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Dear parents,

"Spelling Tuesday"

Thank you to all of those who are helping with our "spelling Tuesdays". The New National Curriculum expects children to be very accomplished spellers by the time they leave Primary School and so there is a lot for the children to learn.

I hope that as well as finding themselves more confident spellers, they will enjoy the weekly routine. Please practice the spellings at home and bring the books back every Monday (do not worry if the words seem very challenging at first).

Harvest Reminder

The service will start at 9.15a.m. on Monday in the Church.

- Children do not need to bring food on Monday
- The children do not need to wear school uniform tomorrow but do need to bring £2.00 (or more) so that we can buy goats for families in Uganda. The children may wear black, yellow, red and white (the colours of the Ugandan flag).
- There will be a collection on Monday in the Church as well.

After -School Netball Club - Thursday

We are running a netball club after school each Thursday for year 5 and 6 children. Could we please ask that all parents and children leave the playground promptly after school each Thursday, so that we can start this club on time.

Music Tuition

If your child has music tuition in school and they are going to be absent for any reason i.e. school trip, dentist, sickness etc. please ensure that you inform the music teacher directly.

### Church Road - Before School

Several people have brought to my attention the fact that there are a lot of people and cars outside the school and some people do not seem aware of the dangers. Please think about walking or parking further from the school if you can and look out for children around you.

### Message from "The Friends"

#### **Autumn Walk - Tomorrow, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

We are looking forward to some good weather for our 'extended' walk through Ashridge to The Brownlow Café tomorrow morning. If you would like to join us, please meet us by the Sports Pavilion outside the school straight after drop off.

We are collecting £10 per person before the walk which will cover breakfast at the café and the remainder will go to "The Friends". We will walk back to the school after breakfast, aiming to be back around 11.30am.

#### **Thank you**

Just a quick thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday. It was lovely to have Mrs Geoghegan join us and hear about the value the school staff and governors place on the work and money we raise, as well as the sort of projects the school would like us to support. We will publish the minutes of the meeting very soon, so if you have any questions about the Friends or any of the items discussed, please do ask one of the Committee.

#### **EasyFundraising**

Another reminder to everyone that The Friends of Little Gaddesden School is registered with Easyfundraising. This is the simplest way to raise money for the school at NO extra cost to you. Simply register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) choose the Friends of Little Gaddesden School as your nominated charity and *add the donation reminder to your toolbar.*

Every time you shop online with a participating retailer (this includes all the major online stores like Amazon, Next, John Lewis, Argos etc) you can activate the donation and a small percentage of your total spend will go to the Friends. We really urge everyone to participate in this scheme as it is the simplest way for us to raise money.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan  
Headteacher