



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 26th November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your cooperation with sending pupils to school in their PE kit. It is working well.

As you are aware the Government has set the expectation that all schools are able to offer online learning, should children have to remain at home due to Covid. Our Remote Learning offer can be found [here](#).

## Clubs for Spring term

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for clubs next term. Full details will be sent out in next week's Newsletter.

## Christmas

We have secured performances of Peter Pan *pantomime* for the children on Wednesday 16th December. Full details can be found [here](#).

Our cook, Sandra, will be serving **Christmas Lunch** in school on Thursday 17th December. A copy of the menu can be found [here](#). If your child normally has a school dinner on a Thursday of week one then they will automatically have the Christmas lunch and you don't need to do anything. **If your child is in Class 3 or 4, doesn't normally have a school lunch on a Thursday of week one and they would like to have Christmas lunch then please sign up and pay for their meal via your School Gateway account by Friday 11th December.** The cost of the meal will be £2.70.

**If your child is in Class 1 or 2 and would like to have Christmas lunch instead of packed lunch, please email the Office and let us know.**

As the children will be having a roast dinner on Thursday that week, the normal Thursday menu (Beef Burger or Vegetarian roll) will be served on Wednesday.

If your child would like to bring in *Christmas cards* for their friends, they may do so from next week. Following Hertfordshire advice, we will collect them and quarantine them for 72 hours before allowing them to be distributed to the classes.

## **Well-being**

We have arranged for Children and Young People (CYP) Coordinators from Herts Mind Network to deliver Wellbeing workshops with the Children on 7th December as part of our 5 Ways 2 Wellbeing focus.

## **Reminder - Drama Hut Workshops Classes 3 & 4**

As per the letters sent out with last week's newsletter, **the deadline for payment for these workshops is this Friday, 27th November**. Please can we ask those of you that haven't yet paid to do so via your school Gateway Account.

[Class 3](#)

[Class 4](#)

## **Reminder PE days for each class**

Class 1 - Thursday

Class 2 - Wednesday and Friday

Class 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Class 4 - Wednesday and Thursday

If your child takes part in after-school clubs they will still need a change of clothes if they are wearing school uniform to school on that day.

## **Running Club**

[Wednesday Golden Mile running Club](#)

[Friday Golden Mile running club](#)

## **Arriving at school**

Can I please remind you that your child should be in school by 8.50am, we are trying to be flexible given the multiple drop off points but several children are regularly arriving after 9am.

## **Car parking**

We have been asked by the preschool to be considerate if you are using the rear car park, (behind the village hall), particularly after school. There have been several instances lately whereby preschool staff have been blocked in by our parents parking there but using the playground or field opposite the school.

## **Covid update**

We have been asked to share the following with you by Hertfordshire Police, to remind parents and carers about being safe and sticking to the restrictions.

***Police have received reports of lack of social distancing and complacency around face coverings at school drop off and pick up times.***

*We all have a responsibility to take steps in helping reduce the spread of coronavirus. With this in mind, all families are required (unless exempt) to adhere to the following points to ensure a safe arrival and departure at school for all involved:*

- *Only one parent or guardian should drop off and pick up their child/children to reduce numbers outside school*
- *Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household*
- *Make good use of all available entry and exit points to the school site to avoid bottleneck*
- *Refrain from lengthy face-to-face conversation with staff or other families; use digital communication methods during lockdown*
- *Don't go to each other's houses*
- *Go straight home after dropping and/or collecting your child/children*
- *Consider wearing a face covering during pick up and drop off*

*Thank you for your support and understanding – together we will slow the spread of COVID-19 and save more lives.*

*You can familiarise yourself with the [latest restrictions on the official Government website](#).*

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher

**Attached:**

[Remote Learning offer.pdf](#)

[Pantomime letter Dec 2020.pdf](#)

[2020-A4-How-to-Pack-A-Shoebox-leaflet-download-revised-dates \(1\).pdf](#)

[Shoebox Online](#)

[5 Ways 2 Well-being suggestions](#)

[5 Ways 2 Well-being for primary pupils](#)

[Drama Workshop Class 3.pdf](#)

[Drama Workshop - Class 4.pdf](#)

[Wednesday Golden Mile running Club](#)

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