



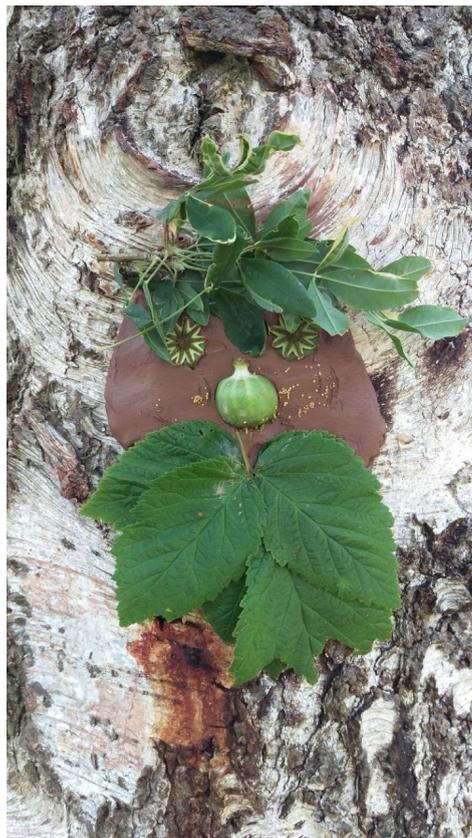
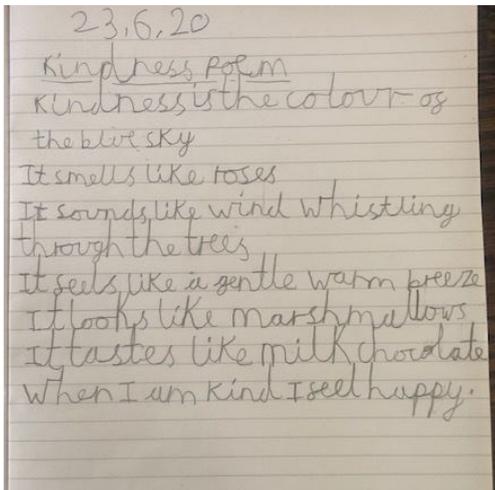
# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

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As well as the wonderful (if somewhat hot) weather, we have all enjoyed our well-being week. Thank you for all the great photos. Here's a selection of activities from home and school.

Flying kites, thinking about kindness and tree decorating.



Pentathlons and yoga!





Over the weekend we created our outdoor classroom for our Reception pupils who are now split into two bubbles. Each day they have been joined by butterflies, clearly wanting to join the fun!

The Staff and I were delighted to welcome back year 2 this week and are very much looking forward to seeing the remaining year groups next week.

I have included the link to the timetable [here](#). **Pupils of Key Workers:** Please note, these pupils should still arrive at 8.50am and leave at 3:15pm via the Front door.

### **Staff changes for next year.**

I am very sad to share with you that after many years of being an integral part of our School and its many successes, Mrs Steeds will be retiring from teaching at the end of this term. Her enthusiasm and hard work across the school will be sorely missed, not to mention her dedication to many, many school productions; one of the highlights must be the Nativity Film which she expertly directed and produced. I know you will join us in wishing her all the very best for her next adventure.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Pughe and Mrs Telling. Miss Pughe, who having successfully passed her teacher training, will be taking up a new role at a school in Buckinghamshire. Mrs Telling is moving to a school in Hemel Hempstead. We wish both the very best in their new roles.

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Izzi Wheeler, who left us last year, will be re-joining our staff team in September, working full-time with Miss Allen in Class 2.

### **School Governor vacancies**

The role of a school governor is integral to the success of the school. It is an important and highly rewarding role.

We currently have vacancies for two Foundation Governors.

**Foundation Governors** have a specific responsibility for ensuring that the school's religious character as a Church of England School is preserved and developed.

Along with the rest of the Governing Body, their core role is to:

- Make sure the school's vision is on the right track
- Ask the Head searching questions about the school

- Oversee the financial performance of the school

### **How much time is involved?**

The Governing Body meets in full 6 times each year (once every half-term). Typically, meetings are held on a Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.

In addition, each Governor is expected to visit the school each term during school hours. This may involve discussions with staff or pupils or even accompanying year groups on visits. Governors are then asked to write a brief report.

Linked Governors, with a particular responsibility for an area of the curriculum, also have one meeting per term with the subject leader and write a brief report that is shared with the governing body.

### **What skills are required?**

You do not need to have experience in or understanding of education to be a Governor. Training is provided and support is available. A wide range of skills can be useful including; finance, IT, HR, GDPR, property management, special needs, safeguarding, health and safety, analysing data, communications and creativity.

Most of all we need people with an interest in education, a willingness to learn and time to commit.

If you would like to learn more about the Governors and how you could play a part in shaping the development of our school, then please speak to Lorna Elkes or contact our Chair, Briony Sutcliffe. [chair@little.gaddesden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:chair@little.gaddesden.herts.sch.uk)

Kind regards

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