



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

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Dear parents and carers,

Following the visit from Zohab Zee Khan, we concluded last week with our own *Poetry Slam*. Our finalists performed fantastically to the whole school and the judging panel. After much, difficult deliberation, the winners were announced. Well done to all our finalists and winners.



The book fair was also a success with over £700 spent on books, which means we are able to buy lots of new books for the school so thank you for all your support.

Class 1

Bekonscot - just a reminder that payment and consent for the Class 1 trip to Bekonscot is due by this **Friday, 25th June**. Please make your payment via your school Gateway account if you haven't already done so.

Class 4

The children have arrived safely and enjoying the activities on PGL. You can see their adventures on Class 4's page of the school website.

<https://www.littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk/pupils/class4/>

Front of the school

As you will have noticed our wooden flower planter at the school entrance is in need of replacement. The Village Produce Association, has kindly offered us the planter that is

currently opposite Hudnall Lane, as that location is too shady for plants to grow well. However, we need some volunteers to empty and move it. Could you please contact the office if you would be able to help with this.

COVID update and access to Lateral Flow Tests

The Public Health team at Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following information with you.

Firstly, we want to thank you for all you are doing to play your part and help protect your school community – you're all doing an amazing job. As we head towards the end of the academic year, let's work together to reduce the number of cases in our nurseries, schools and colleges and make sure less children will need to learn remotely.

We're now at a crucial time in our fight against coronavirus. In line with yesterday's Government announcement we're asking everyone to not drop your guard just yet – Covid-19 is still here.

There are simple things you can do right now to continue to protect yourself, your family and your school community:

Remember hands, face, space, fresh air – each school may have different rules around face coverings, but everyone aged over 11 should be wearing a face covering when in indoor venues. If you can still meet outside do

Testing – students in year 7 and above are being provided with a free, regular supply of rapid tests and they should continue to take these twice a week. Parents and carers of children in nursery, school or college should also take regular rapid tests along with the rest of the community, by doing this we can all help to reduce the spread of the virus. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest

Vaccination – please get your vaccine once you are invited to

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell – be cautious.

If you or your child/ren receive a positive result from a rapid test you must begin self-isolating immediately, not attend school and book a confirmatory PCR test.

If you or your child/ren have symptoms (**new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell or a temperature**) you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you need help to self-isolate contact HertsHelp for advice and practical help with things like getting food and medicine and accessing financial support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We know none of this is easy, but if we throw our arms around schools to protect them now, we can all look forward to the summer holidays we're hoping for. Thank you again for helping to keep yourselves and your community safe.

Hertfordshire County Council

Message from The Friends

The Friends are delighted to be hosting the Gaddesden Gallop event and 10 year celebration after party this year on Sunday 4th July!

We will not be holding our usual summer fete this year and so we wanted everyone to know that the 10 year after party for the gallop will be replacing the summer fete. We are planning a bar, bbq, bouncy castle, face paints, strawberries and cream and more! So even if you are not a runner, please do come to the gallop and support your school!

Thank you so much to everyone who has put their hand up so far and we've nearly filled all the slots which is amazing! But if you're feeling left out 😊 we still need volunteers for the following:

*2 more Marshalls

*1 or 2 more Face painters from 10 - 11.30 (everything is organised, you would just need to turn up and paint, or glitter, or tattoo) 🙏

*Cakes - please bake or buy. We will set up a table at the front of school to collect on Friday 2nd July at drop off and pick up or you can bring with you to the gallop on the day!

Thank you to all those who volunteered to sell raffle tickets last weekend, we have raised over £200 already! We will also be selling tickets again outside the village shop this weekend - we have some really amazing prizes:

* 2 sports massages from Pips barn (worth £100)

* £100 zero sushi voucher

* Becca's Beauty treatment

* Honey & Smoke newly released cookbook

* 6 bottles of wine

* Pamper hamper

Also we are planning to add some raffle tickets to book bags next week so please look out for them and hand over cash and raffle tickets to any committee member at drop off or pick up!

For all runners interested, enter here: <https://www.entrycentral.com/gaddesdengallop>

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Attached:

[Mini Maestros Football](#)

[Herts Music Service - lessons for Sept](#)

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

[Rock Up](#)

[TSC Kids Activity Camps](#)