



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 5th November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back from a soggy half to a sunny but cold November. As we continue to enjoy our outdoor space, please make sure that your child always brings to school an outdoor coat with their name in it.

I am delighted to say that our first virtual parent meetings were very successful, with only minor technical gremlins. For safeguarding reasons, could you please ensure your meeting 'name' clearly identifies you, for example using your child's name or 'Parents of...' Please also ensure that after you leave the meeting, you have closed the app or browser tab. You should already have the Zoom links for next week, with the exception of Class 1. These will be sent out next week.

COVID-19 update :

As reported in the press, schools received updated covid guidance late yesterday, which can be found [here](#). The main points that will impact are detailed below.

Visitors:

We must now restrict visits to those that are essential only. All visitors will be required to wear face masks. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office and we will arrange this virtually or via phone.

Clinically extremely vulnerable children.

If you have concerns about your child or member of your household, you are advised to speak to your GP. We are also very happy to discuss any concerns and provide details regarding our covid procedures in school.

Out-of-school activities and wraparound childcare

We are only able to provide our current clubs if they meet a childcare need. To enable us to ensure that we are meeting this guidance please complete this [form](#) by lunchtime tomorrow, . We only have until Monday 9th to action any changes therefore if we are not able to continue any clubs you will be informed by the end of school tomorrow. We are waiting for confirmation from Game on regarding Wednesday football clubs, similarly for Monday Yoga.

Cross country.

Pupils in year 3,4 5 and 6 took part in the Dacorum Sports Network virtual cross country today. Having booked a sunny lunchtime, Miss Wheeler and Mr Millins encouraged the

children as they completed laps around the field. The results for each year group team will be submitted against other local schools.



Lost property

We have a large collection of coats, jumpers and PE kits in bags that were left in school over half term and remain unclaimed. Please remind your child to check for any missing items by the end of next week when we will be passing the items on for recycling or as second-hand uniform.

Fireworks:

Please see attached guidance on [firework](#) safety.

Support for families

Additional information from Dacorum family services can be found by clicking on the links

[AET MSA DSPL 8.pdf](#)

[ASD Dacorum 15.12.20.pdf](#)

[ASD Dacorum Nov 17 2020.pdf](#)

[Surgery Flyer for November 2020 with child age remit.pdf](#)

Stay safe and enjoy some family time over the weekend.

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