



# Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

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17<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear parents,

## Letters Sent Home this Week

Class 1 (via Parentmail) - Two School Nursing Introduction Leaflets

## Class 3 - Sunnyside Carol Service

Class 3 will be singing at the Sunnyside Carol Service on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. We will take the children in a coach but anyone is invited to join us for the service that starts at 2.00pm. Children will need to be picked up between 3.15-3.30pm from Sunnyside Church, Ivy House Lane, Berkhamsted. Please complete and return the slip at the foot of this letter.

## Dates for your Diaries

Break up for Christmas - **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm**

Christmas Play - **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

## "Children in Need" - Cake Sale

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Nell, Jessica, Karianne and Edie are having a cake sale for "Children in Need". Please bring some money to support them, as they will be selling cakes in the playground at the end of school.

## Remembrance Ceremony

Many thanks to Isabella for representing our school and laying the school wreath at the village Remembrance Memorial Ceremony last Sunday.

## Game on Football League

On Monday we played St Marys year 5/6 team and beat them 5:3. The goals were scored by Albert and Ned. We started well with an early goal which came from a corner but at half time, St Marys were winning 2:1. We started the second half "with a bang" and scored four goals in quick succession, followed by another goal from St Marys. By Albert and Euan.

## The Daily Mile

As a school, we are trialling a new initiative called "The Daily Mile". This is a very simple idea where every child goes out each day in the fresh air to run, jog or walk for 15 minutes. We feel this will have a significant impact on our children's health and fitness, as well as their learning in class.

To ensure that we do not waste valuable learning time, the children will not change into PE kit. It is not competitive and most children average a mile, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but a physical activity which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment. As a school we are really excited about this new initiative.

### Message from 'The Friends'

#### **Pre-Christmas Shopping Event - November 18<sup>th</sup> - 7.00-10.00pm**

There will be lots of great stalls including a colourist/stylist. If you would like to pre-book a slot before the event, please let Anna Stevenson know. It is £7.00 for a 15 minute consultation and all proceeds go direct to "The Friends".

#### **Non-Uniform Day**

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Children may come to school in their non-school clothes, in exchange for a gift for the luxury Christmas hamper/tombola as follows:-

- Class 1 - Sweet treats, including chocolates, truffles and biscuits
- Class 2 - Savoury crackers, jams, chutneys etc.
- Class 3 - Luxury toiletries, candles, gift items.
- Class 4 - Wine, spirits, liqueurs, speciality non-alcoholic drinks.

Playground Collections - we will be collecting items for our tombola before school in the playground on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and every day week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November. If you are considering a pre-Christmas clear out, please think of us. Any unwanted gifts, bottles, good quality new or used complete games/toys and clean jars full of sweets,

Volunteers - we are looking for volunteers to man a stall, supervise games or do some face painting for 1 or 2 hours, Please speak to your year rep, Helena Mayes or Heather Pearce if you can help out.

Silent Auction - if you or someone you know might be able to provide a prize for our silent auction, please let Jennie Lewis or your year rep. know.

Selling Raffle Tickets - if you can spare an hour to sell raffle tickets outside the village shop on 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November or 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> November between 8am-12.00pm, please let Claire Owen know. The raffle is a key fund raiser for the school so please do what you can to sell as many tickets as possible.

Please don't forget to return any sold raffle ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan  
Headteacher

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Class 3 - Sunnyside Carol Service - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

I give permission for my child ..... to travel by coach to Sunnyside Church on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. I will collect/arrange for my child to be collected from Berkhamsted between 3.15-3.30pm.

Signed .....parent/guardian)