



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Thursday	22 nd September	3.30pm	FROGs PTA meeting
Friday	23 rd September	2.15pm	Emma Carder Memorial Fun Run
Tuesday	27 th September	All Day	Year 1 Toy Workshop
Tuesday	4 th October	AM	Year 6 Questionnaire with School Nurses
Thursday	6 th October	3.15pm	Open Classrooms

Message from Mrs Birch

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been such a pleasure to have the children back in school this week. Our whole school community have shown themselves to be eager to learn and the behaviour of nearly everyone has been fantastic. We are very proud of the children.

Obviously, with the rest of the country, we are mourning the loss of our incredible Queen and we spent a moment to reflect and say a prayer for her in assembly this morning. On Monday, our assembly will focus more on her life and reign. We will be following all guidance given by the Department for Education with regards to the period of national mourning and the funeral once this has been issued and will of course keep you up to date as details emerge.

Start of the Day

The official start time of our school day is 8:50am. We discussed as a staff team that we are losing learning time with our current soft start timings. As such, from Monday, our soft start times for children in Years 1 to 6 will be 8:40am to 8:50am, meaning classroom doors will be open at 8:40am and children can go into school at this time. All exterior doors will close at 8:50am and after this time, children will need to be taken to the office to be signed in.

Drink Bottles

Following a discussion as a staff team, we have decided to slightly relax our policy on drinks in bottles through the school day. The children can continue to have water or still flavoured water or they can now choose to have diluted squash to drink. This is to ensure that all children can remain hydrated all day.

Emma's Fun Run

On Friday 23rd September, we will be holding a Fun Run in memory of our wonderful Sport's Coach, Emma Carder, who tragically passed away in the summer, following a battle with cancer. The event will start at 2:15pm and the children will be running (or walking) around laps of the field for around 35 minutes.

Emma was bright and bubbly so to celebrate her life, we ask that the children all bring in a brightly coloured top to change into with their P.E. kit shorts on the day. She also loved Disney so we intend to be running to a Disney soundtrack.

We would love the children to be sponsored for their run either through the sponsor form that we will be sending home next week or via our Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/galleyhillprimaryschool?utm_term=G67pvWrmy

The money raised will be split between Emma's family's chosen charity (The Hospice of St Francis), Team Macy, who so kindly donated us our defibrillator and something for our playground in memory of Emma.

We would love parents to come and join us as well, either to also run or to offer support by cheering the children on and look forward to seeing lots of you on the day.

Healthy Young Minds Award

I am absolutely thrilled to share with you that over the summer holidays we heard that we were being awarded the Health Young Minds in Herts Accreditation for Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Awareness. We are so pleased that our hard work focusing on the children's well-being and mental health has been acknowledged in this way and I am extremely grateful to Mrs Reynolds who has led on this on behalf of the school.

OPAL

As you will have seen in the letter from Miss Elsey earlier in the week, we have now started on our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) project to improve play provision across the school. The impact that we have already seen has been fantastic and we have only just begun! Please do start donating items from the list provided and put us in touch with any businesses who you think might be able to help us. Thank you in advance!

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY

The following are the Key Stage 2 children who should feel very proud for being selected for the first Well Done Wednesday of this school year. I'm sure that they are all looking forward to their milkshake and cookies!

Well Done Wednesday



Emerald: Mason R Ruby: Isla C Opal: Sebastianus B-M
Coral: Stanley P Sapphire: Daniella S Onyx: Lois A
Amethyst: Preet T Topaz: Jacob S

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



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



CLEANER REQUIRED

We are currently looking for another cleaner to join our fantastic cleaning team here at school. The hours would be 3.15pm-5.45pm Monday to Friday (12.5 hours per week) plus some inset days, and additional hours over the Easter and Summer Holidays. For more information or to ask for an application form please pop in to the office or call or email at admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk

CALENDAR DATES

As you will notice at the top of the newsletter is a small snapshot of calendar dates. For full calendar dates for this year (and for next!) please visit the school website <https://galley-hill.secure-primariesite.net/diary/grid/2022/09/>

REMOTE LEARNING

Thankfully we are not having to use remote learning with as much frequency as it has been previously so the page has been updated to reflect our current needs.

If you are off for some time and are able and happy to complete some tasks you can find these on the website <https://galley-hill.secure-primariesite.net/remote-learning/>
There is a section for each year group.

If you have time could you also complete this short survey to give us some feedback on our website.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RBYWYY9>

PARENT WORKSHOP: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At Galley Hill, we understand and prioritise the importance of looking after our pupils' mental health and wellbeing. We also know how vital it is that we work together with our parents and community to ensure that we are giving our children the best possible support. We have therefore created a parent guide which you should have received via email earlier this week. We would also like to invite you to join us for a parent workshop on **Monday 10th October at 9:05am**. We will be going through the guide in more detail and you will have the chance to look through and take home some resources all relating to supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing. There may also be some pastries up for grabs too! You can book your space on this workshop via Arbor.

COACHING ME – AFTERSCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB

Booking is open for After School Club and October Half Term Holiday Club with coaching me. Please scan the QR codes to take you through to the booking pages.

After School Club

October Half Term

Holiday Club



If you have any questions about either of these clubs then please speak to either Sean:07526 352350 or Chris:07526 352351

CLUBS

We have an exciting range of clubs lined up to start this term, some run by the school and some we have external companies coming in to offer a wide range of activities. Full details of all the clubs available and any costs involved will go out early next week. These will go live to book spaces either directly with the company running them or on Arbor for school run clubs. If you haven't already, please make sure you have set up your log in with Arbor ready as places will be limited! These will not be available to book on to until the details have been sent out.

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Harley C



TEAM GARNET

Harper D

TEAM AMBER

The whole class for settling in so well!

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	75%		
Nursery Amber		92.9%	
Reception Garnet		93.3%	
Reception Turquoise		92.7%	
1 Jade			95.6%
1 Crystal			95.7%
2 Diamond			100%
2 Pearl		91.5%	
3 Ruby			95.2%
3 Emerald			100%
4 Coral	87.1%		
4 Opal			95.2%
5 Onyx			96.9%
5 Sapphire			100%
6 Topaz		92.3%	
6 Amethyst			98.1%

Well done to



for winning this week!



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