



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 9th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coming up...

Class 4 - history trip 14th September - see details below

Saturday 11th September - Village sport day - see message from the Friends

27 September - 1 October Bike to School Week 2021 [Bike to school week poster](#)

Tuesday 12th October Harvest festival - more details to follow

Collecting Children or arriving late

If you need to collect your child during the day or arrive after 8:50am, please use the front door where you will be asked to sign them in or out.

At the end of the day, KS1 pupils are handed to parents, once children are in KS2 (from year 3) they are expected to leave school independently, although we endeavour to monitor all children leaving the building. Please let us know if your collection arrangements change and remind your child that if there is no one to collect them they should return to the school office to tell a member of staff.

COVID

As you are no doubt aware, cases of covid are increasing both nationally and locally. Therefore please do not come into school at morning drop off without an appointment. Any messages are best sent via the school office.

If a member of your household tests positive for Covid, NHS guidance recommends that PCR tests are taken. If negative, the child can then come to school, with the suggestion that they continue to take regular (daily) lateral flow tests. [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

If there is someone in your household who would be classed as extremely vulnerable, please make the school aware and we will keep you informed of any positive cases within our school, without breaking confidentiality.

If you have any concerns around this I am happy to discuss our procedures, but please be aware that I can not share information about individual students.

Class 1 - Our new pupils have settled brilliantly along with our new Guinea pigs Funky and Biscuits.

Class 2 - The children have met their buddies and been helping them to settle in.

Class 3 - The Class termly newsletter will be sent home tomorrow with the children, look out for it in their bags.

Class 4 - Reminder for trip next week please pay via Gateway account if you haven't yet. We will have a chance to visit the museum shop so you can send a maximum of £3 for the children to spend on a souvenir.

Local support for families:

[Bounce Forward - Anxiety and Resilience DSPL 8 - Autumn 21 Term.pdf](#)

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Attached:

[Bike to school week](#)

[When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

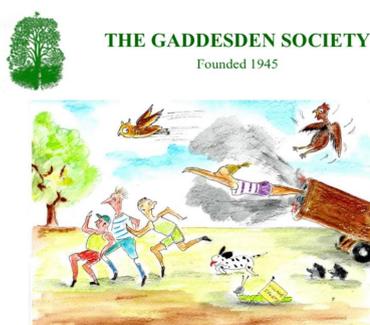
[Village sports day.pdf](#)

Message from the Friends

Welcome back everyone! And we have had some sunshine to help us adjust back to the routine! ☀️

The committee met this week and we are all very excited about planning events for the coming year. We'd love to share our ideas with you, welcome the new parents and gather any of your ideas for fundraising ideas at our welcome drinks on Tuesday 28th September from 8pm. We haven't yet confirmed the venue but will let you know where this will be next week. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see as many of you who can make it - we promise, no clipboards, just some booze!

We would also like to get another date in your diary for our AGM which will be on Tuesday 2nd November, venue and further details TBC.



Annual Village Sports Day

Saturday 11th September
on the Sports Field

Bar, barbeque and refreshments from 1:00pm

Tea and cakes sold in aid of
Rennie Grove Hospice Care

Races start promptly at 1:45pm

All welcome – races for all ages!

Catriona Angel has been working hard to organise the annual village sports day that is happening this Saturday 11th September. Bar and BBQ will be run by the Friends. It's such a fab community event so we hope to see you there with your egg and spoon 🏃! [Village sports day.pdf](#)

Some may have glimpsed the new wheels outside the school....hopefully you will remember that we had the exciting opportunity to share a MiniBus with Tring School parents from September if we could raise £6,000 on top of what the FOLGS would usually raise. Although she did not wish to be personally thanked,

we would like to personally thank Anne Heath and her team for raising an incredible £6,141!

They took on the challenge of completing 2000 non engine powered miles in just 31 days by walking, cycling, swimming or rowing during the month of July. Anne personally swam and walked a total of 315 miles in 31 days! Wowza, that is just incredible Anne. We would like to thank you so much on behalf of all the parents!

The minibus is such a fantastic asset for the school and will enable the children to attend sporting events throughout the county, go for day trips to learn about other cultures and the arts and also enable them to attend swimming lessons - something that currently costs the school a fortune in bus hire.

Finally, a call for help. We would love to have a bonfire and fireworks event for the school and possibly local community. We have previously looked into having such an event on the village playing fields but sadly the amount of red tape involved made this impossible. We realise this is a huge request but wondered if anyone had a large garden or outside space that would lend itself to such an event? If the bonfire and fireworks are held on private property, there is much less red tape and we would of course fully organise, including the clear up afterwards. We will put out a call to the village but thought we should try here first. Do catch any of us on the committee or drop us an email.

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