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Dear Parents,

Visit from The Bishop of St Albans

We are fortunate to have The Bishop of St Albans coming to take our Harvest Service on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. As this is several days after the Church's harvest, we have decided this year to support the Bishops Harvest Appeal, which was launched in May at our school. Each class has decided how they will raise money as follows:-

Class 1 - came to school today as their favourite character for £2.00 donation.

Class 2- "Dogger" Fete", Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October after school

Class 3- Cake sale in the playground next Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October after school

Class 4- Toy and book sale, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October after school

All parents and children are invited to the after school fundraising events. We hope to be able to give The Bishop enough money for a "community honey extractor machine", for harvesting honey from hives efficiently.

Tracey Ayres Leaving

I am very sorry to have to tell you that Tracey Ayres, our Admin. Secretary, is leaving us on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October to take up a full-time position at Two Waters Primary School. We have advertised for an Administrative Assistant for two days a week in the local press and on the Teach-in Herts Website.

Parent Consultations

Please fill in the attached form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

### e-safety

Following the e-safety talk on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 08.45.m, we will be holding a further session on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October when parents will have the opportunity to find out more about using i-Pads with their children and how we use them in school.

### Apple Juice

Please come and join us at 9.00am on Monday to collect the apples from our trees which will be made into apple juice to sell. If you have any windfall apples, we would be grateful if you could bring these along.

### 'Picture My Walk' - Photo and Caption Competition

To tie in with our Healthy Schools work this term, we shall be celebrating international walk to school month this October. Please see the attached with more information on this photo and caption competition.

### Message from "The Friends" - Christmas Cards for School

As in previous years, the Friends are organising "Christmas Cards for Schools" made by your children. Children in Classes 2-4 will bring home an A4 sheet on Friday on which to design their Christmas card (Class 1 will prepare their designs in school). The deadline for returning the designs is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please use only felt tip pen, pen and pencils, no glue, glitter or crayons. Please try to keep the paper flat as folds and blemishes will show up in the final card.

A sample card with your child's design will be sent home with an order form around half term, giving you the opportunity to order packs of Christmas cards, tags or mugs with your child's design. The Friends of Little Gaddesden School charity will earn a commission on all sales.

Pack of 12 cards with envelopes will cost £5.00 (£1.20 to F.O.L.G.S)

Sheets of 16 tags £1.50 (75p to F.O.L.G.S)

Mugs will cost £5.00 (£1.20 to F.O.L.G.S)

As a small school, the funds raised in this way are relatively low compared to the time and effort expended by our volunteers. Therefore, deadlines given cannot be moved and late entries or orders will not be taken. We will be monitoring interest and take-up this year to determine whether we should continue doing this fund raising activity in future years.

Please return your designs to the school office or place in the Friends tray next to the photocopier before Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

### Martial Arts Club

Our thanks to those of you that have responded positively. We are pleased to let you know that there was enough initial interest for this club to go ahead after half term (more details to follow). All the children will be having a free taster session on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Charis Geoghegan  
Headteacher