



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Monday	5 th December	9am-9.15am	4 Opal Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	6 th December	2pm	KS1 Performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday	7 th December	6pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday	8 th December	6pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Monday	12 th December	9.45am	Yr 3 & 4 Church Carol Service
Monday	12 th December	2pm	Reception Christmas Performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday	13 th December	9.45am	Yr 5 & 6 Church Carol Service
Tuesday	13 th December	2.15pm	Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday	14 th December	All day	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday	14 th December	2.15pm	Reception Christmas performance
Friday	16 th December	10.45am	Nursery Christmas Songs
Friday	16 th December	2.45pm	Nursery Christmas Songs
Friday	16 th December	4pm-5pm / 5.30pm-6.30pm	Christmas Disco
Tuesday	20 th December		Class Christmas party - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday	21 st December		Class Christmas party - Quartz, Year 5 & Year 6
Wednesday	21 st December	1.55pm/2pm	Break up for Christmas



Message from Mrs Birch

It is hard to believe that it is December already. This term seems to have flown by! We now have a very busy few weeks until the Christmas holidays and we look forward to lots of opportunities for members of our school community to come together for Christmas plays, carol concerts, the Christmas Disco etc. We look forward to seeing parents on several occasions and hope the children have a really enjoyable festive period.

Online Safety

As you know, we take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously at Galley Hill. We talk regularly with the children, in an age-appropriate manner, about how they can keep themselves safe online. As a school, we work closely with the IT team at Herts for Learning to ensure our internet filtering makes the children as safe as possible. For this, we use a programme called RM Safety Net. Through this system, senior leaders within the school are able to look at anything that has been searched for on the school system and anything that has been denied. Obviously no system is

perfect and we teach the children to turn off the screen and report to an adult anything that they are not sure about. We really appreciate this message also being shared at home and for parents to carefully monitor their child's online activity. Many thanks for your support with this.

Parking Outside School

Unfortunately, we have once again received a number of complaints about parking from both other parents and neighbours to the school. Many vehicles are being parked in an extremely unsafe way before and after school, particularly on Pudding Lane. This is causing an obstruction to the road, which could limit access for emergency vehicles, and is causing a hazard for pedestrians and other road users. It would be an absolute tragedy for a child to be hurt because of careless parking from a parent at the school. We please ask that parents use the parking at the shops or by the cricket pavilion on Galley Hill and walk the short distance to the school so that roads are not blocked and everyone can remain safe.

Value of the Month

Our value for the month of December is 'thankfulness'. Please spend some time talking to your child about what it is to be thankful for the things they have and how we should all show gratitude.

Staff News

We are pleased to share with you that we have 2 new Teaching Assistants starting with us at Galley Hill over the coming weeks. Mrs Chesterman will be working in Nursery Lunch Club and with children from Year 3 and 4. Miss Pullen will be the Teaching Assistant for 4 Coral. We will also be welcoming Miss Stimpson to our MSA team in the coming weeks.

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Parsons welcomed her new baby into the world on Tuesday morning. We are sure you would like to join us in congratulating the whole Parson's family on the arrival of Melody Rose Catherine Parsons.

Collecting Children

We just wanted to remind parents of our policies around collecting children at the end of the day. Children from Nursery to Year 4 have to be collected from class staff by an adult each day. Staff will only allow children to go with their usual adult unless we have been told by the parent (in the morning or via the office) that they are going to be collected by somebody different. Please do not be offended if we do not give you someone else's child without checking this first. It is our responsibility to ensure that all children go home with the right person. From Year 5, children are allowed to leave the classroom on their own. If you do not wish for your children to be allowed to do so, please let the class teacher know and they will keep them until you arrive.

Sharing Assembly

Team Opal will be presenting their learning in their sharing assembly on Monday (5th December) at 9am. Parents are invited to come and watch the assembly and then join their child back in class to look at more of their learning afterwards. The whole event will take no more than an hour. Parents wishing to attend should report to the office at 9am.



WELL DONE WEDNESDAY

The following are the Key Stage 1 children who should feel very proud for being selected for Well Done Wednesday. I'm sure that they are all looking forward to their milkshake and cookies!



