



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 17th December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support this term to enable your children to have a fantastic term.

Despite the restrictions we have managed to;

Participate in virtual sports against other local schools

Enjoy workshops for drama, dance, the Greeks and suffragettes

Discover more about space travel

Run over five hundred miles

Enjoy a range of clubs from badminton to yoga

Learn instruments

Watch a pantomime and produce a school Christmas production

Collect parcels for Samaritans Purse,

Collect items for a reverse Advent Calendar

Write letters to elderly residents in care homes

I would also like to thank the amazing team we have here who have enabled the above to happen in addition to all the creative learning in class.

Christmas production.

A separate letter is attached to this email which will explain how to access the film. The Children have all watched it today and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Staff changes

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Jell who has decided to retire. She has worked in the school for over 10 years and been a huge support to many children, particularly those in class 2. We wish her good luck with her next adventure. We are also saying goodbye to Ms Pike who joined us last year.

Mrs Patel who has been supporting class 4 is expecting her first child and will be starting her maternity leave. We all look forward to welcoming baby Patel in the New Year.

End of term

Reminder that school ends tomorrow at 1.30pm

Covid update

Should you or your family have Covid symptoms or a positive test result over the Christmas holidays, please make sure you also notify us via

covidnotice@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk so that we can also notify any close contacts in your child's bubble.

Hertfordshire have asked that we share the following.

Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following important information with you following a significant increase in coronavirus infections amongst 12-16 year olds:

Dear parent/carer

Thank you for everything you and your family are doing to play your part in the fight against coronavirus. Our schools and other education settings have worked extremely hard this term to help keep everyone safe. However, as we move into the Christmas holidays, it is of utmost importance that we continue to stay safe.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of coronavirus infections in 12-16 year olds and would therefore urge you to have a conversation with your child to make sure they understand, and are following, the Government regulations to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The actions you and your family can take to play your part are:

- *Wash your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and warm water or use an antibacterial hand sanitiser if soap and water isn't available*
- *Stay at least 2 metres (or 1 metre with other measures, such as a face-covering) away from those not in your immediate household*
- *Wear a face-covering where required and when it is difficult to socially distance*
- *Self-isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms*
- *Do not socialise indoors with anyone who isn't in your immediate household and only meet in groups of up to 6 people outdoors*

Some areas of Hertfordshire will be moving into Tier 3 restrictions as of 00:01am on Wednesday 16 December (Broxbourne, Three Rivers, Watford and Hertsmere). Residents in these areas will need to familiarise themselves with, and adhere to, Tier 3 restrictions:

www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert

Please remember that while your child is in school, they are in a 'bubble', which is carefully managed by the school. However outside of school hours, they should continue to follow the most up to date Government guidelines, and we encourage you to explain this to your child.

If you choose to socialise in a bubble of up to three separate households during 23-27 December, which is the period the Government proposes to relax guidelines, please enjoy this time but please also remember to do so safely by continuing to follow good hand hygiene and socially distance where possible. Coronavirus is known to linger in enclosed spaces, so keeping windows open can also reduce risk.

We wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Hertfordshire County Council

Next term

Please remember that we have INSET days on Monday 4th January and Tuesday 5th. Children should return at 8:50am on Wednesday 6th January. PE will remain on the same days and children should arrive in PE kit for those days. For the remainder of the week, they will need to be in full school uniform, including black shoes.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Attached: