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Dear Parents,

Game on Football Festival

If your child is in year 3 or 4 and intends to participate in the Football Festival on Tuesday 5th November at Dundale School, please collect your child from Sportspace Hemel Hempstead after swimming.

Secondary Transfer -Year 6 Pupils

Just to remind you all that the deadline for making Secondary Applications is 31st October. All applications received after this date will be considered "late" and processed after the on time applications. Postal applications need to arrive by this date and County suggest that you obtain proof of posting. On-line applications at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions or call 0300 123 4043.

New Administrative Assistant

We received some very good candidates for this position and are pleased to let you know that we have appointed Louise Farrow, who will join us after half term.

OFSTED

The last time our school was inspected it was judged as "good" in January 2009. Schools are normally inspected within five years from the end of the school year so we believe our inspection is imminent. Please see the guide to parents on our website.

National Literacy Trust

Report shows just ten minutes' reading a day boosts school achievement.

A New report from the Oxford University Press has highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. As little as ten minutes a day can make a significant difference to achievement levels, it claims.

The report, *Books Beyond Bedtime*, also draws on our research which shows that children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age.

Clare Bolton, Campaign Manager at the National Literacy Trust said:

We know from our work with parents and children in communities across the UK that fostering a love of reading at home is crucial to children's future happiness and success.

The research surveyed nearly 1,000 parents with children aged 6-11, finding that almost half (44%) are never read to at home. The report offers six tips for reading to 7 to 11 year olds at home, including:

1. Make the time to read - even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book - asking your child questions
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading

Message from "The Friends"

The Friends of Little Gaddesden School Village Firework Display will take place on Sunday 3rd November (flyers have been sent home with your children today). Tickets are available in the playground before or after school from Heather Pearce and Debbie Cole, or from the village shop.

Reminder - Nut Allergies

Just to remind you all that we do have a number of children with severe nut allergies so please do not send in any packed lunches or "birthday" sweets/chocolate etc that contain, or might contain nuts.

Class 3 Assembly

Just to remind you that this will take place at 9.00am tomorrow morning in the school hall.

School Apple Juice

As our last batch of apple juice sold out so quickly and there are still so many apples on the trees, we thought we would have another batch made. We will be picking apples next Monday (21st) starting in the school playground at 9.00am and then moving to Anne Consedine's house in Hudhall Lane.

If you would like to help or if you would like us to come and pick apples in your garden too, then contact Anne (anne.consedine@btinternet.com) or Briony (briony.sutcliffe@btinternet.com).

Martial Arts

If your child wishes to start Martial Arts and you were unable to open the Parentmail last week with the form, please let the office know and we will send home a paper copy with your child. Please note that the price for the half term is £37.50.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher