



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Well done for surviving another week of remote learning so positively! I can see that we are all becoming more proficient with managing the technology. Each class has posted 'help' videos regarding accessing Google and particularly regarding 'handing in' work. Seeing what the pupils are producing, enables staff to enjoy the learning from your children and adjust any teaching - just as they would in class. If you or your children have any worries about being safe online there are many useful links with advice and support on our Online Safety page on the school website. [Online Safety Links](#)

Wellbeing week

As we did in June, we have planned a range of wellbeing activities for next week, to look after our mental health alongside our physical fitness. We are aware of how intense this learning situation can be, especially for our younger pupils in classes 1 and 2. This is recognised by the government whose requirements for learning hours is less than that for older pupils. Since pupils in classes 3 and 4 are able to engage in learning more independently, next week, they will continue to have some mathematical fluency activities and English which will be predominantly linked to reading, as well as enjoying the Wellbeing challenges.

As before this will be shared with you in a Menu format . Select 2-3 activities each day, depending on the weather and personal preferences. Pupils in **all** classes should still continue with daily reading. Please do share photos of what you do - we love seeing them

Next week is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, which runs from 29th -31st January. We will be taking part in school, if you would like to do the same follow the link [Big Garden Birdwatch](#) | [Join the fun - The RSPB](#)

You may also want to participate in the Schools Winterwatch (see below) on Thursday 28th January at 11am.



The Big Schools Winterwatch Live Lesson

Gather up, Winterwatchers! Learn some key skills to help you get outdoors and find out more about the birds in your

environment with a very special Live Lesson at 11am on the 28th of January 2021 ...

COVID

The government has recently updated their guidance for families [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) . There is also a very accessible online book for families, that was published in response to the March lockdown, that you may not have seen. It helps explain COVID to younger pupils. [Covid-19 with covers by Clare Shaw](#). It is available as an e-book with some lovely illustrations.

I do hope that none of you have been impacted by the heavy rain or local flooding.

Wishing you a drier weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

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