



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We are all enjoying the many photos that you have shared with us of the children's activities at home. In school we too have been enjoying the range of tasks set.

Please watch out for the *amazing flyer* and the lesser feathered *slitheringo*, last seen in the school playground.



There are more lovely examples of on the Class 2 blog
<https://littlegaddesdenclass2.edublogs.org/>



We also have a cloud or squiggle of tadpoles who are growing rapidly before becoming an army, colony or knot of frogs. From my brief research I have already found several collective nouns for the creatures we are caring for. They are growing quite quickly and if you look carefully you can just see where their legs are starting to develop ready

for them becoming froglets.

Both Class 1 and Class 3 have been engaging in some super mathematics, I can see some super counting in Class 1 and Class 3 have met Captain conjecture who has been asking children to explain their reasoning behind their solutions.

Class 4 have been discovering about the life of Mary Anning. She was a nineteenth century amateur palaeontologist who, with her brother, discovered the fossilised remains of an Ichthyosaurus when she was only 12. She spent most of her short life discovering and selling fossils many of which are on display at the natural history



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museum. More from Class 4 on their blogs

<https://littlegaddesden.edublogs.org/2020/02/03/vote-for-your-next-class-book/>

Special message for **Class 4**

10.30 Celebration Assembly

Today (Friday) would have been the annual Year 6 SATs Party!

We have a special treat in store...

<https://littlegaddesden.edublogs.org/2019/01/15/stars-of-the-week/>

INSET day – in order to best be able to support key worker families our INSET day will now be Monday the 1st June and **NOT** Friday 22nd May

Home Learning

Class 2 now have access to Active learn and your class teachers will be setting you work on it from Monday. Guidance for accessing it is attached or can be accessed by clicking on the link.

[Active learn](#)

If anyone is having trouble connecting to the home learning resources or needs access information, please do contact school either via phone 01442 842464 or email and we try to help.

Challenge for Class 3 and Class 4.

I would like to invite you to travel to Interland. To play you will need to be a fearless explorer to navigate your way around the different lands and show your skills in digital safety. Warning – parents can easily become involved and want to join in.

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland

Re-opening of School after half term.

Schools have not yet been given any more detailed guidance on this, but I am working with my team to ensure that school is as safe as possible. Hertfordshire CC have published this today <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the->



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[council/news/press-releases/when-can-hertfordshire-school-children-return-to-classrooms.aspx](https://www.littlegaddesden.co.uk/council/news/press-releases/when-can-hertfordshire-school-children-return-to-classrooms.aspx)

I would like to stress that any reopening will not be a return to 'normal'. We will be adding social distancing measures and extra hygiene expectations such as frequent handwashing and access to hand gel and sanitisers.

In order to establish what sort of provision we will be able to provide for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, could you please complete this questionnaire to indicate if you are likely to want your child to attend school before the end of this summer term.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YmlTmC2LuU-wDGmJxJRM4e6lpPowfKxMv97XP0Oru2hUQUIMMEJLQTA0M1hQVjU5NU5aSVNPMFc5TS4u>

Once I have more details about any reopening, I will update you.

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Elkes

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