



Little Gaddesden C.E. Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs C. Geoghegan

20th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Year 4 children and their teachers for being part of the National Year 4 Times Tables pilot. The results will not be published but it has given us an insight into the expectations for next year.

Letters home this week

Music Evening 25th June - to all children involved

Dinner Money - Payment due 28th June

Inter-village Sports event Tuesday 9th July - letters to selected children in Classes 3 & 4

Change of Bank Holiday dates

The early Bank Holiday will be on Friday 8th May next year to mark VE day, the school will be closed on this date. Monday 4th May is not a holiday and so the school will be open on May 4th 2020.

Sports Week

Just a reminder that next week will be Sports Week in school. The children will be spending a lot of time outside involved in various activities. As the weather is looking mixed for next week can we please ask that all children are appropriately dressed i.e. waterproofs as well as a sun hat and suncream. Children can be in their PE kit and trainers all week and in house colours for Thursday and Friday.

Phasels Wood

The whole school will be visiting Phasels Wood next Wednesday (26th June). We will be outside for the whole day so again please make sure your children are appropriately dressed. They may not be able to take part in the activities if they aren't wearing appropriate clothing. Please can we ask that your child bring their belongings including their packed lunch, a drink, their Little Gaddesden sweatshirt or PE hoodie, a waterproof coat and sunhat in a small rucksack that they are able to easily carry between the activities. (The school kitchen will be providing packed lunches for all children in Classes one and two which will be brought to the site.) Children will need to be dropped off at Phasels Wood Activity Centre at 9.30 am and picked up at 3.0pm.

We have a whole range of adventurous outdoor activities planned which should be great fun for the children, so fingers crossed for good weather.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place next Friday (28th June). The children should arrive at 9.30am in their house colours. Races will start at 10.0am. Everyone is welcome to stay

for a picnic after the races. Lunch will be provided for all children who normally have a school dinner on a Friday or if you have requested a meal for Sports Day.

Infant Milk Autumn Term 2019

If your child is currently in Reception or Year One and would like milk at playtime next term, please see the attached letter. Slips and payments must be returned to the Office by Thursday 4th July in order to receive milk next term.

Possessions in School

We try to encourage children to bring into school as little unnecessary extras as they can. There should be no fit-bits, expensive heavy water bottles or pens. They are not necessary and not fair on those who do not have similar possessions.

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/>

Yours sincerely

Charis Geoghegan
Headteacher

Message from the Chair of the Friends

I want to say a huge thanks to you all for making this year's fete the best in my three years of running the Little Gaddesden summer fete.

The success of the event was down to the contribution of each and every one of you, and a wider group of willing helpers, including but not limited to the go-cart construction team, the raffle ticket sales team, the wonderful people who stepped up to man (and woman) the stands and set up and clear away and of course Mrs Steeds team and the Class 2 dancers. I think the weather conspiring against us on the Saturday helped, as the number of people helping with the set up on the day made it a very efficient process. You have all made it a truly seamless event this year, and a great one for me to finish my tenure as Chair of the Friends. The Summer Fete has raised c £2,600 for the school, so thank you everyone for your contribution.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for all our events over the last three years. Particularly Heather Pearce, Claire Owen, Penny and Richard Brash, who have been behind these events year in and year out. As you know, Heather, Claire and I are standing down from the committee at the end of this year, and we look forward to the new faces of Dani Alberto and Jane Levy taking on the role of Chair, Hannah Jarvis and Claire Donovan taking on the Secretary role and Mark Newbury taking on the Treasurer role. I'm sure they will pick up the flow of it all with effortless ease. Thank you all for stepping up. Between now and then if you are a Class rep and intending to hand over to someone else from September, please can you let Jane and Dani know.

We still have the sports day, music evening and end of year disco to go, so a few more drinks to serve and cakes to bake before we retire! I wish you all the best of luck and since I have a few years left at the school will be around in support as we move forwards.

Finally, just to confirm that this academic year the Friends has again raised just over £10k. Every penny we raise goes to support the educational activities our children undertake and is critical to enabling the school to provide the higher level of additional resources to enrich our children's education. To that end we have funded: Golden Time, Swimming, Coach trips, the new server, new laptops, Art awards, play activities and much more. Parent contributions of all kinds are invaluable to the school. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Many thanks
Helen Emms
Outgoing Chair