



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

9th November 2017

Dear parents,

Letters Sent Home this Week

- Class 1 - Letter re reading books
- Class 1 - "Hands On" session, 15th November
- Class 2/3 - Multi-Skills Festival
- Class 1/2 - Christmas Pantomime - 18th December (sent via any comms)
- Class 3/4 - Christmas Pantomime - 18th December (sent via any comms)

Visit of Mini Grey

I expect your children will have told you about Mini Grey's visit and many of you will have seen her after school. We had a really lovely day! Mini was fantastic and the children had a fascinating day. We are very fortunate that we are able to pay for this out of the Wager Bell Fund.

Staff News

Congratulations to Lucy Martindale for achieving her MAST (Maths Specialist Teacher Award).

Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday, 12th November, is Remembrance Sunday. If any child would like to wear their school uniform and lay a wreath for our school, could they let Mrs Geoghegan know.

Our School Vision (see attached)

A few years ago we created a school vision and decided to put this vision on the front of our website. We wondered what you thought of it so have attached it to this newsletter and would like to hear your views.

Class 1 Reading

The children all came home with their first reading book on Monday and hope you have read the accompanying letter, if not, it is attached. We would like to take this opportunity to again emphasise the importance of reading with your child EVERY night ... it only takes a few minutes and makes a huge difference to their progress. Thanks you for your cooperation, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Miles.

Game On

Congratulations to the Little Gaddesden football team who played St Marys last night and won 6-2. "Game On" has told us that both schools played with a brilliant attitude and showed good sportsmanship. Our thanks to the Game On coach who has really encouraged and improved the quality of football at our school.

Message from "The Friends"

Bonfire Night

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the bonfire event on Sunday, including the many unsung heroes who collected wood and built the most enormous bonfire! Thank you also to the many people who came along to support the event. It was the best attended bonfire night to date! Including sponsorship income the event has raised around £1,800 for the school, so well done everyone!

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be upon us in just 3 weeks. In that time we will be asking for various items from parents, for the tombola's and raffle prizes. The more quality gifts we have to offer at the event, the more money we can raise for our school.

Collections are as follows:

Monday 13th - please can children bring in a jar, tin, box, cup or bag of sweets. We will collect these in the playground on Monday at pick up.

Monday 20th - please can children bring in any unwanted games or toys. These must be complete and in good condition.

Non-Uniform Day will be on Friday 24th November

Children can wear any sports kit in exchange for a food donation to our hamper raffle as follows:

Reception - Chocolates or sweets

Year 1 - Christmas cakes & bakes e.g. Yule logs, mince pies

Year 2 - A bottle of alcohol

Year 3 - Christmas preserves, chutney's and savouries, such as crackers and cheesy biscuits

Year 4 - A bottle of alcohol

Year 5 - Chocolates or sweets

Year 6 - A bottle of alcohol

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher