



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

5th January 2017

Dear parents,

Happy New Year to you all, we trust you had a restful Christmas.

Letters Sent Home this Week

- Class 1 - Show and Share
- Classes 3 & 4 - Lunch Charge Letters
- Class 3 - Natural History Museum Trip - 10th January 2017
(copy attached)

Class 4 - Isle of Wight Second Payment

The second instalment of £60.00 was due by 19th December. If you haven't already done so, please make payment to the office no later than Thursday 11th January.

Dates for your Diary

We are very fortunate that we have managed to book Martin Galway, the Hertfordshire English Advisor, to work with our children developing their writing. He will begin a writing project with them on Monday 23rd January and then return to us on Thursday 26th, to see how their writing has developed, helping them clarify and develop their thinking and help them to produce a high quality piece of work. All of the staff are looking forward to this visit, as he is a very talented teacher from whom we hope this will be a worthwhile event. The cost for each child will be £5.00.

Martin is also going to talk to parents for around 30 minutes on Thursday 26th January at 9.00a.m. about reading. I would really encourage you all to come to this: he is a very knowledgeable and inspiring speaker and will have many suggestions about how to help children develop their reading skills and knowledge. He will also have book lists with books you may like to buy for your children.

January

- Tuesday 10th January - Class 3 Natural History Museum trip
- Thursday 26th January - Martin Galway to speak to parents about reading
(Martin to work with children on Monday/Thursday)
- Tuesday 31st January - Class 2 London Transport Museum trip

February

- Friday 3rd February - Maths - whole school assembly plus meeting for parents
- 13th - 17th February - February Half Term
- Friday 24th February - Science - Whole School Assembly plus meeting for parents

March

- Wednesday 8th March - Voice in a Million at Wembley for KS2 choir
- 15th/16th March - Parent Consultations
- Monday 27th March - Easter Trail at Northchurch Baptist Church
- Friday 31st March - End of Term - Easter Service

Netball Club

The after-school netball club will start next Thursday, 12th January. If any year 4 children would like to join this club, please email the office for a letter.

Drum Lessons

We have just been informed by Herts Music that they are now able to provide us with a drum teacher on Friday afternoon. If your child previously had lessons and wishes to continue or if your child wishes to start drum tuition, please let the office know immediately.

e-Safety

Following some concerns expressed by parents, we have now put on the website under the "e-safety" page, updated guidelines which we would request that you all read carefully. Can we please remind you all not to upload any photos/videos onto your Facebook or other media sites, which show children or staff at our school (obviously your own child is fine).

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

Martin Galway Visit - 23rd/26th January

Please find enclosed my £5.00 contribution, towards the two day writing workshops with Martin Galway.

Name of Child

Signed (parent/guardian)