



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

8th September 2016

Dear parents,

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you all had happy and restful holidays and have come back refreshed for the new term. We welcome new children in all classes and hope they will very soon feel part of our community.

Dates

We will now be breaking up on Tuesday 20th December.

Autumn Term Dates 2016-17

Tuesday 13 th September 08.40am.	-	Class 4 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 14 th September 08.40am.	-	Class 2 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 15 th September 08.40am.	-	Class 3 Meet the Teacher
Monday 3 rd October	-	Harvest - Salvation Army
Monday 3 rd -Friday 7 th October	-	RE Week (more details to follow)
Wednesday 19 th /Thursday 20 th October	-	Parents Consultations
Monday 24 th -28 th October	-	HALF TERM
Monday 31 st October	-	Inset Day
Wednesday 9 th November	-	Class 2 Assembly
Thursday 17 th November	-	Class 3 Assembly
Wednesday 14 th December	-	School Play
Thursday 15 th December	-	School Play
Tuesday 20 th December	-	Church Service
	-	1.30pm End of Term

Please ensure children have their full PE kit in school with them each day.

Can I also suggest you look at the website www.littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk. The front page always has a timetable of the following week and the calendar tab records dates in the future - there are also some beautiful photos of our children which might interest you.

Parent Governor - (please see attached)

We will soon be having an election for a new parent governor. If you might be thinking of standing do pop in and talk to me or to Nick Crispin our Chairman of Governors or Anne Consedine and Laura Gill, our parent governors.

Communication with School

Parentmail is usually sent out on a Thursday afternoon and we try to ensure only urgent letters are sent this way on other days. Sometimes staff send class letters home with the children and the children will bring these home in their book bags.

If you are sending money to school, please put in an envelope with the children's full name and class, as well as the activity for which you are paying. Money can be given by the children to class teachers or the office staff.

If you need to email the school for anything, please address to admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk.

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 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.

Nasal Flu Vaccination - Years 1-3

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

Class 3 Swimming Lessons

Just to remind you that swimming lessons start next Tuesday and children will need a costume/trunks, towel and swimming hat. If you have not returned your form with payment, please do so tomorrow (Friday 8th September).

Before/After-School Clubs

Forms have been given to all children in years 1-6 today for Game On Football and Premier Sport Gymnastics and Dodgeball. If your child would like to attend any of these, then please sign-up on line for Premier Sport and return forms with payment to the school office for any Game On club.

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 next week.

Head Lice

Can we please remind you all to check your child's head regularly and treat as necessary. We have already had a number of reported incidents in Class 4 and we would like to prevent this spreading.

Village Sports

This will take place on Saturday 10th September starting at 1.45pm and ending at 4.00pm. Refreshments will be available from 1.00 pm. In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled.

School Uniform

If anyone requires new uniform for their child, I shall be releasing the order next Monday. Order forms are available on our website or you can order directly on www.stparent.co.uk. If anyone requires size 28 sweatshirts, we have plenty in stock so please speak to Lynne or email the office.

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 **Tuesday 27th at 8pm**. This is an informal meeting to discuss this term's 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.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher