



Dear parents,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable half term break.

The summer term is always one of the busiest in school but with school trips, sports days and performances all due to go ahead in this term, it is certainly one of the most enjoyable for children and staff.

Last half term, our Year 6 pupils did their SATs and we are so proud of them all. The children all worked hard and approached the week with determination and maturity. This half term, we will be completing the teacher assessments for our Year 2 pupils, the phonics tests for Year 1 pupils and the multiplication times tables test for Year 4 pupils will be getting underway. We wish all our pupils every success in these assessments and we thank you parents for your continued support. I cannot recommend strongly enough the benefits for your child of listening to them read every day and supporting them with learning their tables. Children like adults want to grab hold of that feeling of success and this comes from high-quality teaching in the classroom and regular practice of these skills at home.

I was delighted with the response to our first Easter holiday science competition. The quality and variety of entries was incredible and thank you to all those parents who encouraged your children to take part. It was a real pleasure to walk around the exhibition and to listen to the young scientists talk about their entries and to explain the science behind them. Do take a moment to check out all the entries on the website.

We are building on the momentum of the science exhibition by welcoming in Sublime Science into school this half term. This will be an opportunity for all our children from Nursery to Year 6 to be wowed by experiments. We are also continuing with our programme of school visits and this half term we our Year 2 visit Capel Manor, Year 1 the seaside, Year 3 the River Thames and Year 5 the Science Museum. These trips are an invaluable part of school life and learning and we are so pleased to be able to offer them after the last two years. We appreciate that they can seem expensive and we are working hard to limit the number of trips which involve the booking of a coach which does significantly inflate the cost of a trip. As we are now a cashless school all trips are payable via parentpay and this allows parents to pay off in instalments.



As a school we are fully committed to improving the physical health of all our children and I am really pleased to have made the link with a local company, Effective Transition who have provided us with **Wake up Shake up**, a before school exercise class and now they are offering a fun camp during lunchtime on Fridays as well as a football club on Saturday mornings. This football club is currently

for children in Years 3 and 4 and is on as a pay as you go basis. The club is only for Galliard children and trained coaches will be brought in to work alongside Kevin, a Tottenham Talent Scout. There are still a few places left for boys and girls so don't forget to pick up a letter from Reception this week if you are interested. If the club proves to be popular we will be able to talk to them about extending the age groups it is available for.

Sports days are coming up and please check out the upcoming dates section later in the newsletter. These will be in the morning and parents are warmly invited to attend and cheer on their children. Reports are also due to be sent home this half term. There will be an opportunity for you to drop in and discuss the report if you wish with the current teacher as well as an opportunity to pop along with your child to meet their new teacher and to look at the new classroom. Transitions can be exciting and daunting for children and parents. We hope to make this as smooth as possible and we will be working in some opportunities for children and teachers to connect ahead of September.

Our Year 6 pupils will also be invited to a taster day at their new school. The dates for these will be sent to you directly. It is important that the children attend and while it can seem a little overwhelming going to a new school after being at Galliard for many years *they will be ok* and being just a little familiar with the school ahead of September will help with their confidence.

The Year 6 team have a lot of events planned for the children to mark the milestone of ending primary school. These include an end of year production, a year book and this year we will be hosting a graduation event complete with graduation gowns. All parents of Year 6 pupils are warmly invited to attend this very special event.

You will see that we are going to be having two events towards the end of term. A book swap and a clothes swap. The book swap will be run by the House Captains who have been fantastic in making sure pupil voice has a real impact in the school. Keep an eye on your texts. We will be asking you to bring in books you don't want anymore, that are in a good condition – without missing pages or scribbles and we will place them on tables after school for children to come and select from. This is a chance for children to refresh their home libraries before the summer holidays. **Please wait for the text before sending in books.**

The clothes swap is a great idea being put forward by our Eco Councillors. Again, we will send you a text telling you when to bring in some old clothes – washed and in good condition. These could include uniform and we will have this out on tables for you to select from. Any clothes (non-uniform) which is left over will be put into our clothing bin at the front of the school.

Can I also direct you all to take a look at our website on a regular basis. You can look at the recent events page in the key information tab to find photos showcasing what we are getting up to in school. There are some lovely photos from our Jubilee afternoon celebration coming online very soon. You can also look at the year group pages to see what learning opportunities are being provided in school.

With so many events planned for this half term I am looking forward to see many of you in school.

Kind regards

Mrs Clifford



Upcoming dates for your diary

June	
7th	Yr 6 cinema trip
11th	Football club to start for years 3 and 4
13th	Yr 6 Mini medics workshop 3M trip to the River Thames
14th	Sublime Science in school
15th	Sublime Science in school 3L trip to the River Thames Borough Sports
16th	Class photographs
17th	History Off the Page – Ancient Greek day Yr 4 3J trip to the River Thames
20th	Early Years Sports day 9.30am
23rd	New parents for Reception meeting 3.30-4.30
24th	Wonderdome in school for Reception Nursery to go to the park
27th	Yr 6 to Jump in
28th	Children new to Reception in Sept.play session 3.30-4.00
29th	Yr 2 trip to Capel Manor
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July	
1st	Yr 2 trip to Capel Manor
5th	Children new to Reception in Sept.play session 3.30-4.00
6th	KS2U Sports Day 9.30am
7th	Folk Dance Festival at Forty Hall Heron Hall Taster Day for Yr 6 Enfield County Taster Day for Yr 6
8th	Yr 1 trip to Clacton Yr 6 Park Event Heron Hall Taster Day for Yr 6 Enfield County Taster Day for Yr 6
11th	Reports go out to parents
12th	KS1 Sports Day 9.30am Yr 6 show PM
13th	KS2L Sports Day 9.30am Yr 6 show PM
14th	Eco Council Clothes Swap
15th	Yr 6 Graduation 9.30 am Yr 5 trip to the Science Museum
18th	Parents can drop in to discuss report and introduce themselves to the new teacher
19th	Yr 6 Funday Book swap event Yr 6 Leavers disco
20th	Early years Funday
22nd	Finish at 2pm