. Please keep an eye out for the application and return it to the Chair of Governors by 25th September 2023.

The role of a governor is to "Challenge and Support" the headteacher and the staff, to provide the best possible environment for the progress of all pupils, whilst meeting all statutory requirements of both the government and local education authority.

If you are interested, or have any questions about the role, then please contact the Chair of Governors: kedwards@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk



PHASING OUT TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATION

In line with other local schools, over the next few weeks we will be phasing out the use of text messages to communicate with parents, and the majority of our communication will be via email. Please ensure we have an up to date email address for you (you can check your details on Arbor) and regularly check your inbox. Thank you!



HEMEL STORM BASKETBALL

Hemel Storm Basketball are back in action this Sunday with a 6pm tip off at the Sports Centre. Tickets on the door or in advance at www.stormbasketball.net

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK



Star of
the
Week!

Amber: All of them for settling in

Garnet: So amazingly on their first

Turquoise: week at school!

ATTENDANCE

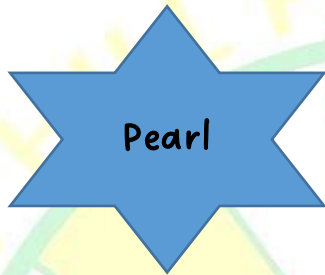
Green is for classes with attendance above 95%, Amber for classes with 90-95% and Red for classes with attendance less than 90%.

	Red	Amber	Green
Quartz			100%
Nursery Amber	82.8%		
Reception Garnet			97.1%
Reception Turquoise		93.1%	
1 Jade	89.2%		
1 Crystal			97%
2 Diamond	94.7%		

2 Pearl			98.3%
3 Ruby			
3 Emerald			96.9%
4 Coral			97%
4 Opal			97%
5 Onyx			95.7%
5 Sapphire			95.5%
6 Topaz			98%
6 Amethyst			95.7%

Well done to

for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Wilson!!