



# Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

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9<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear parents,

Lovely to see everyone back for the Autumn Term. We have lots of new children and we would all like to welcome them to our school community. There are lots of exciting events happening this term and here are just a few:-

- Tony Garbett is an Olympian and two time world champion rower, who is working with our school to run a "School Active Family Workshop" for Class 4. He is coming to talk to parents at 9.00am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September and everyone is invited.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - The Rev Jonathan Smith, the Archdeacon of St Albans, is coming to take our Harvest Service which will be held at 10.30. In the week preceding his visit, each class will be doing a fund raising activity for the Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal which this year, is raising money for The Philippines. Their theme is called "Full of Beans" (see [www.harvestappeal.org](http://www.harvestappeal.org) for more information).
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Mini Grey, Author of "Traction Man" and many other books, is visiting our school for the day

## Letters Sent Home this Week

Year 6 only - Health Questionnaire (sent via School Comms today)

Year 6 only - Weight and Height measuring (will be sent via School Comms in the next few days)

## A Few Reminders

All the children have come into school so confidently this week. Can I encourage you to leave them to come into school on their own and give them the responsibility of taking money to the office which is in an envelope marked with their name and what the payment is for.

As a school, we think it is very important that the children are in school every day. For this reason, we do not authorise any absence unless we are confident that a child is not fit enough for school. Registers are monitored on a termly basis and we are proud that the Attendance Information Officer has very few concerns about individual children. We need everyone to help us keep up this high standard.

As the children go outside in almost any weather, please ensure they have a coat with them every day.

### Fruit Workshop - Tomorrow - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

We are having a fruit workshop in school tomorrow. Please do let us know if your child has a specific allergy to any fruit.

### New Reception Children

If you have not already done so, can we please remind you that you need to bring your child's passport or birth certificate to the school office next week for verification

### Clubs This Term

- Game On Football Club - Years 3 - 6. Letters have been given to children who have shown an interest today. Spare copies are available from the office if required.
- La Jolie Ronde French Club - Years 1-3. Enrolment forms available from the office.
- Lunchtime Yoga - Years 1-3, limited to 8 places. Forms available from the office.
- Premier Sport Gymnastics and Dodgeball - please see attached, also available from the office.
- Netball Club - Years 5 and 6 starting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - (letters available from the office next week).

### Message from "The Friends"

Please see attachment.

### Class 3 Swimming Next Term

This will start on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September and the children will be split into small groups. Letters will be sent out next week to parents of children in Year 4 only.

### Autumn Term Dates - 2017

#### Autumn Term Dates for Parents 2017-18

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Children back at school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Fruit workshop
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	8.40 Class 4 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	8.40 Class 2 Meet the Teacher
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Am Toby Garbett, athlete to work with Class 4 and parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	8.40 Class 3 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest -visit of the Archdeacon
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (afternoon)	Parents consultations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October (evening)	Parents Consultations
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Mini Grey visit
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 3 Assembly

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Class 2 Assembly
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Play
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Play
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Church Service
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Holiday

Looking forward to seeing you all the "meet the teacher" mornings next week and the "Active Family Workshop" assembly next week.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher