



# Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

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28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents,

## **Whole School Assembly - What is the most important thing parents can do to help their children?**

The next whole school assembly will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am and all parents are welcome to attend. The teachers from Classes 3 & 4 will be giving more information to parents at 8.30 before the assembly and for Classes 1 & 2 it will be after the assembly (approx. 9.40). We hope to see you there.

## **Book Week**

We are going to have a special focus on reading all next week with lots of fun events for the children. The scholastic book fair will be in the hall from 3.15 each day. It is always interesting to see new titles and if you are able to buy a book the school benefits from the proceeds of the sale and we can choose more books for each class. We are also having a book swap on Tuesday. If your child would like to join they need to bring in a book that they have finished with but is still in good condition so they can swap it for something new.

## **Attendance**

The Attendance Officer came to see me this week and drew my attention to some children who have had several days off for holiday or a significant amount of time off for sickness. I do appreciate there are often a range of circumstances which mean that your child cannot be in school, however do be aware that there are several children for whom the Attendance Officer has concerns. The school will be judged externally on this data and unfortunately at the moment we are not achieving the national average statistic and this is concerning.

## **Results of Parent Survey for SIAMs**

Thank-you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent SIAMS survey, overall the results were positive with parents agreeing that the right amount of emphasis is put on Christianity by the school. Parents valued the end of term services, class assemblies and trips and visitors with an RE focus, feeling these enhance the curriculum and the children's worldview.

## **Uniform - School Trends**

We have been having some further issues with school trends, the uniform supplier. Orders are taking a very long time to arrive and then items which have been ordered

are missing. The office is trying to sort out the situation and find ways to improve the uniform supply in the future but please bear with us!

### **Class 2 Visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor**

A reminder to parents in class 2 to return you permission slip and payment for the visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>. **Please note children will need to be in school at 8.20am as the bus will be leaving promptly at 8.30am.**

### **Class 4 Visit to the Postal Museum**

A reminder to parents in class 4 to return your permission slip and payment for the visit to the postal museum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Year One - Inter-school sports event**

A letter has gone home for all year one children regarding an inter-school sports event to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March at Berkhamsted Sportspace. Please can we ask all parents to return the permission slips to the school office.

### **School Photographs**

Usually the school arrange for a photographer to come into school in the autumn term to take photos of all the children. This takes up time and involves a fair bit of organisation and last year only a few photographs were purchased. Before we arrange a photographer for this year, I wanted to gauge how much interest there is amongst parents. If you would be interested in having photographs taken of your child/children, please could you let the office know.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

There are still a few parents who haven't returned their slips for the parent consultation meetings. Please contact the school office to see which slots are still available.

### **Pancake Race**

Just a reminder that we will be having a pancake race on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Everyone is welcome at 2.55 to watch the race.

### **Dogs in the playground**

Please can I remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed in the school playground at any time.

### **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 Friends**

Please see below

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

**Message from The Friends - Summer Fete Planning Meeting, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 8.00pm**

Summer is coming and the time has arrived for us to make some decisions about what we would like to run at our summer fete. The date of the fete is 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We will be hosting a planning meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Bridgewater Arms. You don't need to be available for the event itself to attend the planning meeting. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and/or getting involved in this event, please do come along. We are looking for ideas within the theme of 'The Wild West' - buckaroo, shooting gallery, line dancing - and more.... There will be a themed Go-cart racing event running as part of the fete, so the time is coming to start building those carts too! More on that later...

We look forward to seeing you on the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make that date and have ideas you would like to share, or would like to commit to working on a stand (strawberries are already taken by the way!) Please let one of the committee know, or your class rep.