



# Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

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22nd November 2018

Dear parents,

## **Letters Sent Home this Week**

- Class 1 & 2 - London Zoo Trip - 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Class 1 & 2 - Infant Milk Letter - Spring Term 2019
- Class 1 - Tricky Words (attached)
- Class 3 - Watford Palace Theatre - 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Class 4 - Bloomsbury Theatre - 14<sup>th</sup> December

## **DENS Foodbank**

A huge thank you to all the families who have brought in food and other items for DENS. I was amazed how much was collected and touched by how eager the children were to give.

## **Christmas Play**

This year our Christmas play will be very special and a little bit different. We are part of a partnership with The National Theatre and this afternoon, the former producer of the National Theatre production "Emil and the Detectives", has been working with our children. Together, we will be putting together a play for Christmas, which will involve all the children. We are very excited to be given this opportunity.

## **Game-on Football Match**

We are very pleased to report that Little Gaddesden had a very entertaining match against Aycliffe Drive on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November and won 5-1. It was a very enjoyable match and Little Gaddesden are currently sitting top of their box having played 2 and won 2.

## **Recorder Lessons - Tuesday**

If your child usually has recorder lessons on a Tuesday with Mrs Woof, please note that she will be in tomorrow (Friday) this week, so please ensure your child has their recorder and music with them.

## **Class 1**

As mentioned at the hands on session last week, we are learning one tricky word each week in class. Attached is a sheet of the first 6 of these common exception words for Reception aged children. These are words that cannot be "sounded" out but are commonly used in reading books and early writing. We have been working on these in class and are now asking for your help at home to consolidate them.

We would ask that you cut out the cards to use as "flashcards" and challenge your child to recognise them all on sight. Once they can do this, they could have a go at writing them!

Thank you for your continued help with this and the words and sounds book - together we will make them great readers and writers!

Lorraine Patterson and Amy Miles

### **Christmas Mugs/T-Towels/Cards**

These have now arrived in school and can be collected at the end of the day. Class 4 children will collect theirs from the office as they leave.

### **Class 3 & 4 Lunch Charge Letters this Term**

We have sent home with children today, lunch charge letters for those that have not paid for this half term. Please ensure all outstanding amounts are paid into the school office by the end of next week.

### **Head Lice**

Unfortunately, we have had a few reports of head lice - can we please remind all parents to check their child's head regularly and if necessary, treat immediately.

### **Message from The Friends**

**Christmas Fayre, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 12.00-2.30pm**

**(Please see full details on the next page)**

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan  
Headteacher

## MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS

**Christmas Fayre, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December - 12.00-2.30pm**

**Non-Uniform Day: TOMORROW!** Children may come to school in their choice of non-school clothes (please ensure they wear sensible clothes and footwear, no party clothes please) in exchange for a donation for the Christmas luxury hamper prize/adults or kids tombolas. Suggestions by year group as follows:--

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. Children may come to school in their choice of non-school clothes (please remember they will be going outside so sensible footwear and avoid party wear), in exchange for a donation for the Christmas luxury hamper prize/adults or kids tombola's.

Suggestions by year group are as follows:-

- Reception - Christmas preserves, shortbread, chutney's and savouries such as Crackers and cheesy biscuits.
- Years 1, 3 & 5- A bottle of alcohol or speciality non-alcoholic beverage.
- Years 2, 4 & 6- Chocolates or sweets, speciality Christmas biscuits/shortbread, Christmas puddings or Yule logs. (Please check use-by date and **NO NUTS** please.)

We will also be collecting gifts for our tombolas and we would love to have any unwanted gifts, bottles, good quality new or nearly new and complete games and toys, clean jars filled with sweets.

We will be collecting in the playground before and after school from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Cakes:** Calling all parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles/carers, please don your apron and make us a cake to sell at our Christmas bazaar. Large family cakes are particularly popular. We will be taking donations before and after school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November and on the morning of the bazaar in the school hall (no nuts please).

**Volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to help set up after school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November (Mrs Geoghegan has kindly agreed to supervise the children over a DVD), to man a stall on Saturday (time slots 12.00-1.15 or 1.15-2.30pm) and to clear away afterwards from 2.30pm onwards. Please let your Year Rep. or Heather Pearce ([heather@sixears.co.uk](mailto:heather@sixears.co.uk); 07517 092556) know if you can help.

**Silent Auction :** If you or someone you know can provide a prize for our silent auction, please let Helen Emms ([helen@helenkemms.com](mailto:helen@helenkemms.com); 07904 843738, Heather Pearce or your Year Rep. know.

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Please return ticket stubs and monies or unused tickets to school asap. More tickets available from the school office.