



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

31st January 2019

Letters Sent Home this Week - None

Dear parents,

Snow

We try to open the school every day whatever the weather, however there are times when driving near school can be treacherous. We will send you an email if the school is going to close or if it is going to open later, of course we will try to send this by 8.10a.m but this isn't always possible. Do ensure that you have given the school your email. This information should also be on the website.

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 Blog

Please click here to view the amazing achievements of pupils in class last week and find out who this week's stars are: <http://littlegaddesden.edublogs.org/>

Class 4 Cake Sale - Hospice of St Francis

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported our cake sale last Friday, we thought you would be pleased to learn that we raised £146.00 for the Hospice of St Francis. Willian, Edie, Nell and Karianne.

Class 1 - Hands-on Session

Just to let you know the date on the letter which came out to you this week was incorrect. The Hands-on Session will be taking place on **Tuesday 26th February** at 8.50a.m

After-school Netball Club

Last Thursday a team of eight year 6 children took part in a netball tournament at Tring School. There were approximately 12 teams entered and we were very pleased to come joint third, having won three of our four matches. The children played extremely well and were unlucky to miss out on a medal position by one goal!! Well done to everyone for an outstanding team effort.

Mrs Miles/Mrs Moore

Dacorun Family Services

The next "Drop in" surgery will be at Ashlyns School on Tuesday 12th February. Lisa McGovern is available via a referral or you can drop into one of her surgeries for an informal chat (please call to book a time) - 07780114079.

Goodbye Message

Today is very sadly my last day after over 20 years at Little Gaddesden School. Although my retirement was planned 18 months ago, the time has gone very quickly and it is hard to believe that I won't be coming to work next week!!

I have enjoyed every single day of my time here and I cannot imagine that I would have been happier anywhere else. The children are a constant source of enlightenment and fun and every single member of staff works tirelessly to ensure the children have an outstanding, enjoyable and enriched education - we are all very fortunate to be part of such a successful school.

Thank you to everyone for the warm wishes, cards, presents and John Lewis voucher; you have all been more than generous and I am deeply moved. I would like to wish you all, and your families, a happy, healthy and successful future.

Lynne Moore

Message from the Friends

See below

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.