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Dear parents,

Reading Assembly and Parents Meetings

Our special reading assembly is next Wednesday 3rd February at 9.00 a.m. There will be talks for parents on the new tests for children aged 11, 7 and 4. Either side of this assembly, there will be separate talks about reading for pleasure and the tests. At 8.30 a.m. the greater emphasis will be on children aged 7-11 and at 9.45 a.m. for children aged 4-7. I urge you to try and come and see your child and learn more about reading. There will be staff in the playground to look after your children from 08.30 a.m.

Discovery Week - Monday 22nd - Thursday 25th February

We have organised a discovery week for the week after half term. This will be an opportunity for children to learn more about science and the wider world around them.

We have arranged three special events: the visit of a giant planetarium from the National Space Centre, a group called "Science Boffins" and an agency called "Wild Science" who are bringing a range of animals from snakes to some furry creatures. Each class will also be doing special events of their own and there will be a focus on reading non-fiction books; particularly those with science facts.

We are very fortunate that these events are being subsidised by a range of sources: The Friends are paying for the Planetarium and The Wager Bell fund are paying for the Science Boffins. However, there will be a charge of £4.50 per child, to cover Wild Science and extra expenses for the week. We know that the children will have a very exciting week and we would be grateful if you could return the slip at the foot of this letter with payment, no later than Wednesday 10th February.

Class 1 Drop-in Busy Fingers

We would like to remind class 1 parents that the busy fingers drop in session is next Thursday 11th February, straight after drop-off.

School Uniform

The next school uniform order will be released next Wednesday 3rd February. Please ensure all orders are on the system by this date.

Netball Match vs Great Gaddesden - 21st January

Our netball club played against Great Gaddesden School and played an amazing match which ended in a 7-2 victory for our school. Within the first two minutes, two goals were scored. The first by Little Gaddesden's Eloise; the second from our opponents. After the two goals there was a lot of close chances for both teams. The next goal was scored by Great Gaddesden but Lily soon scored the equaliser! After that it was only us doing the scoring; Eloise scored 3 more and Lily another 2. Before we knew it was 7-2 and the end of the match. After our two matches against Long Marston, this was a huge victory. We got biscuits at the end!

By Poppy and Lily.

Flute Lessons

We were very fortunate this week to have a visit from Katherine Watkins from Herts Music Services, who played the flute in our assembly. We are being offered subsidised flute lessons for children, so please let the school know if your child is interested. As soon as we have further details we will let you know.

Absences

Please ensure all absences or notification of holidays etc. are sent through to the admin email address or via the absence tab on the new Parentmail and not to the Headteacher email.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

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My child would like to participate in the Discovery Week and I enclose my £4.50 contribution.

Signed parent/guardian