



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

13th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Despite the un-May-like weather we are making the most of our summer term. As this is Christian Aid week, the children have all been thinking about how we can help others and appreciating what we have.

Our weekly activities continue next week with a music workshop on Wednesday. Each class will have the opportunity to explore rhythms and pulse using our djembe drums. Having spoken to the children it is clear that they are really enjoying the range of visitors and making links to their own wellbeing.

Immediately after half term, Luke Delahunty, RAF veteran and two-times Invictus Games athlete will be coming to our school. For more details please see [Athlete Visit - Parent Letter.pdf](#). The children will be bringing home the sponsorship forms next week.

Arrival and attendance at school

Now that we are fully back to school, children should be at school for 8:50am, we realise that with different entrances this may vary by a few minutes but, there are increasing numbers of pupils arriving after the register and therefore recorded as late. Anyone arriving after 8:55am should come via the main entrance at the front of the school where pupils have to be signed in by an adult.

Given that our pupils have missed so much face-to-face learning over the last 12 months, it is particularly important that they are in school unless unwell. We have to record any other absences as unauthorised absences which are closely monitored by the local authority.

Can we please remind you that children should not play on or under the spiral fire escape staircase.

Uniform

The children arriving in school sports clothing for days they have PE or clubs is working well. However, on other days children should be wearing full school uniform including school shoes and long hair must be tied back. Our pupils have always looked very smart when in PE kit or school uniform. Please help us to maintain this high standard. Thank you.

Message from The Friends

Next Friends Zoom Meeting - Tuesday 18th May 8.30pm

A reminder of our Friends meeting on Tuesday 18th May. We will send out zoom meeting details on Monday. On the agenda will be voting in our new Committee Member and discussing the after party for the Gaddesden Gallop. This meeting is open for all parents of the school so please do join us!

Second hand uniform

We will be holding a pop up second hand uniform sale on Friday 14th May, 2-3 pm in the Village Hall Car Park.

Gaddesden Gallop



The Friends are delighted to be hosting the Gaddesden Gallop event this year on Sunday 4th July. Not only are we excited that this event can go ahead this year but it is the 10th year that the event has been held! The event will start at 10.30 a.m on the playing fields – along Church Road. There will also be a BBQ and bar along with bouncy castles to entertain the children after the event - well needed reward for those who ran and a great way to celebrate and socialise, all being well with the restrictions

lifting in June. There will be a 5k and 10k race, which children are very welcome to join (although we request no dogs please). Everyone is welcome; runners or supporters so do come along to support the local event and celebrate the 10 year anniversary with us afterwards. If running isn't really your thing but you would like to support the event by marshalling the course, or you have any queries about the event then please get in touch with us at friendsofjschool@gmail.com.

If you would like to enter the event, then please follow the link:

<https://www.entrycentral.com/gaddesdengallop>.

Wishing you all a warmer weekend

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Attached:

[Athlete Visit - Parent Letter.pdf](#)