



# Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

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7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **Letters Sent Home this Week** - Letter to Reception Parents about Health Screening

Dear parents,

### **SATs Success**

We have recently received a letter from Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP and Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP congratulating the school on the fact that 100% of pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading and writing at the end of KS2. This achievement means that our school is in the top 1%. They write, "Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations to you and your staff for all you have achieved".

### **Whole School Assembly - 'How do we know children have progressed?'**

As a reminder, we will be holding our next whole school assembly on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9.05am and all parents are welcome to attend. There will be time for further discussion for parents from classes 3&4 to come in from 8.30am and for parents from classes 1& 2 after the assembly. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### **Saints**

The children have been learning about Saints on Thursdays in Collective Worship (assembly). I am asking the children to think of someone who they know who is called a Saint and we have not discussed, or even better a person they think should be a Saint. They need to bring in a photo, or picture (around A5 size), and be able to say why they think the person is very special.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Parent Consultation Meetings will be taking place after half-term on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 5.00pm - 7.30pm** for all classes. In addition, morning appointments will be available as follows:

**Class 2** - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - 8.00am - 10.30am

**Class 3** - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 8.00-10.30am

**Class 4** - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - 8.00-10.30am

A letter will come home with your child next week with a reply slip where you can state your first and second preference as to which time you would like to come and meet with your child's teacher. Please return these slips by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **Netball**

Just to let you know there will be no after-school netball club next week, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Class 4 Blog**

Please click here to view the amazing achievements of pupils in class last week and find out who this week's stars are: <http://littlegaddesden.edublogs.org/>

## **Message from the Friends**

See below

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan  
Headteacher

## Message from "The Friends" - Where does the money go?

Did you know that The Friends usually raise about £10,000 a year for the school which helps with big items, such as server upgrades, iPads and Cleverscreens and also smaller activities, trips and resources e.g, books, visiting speakers and golden time. If you want to know more detail, please see the table below. If the Friends had not paid for the train/coaches for the theatre and Living Nativity trips at Christmas, each child would have had to pay an extra £10.70 to make those trips possible.

Without this extra support the school would struggle to maintain their current staffing levels and offer the amazing school trips and hands-on experiences our kids get. Without the minimum capital contribution from The Friends, the school would lose out on over £6,000 of government funding.

School budgets are being squeezed more and more and many schools are having to cut staff and resources significantly. The Friends' fundraising efforts are needed more than ever! Please consider how you might be able to help.

We are still looking for someone to take on the Treasurer role on the committee and also parents and other friends of the school to lead on one of the main activities we run each year (whether current or new ideas). Please speak to, or email, Helen Emms or Heather Pearce if you'd like to know more ([helen@helenkemms.com](mailto:helen@helenkemms.com); [heather@sixears.co.uk](mailto:heather@sixears.co.uk)). Thank-you.

Year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Income	Payments Made *	What has the money been spent on?				
			DFC*	Golden Time	Coaches & Trips	In-school Activities /Resources	Significant IT or Equipment
2019 (to date)	£10,298	£14,788	623	2,400	1,078	687	Server & staff laptops - 10,000
2018	£9,880	£6,370	623	2,000	1,440	2,307	
2017	£10,966	£16,160	619	2,000	811	10,000	Hall PA equipment - 2,730
2016	£9,628	£13,236	618	2,000	1,100	2,518	Footpath /IT upgrades - 7,000
2015	£11,617	£6,939	612	1,000	937		Cleverscreens - 4,390
2014	£14,309	£10,495	620	2,000	600		30 iPads - 7,275
<b>Total 6 years</b>	<b>£66,698</b>	<b>£67,988</b>					

\*DFC stands for devolved capital fund. As a voluntary aided school we have to raise 10% of the school's capital budget in order for the school to receive the other 90% from the government. The total is set by the government each year.

\*We have been able to make payments in excess of funds raised due to a big fund-raising effort in 2010 to build the current class 4 classroom.