



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

15th September 2016

Dear parents,

Thank you to those of you that attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. You will have received a leaflet telling you about what the children will be learning this term. If you have not received your leaflet, you will find a copy on the website next week.

Tidying up the Playground - Stay and Play

I expect you have noticed that we have had the lines painted in the holidays. There are a few other things we would like done and we are hoping that some of you could help us. We are hoping a few parents could stay after school until around 5.00pm on **Monday 26th September** and help with a few jobs such as weeding, painting the sandpit etc (the children could stay and play with a supervised member of staff).

If you are able to help, please let Mrs Patterson or the office know.

RE Week - 3rd - 7th October 2016

We have a really exciting week planned for the first week in October: we have lots of interesting visitors coming to our school and every class is going on a trip to learn more about people's spiritual and religious beliefs.

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| Monday - | Harvest - 9.15 Little Gaddesden Church - everyone invited.
Visit of a Hindu. |
| Tuesday - | Class 3 - Trip to St Albans, a workshop and Harvest celebration
Class 4 - trip to Buddhists in Great Gaddesden
Class 2 - trip to the Baptist Church in Berkhamsted
Class 1 - trip to Little Gaddesden Church |
| Wednesday- | Springs Dance Company-workshops-children should ensure they have PE kit |
| Thursday- | Barnabas in Schools - Workshops |
| Friday - | Osligi Warriors - a drumming group from Africa (children from Great Gaddesden will join us for this). |

The total cost of the week per child is £5.00; this is heavily subsidised by the Wager Bell Fund and PCC Funding. Please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter, with payment, to the school office by Monday 26th September.

Nasal Flu Vaccination - Years 1-3

Letters and forms were sent home with all children in years 1,2, and 3 last week. Please ensure all forms are returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 20th September for collection by the Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust.

School Comms

You are now able to pay for school meals online, via the School Gateway App (please see attached letter for further information). If you have already paid for school meals this half term by cash or cheque, this will be banked in the usual way and will not yet show on your balance. We will however, continue to accept cheque and cash payments for school meals for those that do not wish to pay online.

Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have now started for all children in Class 3. This is to confirm that there will be no swimming on Tuesday 4th October as the children are in St Albans but there will now be an extra session in its place on Tuesday 13th December.

Recorder Lessons

Recorder tuition will commence Wednesday 21st September for all children that had lessons last year. If your child does not wish to continue this term, please let the office know. Invoices will be sent out for the Autumn Term in the next few weeks.

Message from 'The Friends'

The 'Friends' have some great events planned for this term, all designed to raise money for the School whilst involving the whole community. The dates are as follows:

Sunday 6th November - **Bonfire & Fireworks Night**

Friday 18th November - **Pre Christmas Shopping evening**

Saturday 3rd December - **Christmas Bazaar**

The Shopping evening was a huge success last year so we have decided to run it again and already have some great stall holders signed up. We are still looking for some more, so if you know of any interesting, quality stall holders selling gifts / accessories or something Christmassy, please email annaclements1@hotmail.com.

The next 'Friends' meeting is on **Thursday 22nd at 8pm (please note change of date)**. This is an informal meeting to discuss this terms' events and activities, as well as a more general catch up. If you would like to find out about the Friends or just wish to have a glass of wine and a chat, please do come along. More details will follow nearer the time.

Netball Club - Years 5 & 6 Only

Netball Club will start next Thursday after school for children in years 5 & 6. Letters will be sent home with children tomorrow (Friday) and we would ask that these are signed and returned to the school before the club starts.

Herts Music Tuition

We have yet to hear when our drumming, violin and flute tuition will start. We will chase this up next week and let you know as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

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I give permission for my childto participate in the RE Week activities and enclose my voluntary contribution of £5.00.

Signed Parent/Guardian