Well Done Wednesday

Amber: *Freddie B*

Turquoise: *Barnaby L*

Garnet: *Lois S*

Crystal: *Landen N*

Jade: *Millie M*

Pearl: *Archie S*

Diamond: *Katie E*



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Helaina M* in 3 Emerald who won a Gold medal in her recent Spin, Spiral and Jump ice skating competition. Great skating Helaina!

Daniella S in 5 Sapphire was awarded Gymnast of the Week at her Gymnastics class this week. Well done Daniella, super effort!

Well done to *Daniel S* in 3 Ruby who was awarded his 10 metre swimming badge this week. Fantastic swimming Daniel!

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.



WELLBEING AT CHRISTMAS

On Thursday 8th December 8:45-9.30 in the main hall, we will be hosting a 'Wellbeing at Christmas' event to help offer strategies to parents to manage the excitement of the holidays. We know this can be both an exciting and difficult time of the year for families for a variety of reasons. This event will be hosted by Miss Lewis, our well-being lead and Y4 teacher, joined by Rachel, our local Education Mental Health Practitioner who is part of the Dacorum Mental Health Support Team as part of the Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust. Rachel is a new member of the Galley Hill team who works with parents, teachers and talks to the children in assemblies about mental health, how we all have it and how we all need to look after it, just as we look after our physical health.

Wellbeing at Christmas

Managing the excitement of the holidays!

How do I keep them occupied all the time?

How do I get some time to myself?

It's a sad time of the year for us, what can we do?

They just get overexcited so easily.

They keep saying they're bored.



CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER



Don't forget to get your tickets for the Christmas disco! Tickets are available on Arbor and MUST be preordered. Disco is on Friday 16th December at 4pm-5pm for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 and from 5.30pm-6.30pm for Years 3 to 6. Tickets are priced at £3 each. There is also a snack pack available separately on Arbor priced at £2 which contains a drink, popcorn, 2 bags of haribo and a glow stick. These will not be available to buy at the disco and MUST be preordered. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

Thank you to all of the entries that we have received so far for the Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. The tree in the corridor by Mrs Birch's office is looking fabulous! The outstanding decoration discs should have gone home today. All entries are to be returned no later than Wednesday 7th December ready for judging and winners to be announced on Friday 9th December. Thank you and good luck!



COACHING ME AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Reminder: we are in a new month so please ensure that you have booked your child in for any after school club sessions that they will be attending. Thank you

Winter Half Term

Dates Between
22nd Dec - 4th Jan
9am - 4pm
Galley Hill School
Hemel Hempstead
HP1 3JY



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Curling NEW!!
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23rd December
9am - 3pm
Galley Hill School
Hemel Hempstead
HP1 3JY



Meet Mr & Mrs Claus
Gift From Santa
Inflatables
Christmas Games
Arts & Crafts
Christmas DJ & Party
Hot Lunch Included

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Winter Wonderland



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EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Edward W / Joshua A



TEAM GARNET

Mikayla N

TEAM AMBER

Mark C & John-Junior R

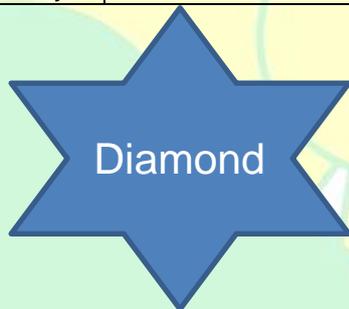


ATTENDANCE

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	83.3%		
Nursery Amber		90.8%	
Reception Garnet			95.7%
Reception Turquoise		93.1%	
1 Jade		90%	
1 Crystal		94%	
2 Diamond			96.9%
2 Pearl		91.4%	
3 Ruby	88.3%		
3 Emerald	83.1%		
4 Coral	83.4%		
4 Opal		91.1%	
5 Onyx	84.3%		
5 Sapphire		92.8%	
6 Topaz			96.5%
6 Amethyst			95.2%

Well done to



for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



Well done **Dahl** for winning this week!

