



# Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

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14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **Letters Sent Home this Week -**

Class 4 - Visit to the Postal Museum

Class 2 - Visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many parents yesterday at the assessment assembly and the workshops. Thank- you for coming and for supporting the children. I hope you found it helpful. The next whole school assembly will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Pancake Race**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March is Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent, and traditionally we have had a pancake race. Everyone is welcome to join us at 2.55 to observe the race.

## **Prayer Writing Competition**

We are going to launch new prayer booklets for use during class Collective Worship and we would love to include some prayers written by the children. We are running a **Prayer Writing Competition**. Each entrant will receive a small prize, and the winners from each year group will have their prayer published in the Class Prayer Book.

The prayers do not need to be long, and should be suitable for reading aloud during Collective Worship. The children can choose what their prayer is about, but they might like to remember that some prayers:

Say thank- you to God

Ask God to look after people or places

Ask God for help with something

Say sorry to God

Children should bring a copy of their prayer in to Mrs Brignall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and the winners will be announced later in the week.

Farewell and good luck to Mrs Brignall who will be soon be going on maternity leave. Her last day in school will be Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Upcoming School Trips**

The following school trips have been planned for the second half of term. Letters with more information will be coming out soon.

Class 1 will be visiting Mead Open farm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Class 2 will be visiting the Hare Krishna Museum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Class 4 will be visiting the Postal Museum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Just a reminder that slips for parent consultation meetings came home with the children this week. Please return your completed slips to the office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **IOW Payments**

Just a reminder that the fifth instalment of £60.00 for the Isle of Wight trip is now due. Please bring a cheque or cash into the Office.

### **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/>

### **Message from the Friends**

The following Friends events will be taking place in the summer term: The Gaddesden Gallop on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> and the Summer Fete and Go-kart racing on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow but put the dates in your diaries.

See below for a message from the Friends.

Have a wonderful relaxing half-term and we will look forward to seeing all the children again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan  
Headteacher

## **Message from "The Friends"**

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting last week and to all those who have spoken to us about helping on the committee or leading on an event. We still need more volunteers to help lead events so please get in touch if you are interested.

### **Quick and Easy ways to support The Friends of Little Gaddesden School when you shop online**

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2. Enter Friends of Little Gaddesden School in the search box
3. Click Join Us and enter your details and click on Create My Account

The prices are identical to going directly to the site and we get a small percentage of every eligible purchase. You can even set it up so that a reminder pops up and asks you if you want to use easyfundraising when you go to an eligible site.

#### **John Lewis Vouchers**

We are part of a scheme run by Ashlyns for local primary schools. This enables us to raise £8 for every £100 of John Lewis vouchers we sell to parents or friends of the school. The vouchers are the usual credit card style in silver and come with a small John Lewis card and envelope. They can be used online as well as in store and at Waitrose too. So if you need a wedding present, regularly shop at Waitrose or frequent John Lewis you can also support the school by purchasing John Lewis vouchers.

**If you would like more information on any of these schemes, or to purchase John Lewis vouchers, please contact Heather Pearce (JJ Class 2) [heather@sixears.co.uk](mailto:heather@sixears.co.uk)**