



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

17th January 2019

Letters Sent Home this Week

- Year 6 - Netball Tournament Letter (attached)
- Class 1 - Berkhamsted Library Visit (attached)

Dear parents,

Class 1 - Tapestry

The teachers would like to remind you all to check Tapestry every week for new observations. We upload them on a Friday for you to enjoy. You can see what your children have been learning about and experiencing in school. Well done and thanks to those parents who add their own observations too!

Class 3 Swimming

Just to remind all Class 3 children that swimming lessons will start tomorrow and the children will need swimming hats and costumes (not bikinis or baggy shorts).

Holistic PE Week

Last week your children may have told you that they took part in a number of different activities and workshops. These were organised to develop various important life skills such as resilience, perseverance, teamwork and mindfulness.

On Thursday we had a visit from Mike Mullin from the BMX Academy who ran workshops with Classes 2,3 and 4. The workshops began with some team building games to improve communication and build towards a task called "The Breakthrough Challenge", which is a series of five different but achievable team tasks which, almost always, fail at first. The concept being that as a group they use the growth mindset to learn through failure. With guidance they were encouraged to persevere, communicate and adjust their approach to each challenge until successful. At the end, the pupils considered improving their habits going forward, thinking about how they could use these new ways of thinking to embrace struggle, improve resilience and team work skills.

On Friday, all the classes took part in a yoga session. Soraya, the yoga teacher, guided the children through various yoga poses and finished with meditation and relaxation techniques that they can use to feel calm in their everyday lives. The children really enjoyed these sessions and we hope that you can reinforce these positive messages with your children at home too.

Dodgeball Tournament

To promote the children's teamwork further, classes 2, 3 and 4 took part in an inter-house dodgeball tournament in their PE lessons last week. The overall winner of the tournament was Ashridge and the winner of "best attitude" was Chiltern. Well done to both teams for these achievements and to all the children for taking part.

Class 4 Cake Sale - Hospice of St Francis

On Friday 25th January, there will be a cake sale for the Hospice of St Francis from 3.00pm. The stall will be located in the playground unless it is raining, when we will be in the hall. Thank you. Edie Ivory, William Ivory, Nell Cole and Karianne Baess.

Class 4 - Isle of Wight Payments

Just to remind you all that the fourth payment of £60.00 is now due, please ensure all payments are kept up to date.

After-school Netball Club

There will be no netball club next Thursday, 24th January for year 5 children as the year six team are taking part in a tournament at Tring School.

School Uniform

If you require uniform for your child, please order on www.stparent.co.uk in the usual way. We will be sending the order off on Wednesday 23rd January.

Violin Lessons

If your child would like to learn to play the violin in school through Herts Music, please let us know as we do have some spaces.

Important Dates for your Diaries

Whole School Assemblies:

- Wednesday 13th February - How do we know that children have progressed?
- Wednesday 6th March - What is the most important thing parents can do to help their children?
- Thursday 21st March - What makes our school special?

TERM DATES

Autumn Term - 2019

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| Children return | - | Wednesday 4 th September 2019 |
| Half Term | | Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November |
| INSET Day | - | Friday 25 th October |
| Term Ends | - | Friday 20 th December 2019 |

Spring Term 2020

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| INSET Day | - | Monday 6 th January 2020 |
| Children return | - | Tuesday 7 th January 2020 |
| Half Term | - | Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February |
| Term Ends | - | Friday 3 rd April |

Summer Term 2020

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| Children Return | - | Monday 20 th April |
| Bank Holiday | - | Monday 4 th May |
| INSET Day | - | Friday 22 nd May |
| Half Term | - | Monday 25 th (Bank Holiday) - Friday 29 th May |
| Term Ends | - | Friday 17 th July 2020 |

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher