



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

4th April 2019

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for all your support this term - particularly for attending parent consultations, our assemblies, for speaking to the SIAMs inspector, for helping out on trips and for coming in to hear the children read. We do very much appreciate the time you give to the school.

Next term we will be having a focus on Computing. If you are able and would like to support the children, please let me know.

Easter

A reminder that our Easter Service will be held tomorrow (Friday 5th April) at 9.15am in the Church. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. School breaks up for Easter at 1.30pm tomorrow. We will be back in school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Summer Term Dates

We have lots of things already planned for the summer term. Please make a note of the following dates, more information will follow nearer the time regarding trips.

First day of term - Tuesday 23rd April

Bank holiday Monday - Monday 6th May (School Closed)

SATs week for Year 6 - Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May

Non-uniform day for summer fete - Thursday 23rd May

INSET day - Friday 24th May

Half-term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

School Fete - Sunday 9th June

Class 4 Trip to the Houses of Parliament - Monday 10th June

Sports Week - Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June

Whole School Trip - Wednesday 26th June

Class 4 trip to Isle of Wight - Monday 1st July - Friday 5th July

Inter-village Sports event - Tuesday 9th July

End of Term - Friday 19th July

Trips

We value opportunities to take the children on trips and give them a range of experiences and support them as they learn more about the world around them. As the children grow and mature I like to feel they have a few trips to London on the train to see how different people live, and learn more about our culture and about city life. We are also part of the Dacorum Schools Sports Partnership and this has given us access to a wealth of opportunities for children of all ages in the local area. At the last parents' survey it was clear that you also value trips but sometimes feel that you don't always have enough warning before the trips. I will try and give parents more information at the beginning of term and we have listed many of the things we have planned for next term in this newsletter. With the introduction of School Gateway, as a method of giving consent, and paying for trips, this should make it easier for parents and reduce the need for you to print off bits of paper and send cheques or cash into school.

However, I feel that I should explain that at times, especially when we have sports events, we have little or no information until a very short time before the event. We try to balance giving children every opportunity without expecting too much of parents (and staff) at the last minute).

Finally, we know that sometimes families have times of hardship - do talk to us if you are finding the financial demands too much.

PE Kits/Book Bags

Please ensure your child brings home their PE kit and all other bags and coats that they have in school over the holidays for you to check what they have and to help the cleaners.

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/>

Friends

Please see the message below from the Friends.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

Message from the Friends - Gaddesden Gallop - 5th May 2019 10.30 a.m

Can you spare half an hour on **Sunday 5th May** in the morning between 10.30 - 11.30 a.m??? The Friends are organising the Gaddesden Gallop again this year, which is a great fun event with 5K and 10K races around our lovely countryside. However, for this event to be successful, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** - the event has to be marshalled to ensure we run a safe event (and it is required by our insurance). Thank you to those of you who have offered so far, but we need about **5 more parents** to help on the morning of the race to Marshall a check point or help with parking. It really doesn't take long, at the most half an hour to see the runners safely through the check points.

The event raised over **£2000** last year for the school, so please let us know if you can help at this event. Please email Catriona Angel (catrionawebster@yahoo.co.uk) or Claire Owen (Claire@sixcoronationvillas.com).

If you would rather take part in running either the 10k and 5K then you can enter at <https://entrycentral.com/gaddesdengallop2019> - entry is **cheaper if you enter pre event**. We would like to try and encourage as many of the school children to join in and run the event and you will a leaflet going out in the book bags today.

If you would just like to come along a cheer on the runners, have a cup of coffee and bacon sandwich, then the more the merrier to cheer on those running!!