



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

24th January 2019

Letters Sent Home this Week

Dear parents,

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Recorder Tuition - Spring Term

To Parents of Class 4

This week I plan to launch a "stars of the week" page on our Class 4 Blog! The weekly post will highlight and celebrate the achievements of pupils from the week previous. I welcome any feedback and would love to know if this is something you would like to see on our Class Blog.

Please go to <http://littlegaddesden.edublogs.org/> to see the amazing achievements of pupils in class last week. Alternatively, simply go to our school website: "Class 4" and you will see "Class 4 Blog" on the left hand side!! We ask that you check out the blog weekly to keep up to date.

Recorder Tuition

If your child has recorder lessons at school, please complete and return the slip with your payment to the school office. If your child usually has their lesson with Mrs Woof, lessons will start next Tuesday, 29th January (the charge for Mrs Woof's group will be £27.00 for the term). Letter attached.

Class 4 Cake Sale - Hospice of St Francis

On Friday 25th January, there will be a cake sale for the Hospice of St Francis from 3.00pm. The stall will be located in the playground unless it is raining, when we will be in the hall. Thank you. Edie Ivory, William Ivory, Nell Cole and Karianne Baess.

Class 4 - Isle of Wight Payments

Just to remind you all that the fourth payment of £60.00 is now due, please ensure all payments are kept up to date.

After-school Netball Club

There will be no netball tonight, Thursday, 24th January for year 5 children as some of the year six team are taking part in a tournament at Tring School.

Car Park at the back of the Village Hall

Unfortunately, a nearly full tank of oil has been stolen from the Village Hall so to make this less accessible, the gate to the rear Village Hall car park will now be locked.

Message from the Friends

Please see message below from Friends

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

Message from "The Friends"- Meeting Tuesday 5th February, Bridgewater Arms

The next Friends Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th February at the Bridgewater Arms at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome, please come along and share your thoughts, hear about up-coming events and find out about what you can do to get involved.

You may be interested to know that "The Friends of Little Gaddesden School" is a charity and its membership is all current parents and others interested in the school. Its primary purpose is to raise the funds required by a Voluntary Aided School for it to access government funding and enable the school to continue to exist. Without this minimum contribution from the school's PTA, some government funding would be withheld from the school. We really need to try and find replacements for the current roles. The more support we have from the families of the school, the greater the support we can give the school and our children at a time of ever-increasing budget constraints.

The current Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for the Friends are stepping down and we are looking for new people to take on these roles as soon as possible. We have job descriptions and would be delighted to discuss what is involved in each role with interested parties. The roles can take about 1-2 hours most months and we have three evening meetings a year for all members of the school community.

Please email Helen Emms (helen@helenkemms.com) or catch one of us in the playground if you would like to know more and/or come to the Friends Meeting on 5th February. The roles can be shared between people so two of you can manage it together and the current committee do not intend to disappear, we will be more than happy to support the new committee for the next year as they embed into their roles.

Additionally, we would like to attract 7-8 people who would be willing to take the lead role on one of the four main events the Friends run during the year (Summer and Christmas Fetes, Gaddesden Gallop and Bonfire Night). These people may also be class reps, committee members, ex-committee members etc. The aim is to have 1-2 people overseeing each main event so it doesn't all fall to the committee. We have guidance notes for all events and, as always, each event is dependent on the whole school community to chip in with specific tasks to make the event viable, the leads would be there to co-ordinate and manage the event but not to do everything!! Again, if this is of interest please email Helen Emms and/or come to our next meeting on 5th February. As a guide, most committee members or event leads do the role for 2-3 years but there is no set time period and you can do a role for as short or long a period as fits with your other commitments.