



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

28th March 2019

Dear Parents,

You'll be excited to hear that work from our art exhibition last summer will be exhibited at the National Gallery between June and August as part of their Take One Picture Exhibition, specifically the charcoal hands designed by last year's Class 2 and the photo recreating the portrait will be on display. This is a tremendous achievement and we are very proud.

Letters home this week

Class1 - Trip to Mrs Brattle's Garden

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be held in Church on Friday 5th April at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see many of you there. We have invited the Archdeacon, the Venerable Jonathan Smith to join us, you may remember him from our Harvest Service in 2017.

Year 6 SAT Meeting & Isle of Wight trip

Mrs Patel will be running another SATs information meeting at **8.00am on Friday 29th March** for parents of Year 6 children who were unable to attend last week. This will be followed by a meeting for Year 5 & 6 parents about the Isle of Wight trip at **8.30am**.

Sporting Events

Recently the children have been taking part in various sporting events outside of school. Yesterday children from Classes 2&3 took part in a hockey event at Tring School. Our A-team came second in both their competitions and all the children had a great afternoon. Children from Years one and two have also taken part in separate multi-skills events at Berkhamsted and Hemel sports centres which were also very enjoyable.

Class 1 - New Guinea Pig Hutch & toy Castle

Thank you to the Stevenson family for our fabulous new guinea pig hutch! We are sure Mr Nibbles will be very happy in his new home.

Thank you to the Simpson family for the wonderful play castle that they have donated to Class 1, the children will really enjoy playing with it.

Clubs for the Summer Term

Premier will again be running breakfast clubs between 8.00 - 8.50am next term for children in Yr1-Yr6. These will run from the second week of term (w/c 29th April). Monday will be gymnastics (9 sessions - £42.50), Tuesday will be dodgeball (10 sessions - £45) and Thursday will be Archery (10 sessions - £45). You can book your child a place via the following link: <https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/little-gaddesden-cofe-va-primary-school-sot/id/2361>

Game On will again be running an after-school football club for children in Yrs3-6 on a Wednesday and a lunchtime summer sports club on a Wednesday for children in Yrs 1&2. Flyers are attached to the newsletter with more information.

Paying Online - School Gateway Payments

In an effort to make things easier for parents, from the summer term you will be able to make all payments and give consent for trips online via the School Gateway website or App. This will become the preferred method of payment to the school and we would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use School Gateway for payments. A letter is attached with instructions how to set up an account and more information. If you need help setting up an account, please pop into the office. Parents will be able to pay for trips and school dinners online from April and an email will go out to all parents who pay for school dinners with instructions how to do this.

School Dinner Choices for Summer Term

The school dinner menu changes for the summer term. An electronic copy is attached to this email. We will be asking children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 to make their choices in school next week. Please talk the choices through with your child over the weekend. If you want to make changes to your child's meal pattern for next term, please let the Office know by next Tuesday (2nd April). We will be sending copies of the menu home with children from Class 1 so that you can help your child choose. Please return these to the Office by next Tuesday (2nd April).

Medical conditions & illness

Please can we remind all parents to let the Office know by 9.00am, via email or telephone if your child will not be in school due to illness.

Please can we also ask parents to let the office know via an email or in writing if your child has a medical condition that means they are unable to take part in certain activities or require assistance such as an inhaler.

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/>

Friends

Please see the message below from the Friends.

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

Message from the Friends - Gaddesden Gallop - 5th May 2019 10.30 a.m

On the 5th May, it is time to get your running shoes on again for the Gaddesden Gallop 2019. For the second year, The Friends of Little Gaddesden School will be organising the event, with pre-registered entry monies going to the school and funds from entries on the day, going to support the Local Church and their Vestry Appeal. This is a great family event and we would like to encourage as many children (and their families) to take part to either run 10k or 5k. All pre-day entry fees go to the school, so please do try and enter early. You can enter on line at <https://www.entrycentral.com/gaddesdengallop2019>

Attached to this week's newsletter is a sponsorship form for those children participating in the 5K run who may wish to seek sponsorship to assist in covering the cost of the entry fee as well as additional sponsorship for their participation in the event.

This event is being organised by friends and families of our school, it is a great opportunity for you to get involved as a parent to help support the fantastic teaching and opportunities this school provides to our children. If you are not able to run the race, then maybe you could spare an hour on Sunday 5th May to help marshal the course, to make it a safe and fun experience for everyone. We need a few more volunteers to help marshal the course on the day of the event and help direct the traffic before the start of the race on to the field for parking. If you think you are able to help out, then it would be really appreciated, please drop an email to either Catriona Angel catrionawebster@yahoo.co.uk (Isla's mum from Reception Class) or Claire Owen - Claire@sixcoronationvillas.com (Gethin and Eirys mum) or have a word in the playground when you see us and we can chat you through how you could help. If anyone can help set up or clear up after the event, that would be much appreciated, the more people we get to help this event, the better..... just come down and support the runners, whilst having a cup of tea and bacon sandwich!

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the run!

Gaddesden Gallop 2019

A fantastic cross country 10K & 5K run across the Hertfordshire countryside

Sunday 5th May 2019

10.30 am

Pre registration £15 adults £5 under 18

Limited applications on the day £20 Adult £10 under 18

gaddesdengalloprun@gmail.com