



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 14th October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

## Coming up...

Friday 15th October Big Draw - in-school event

Friday 15th October - deadline for completing new Menu [options](#)

Monday 18th October - RBC Race for the Kids - see below

Wednesday 20th October - Class 3 singing at Great Gaddesden details [here](#)

Wednesday 20th October - Class 1 visit to Berkhamsted Library details [here](#)

Thursday 21st October - 9am reading assembly and Parent workshop - The importance of reading

Thursday 21st October - no Gymnastics due to School disco, additional session will be on 16th December

Friday 22nd October - school closed to pupils - Staff INSET day

*Half term Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October*

Sunday 31st October - deadline for [applications to secondary](#) schools for pupils in year 6

2nd & 3rd November - Pupil progress meeting [Pupil Progress Meetings Autumn 2021.pdf](#)  
*Please book by Monday 18th October*

Thursday 18th November - 9am Class 2 assembly

Friday 19th November - rearranged day for Fluenz delivered by School Health team

Thursday 25th November - 9am Class 3 assembly

Class 4 assembly - To be rearranged

Apologies in advance for the amount of information we have to share with you this week.

### Reading assembly - The importance of reading

The children will share ways they are enjoying reading, enjoying *talking* about reading, and talking about *what* they read. Increasingly, evidence shows that confident writers are also the more prolific readers. Pupils whose reading is secure are able to understand information

more effectively across all areas of the curriculum. Be it rules of a new sport or instructions for building a complex model.

Our workshop will cover the importance of phonics throughout primary school - from reception to year 6, as well as language comprehension. How using questioning can deepen understanding of what is being read.

### **Supporting our pupils online.**

Thank you to those of you who were able to stay after the Harvest Service and participate in our discussion. We are all aware of the increasing use of technology by young people and their exposure to it. Which then leads to the challenge of keeping them safe while they are online. As mentioned at the time, it would be useful to have a small working group to identify areas of focus for future online safety workshops. It would involve meeting once a term. Please complete this [form](#) to indicate your interest and availability.

### **School Meals - Menu Change**

Herts Catering have informed us that the menu will be changing from after half-term, a copy of the new menu is [attached](#) to the newsletter. Please could we ask all parents to complete the menu choices form to let us know what your child would like for lunch each day after half-term. Please complete one [form](#) for each child. Please complete the form even if your child is having a packed lunch every day. The deadline for completion of the form is Friday 15th October.

### **Class 1** - The children enjoyed their visit to the Church.



They also thoroughly enjoyed their visitor this week.

### **Class 2** - The concerns about a plague outbreak in class two were confirmed by the plague

doctor.



**Class 3** - Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day at RAF Hendon.



**Class 4** - Have been busy planning investigations to understand how pulse rate changes when we exercise.

**Gardening Club**

Mrs Patterson and Miss Allen will be running Gardening Club after half-term for children in Class 2. The club will run on a Monday lunchtime (12.30-1.00) and the cost for the six sessions will be £10.00 which should be paid via your Gateway account. The first session will be on Monday 8th November.

Gardening Club - making garden mobiles.



**GOSH Race for Kids**



There are many charity events that, for this year, will be arranged to take place virtually. In our final week before half term, we will be supporting the Great Ormond Street Hospital RBC Race for the Kids. We are asking that each child bring in a

donation of at least £1 for running their daily mile on Monday 18th October.

### **Musical opportunities locally**

[Dacorum Music - Guitar Groove.pdf](#)

[Tring Music Partnership Musical Theatre Workshop Flyer for Students v2.pdf](#)

### **Message from Hertfordshire Children's Services**

[A joint letter to parents of secondary school and college students in England on Covid-19 testing and vaccines from the Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care - The Education Hub](#)

### **Local support for families**

[Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - 13.10.2021.pdf](#)

[DSPL8 ParentsCarers Communication - 13.10.2021.pdf](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and hoping for some more sunshine.

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher

### **From the Friends of Little Gaddesden School**

#### **Thursday 21st October - Pumpkin party**

We are looking forward to the Pumpkin Party next Thursday and hope the children are too! Thank you for all the offers of help, we will be allocating you to different tasks and will confirm these next week.

#### **Details**

*Price:* £10 per ticket which can be paid using school gateway. Deadline for purchasing tickets is lunchtime on Tuesday 19th October (so that we have time to organise catering).

#### **Timings**

Key stage 1: 3.30pm - 5pm Children can go straight from their classes to the party so no need for parents to come for 3.15pm but please ensure your child has their fancy dress outfit with them and that they can get changed into it themselves!

(Please note parents of reception children will need to stay so we are in line with adult:child ratios)

Key stage 2: 5.15pm - 6.45pm

*Included:* Disco, food and drinks, face paints, games, fancy dress (& competition)

#### **Christmas cards**

Let us sort your Christmas cards this year! Use your child's festive artwork to create personalised Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels and other gifts. Every item sold raises money for the school.

Each child will be given a pack containing a barcode and a leaflet explaining how to order. All you need to do is ask your child to draw something on an A4 sheet of paper, stick the barcode on the back, make a note of the barcode number, and return the artwork to school.

*Arts Projects for Schools* will use your child's drawing to create personalised cards and gifts. You can order online at [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) by entering the barcode number. The school will receive a share of the proceeds of everything sold.

All orders must be placed online and artwork returned to school by **Wednesday 3 November latest**. Orders will be delivered to school by **23 November**. You will then have lovely personalised cards to send to family and friends well in time for Christmas.

### **Tuesday 2nd November- AGM & Christmas Fayre**

This will be held at the school and will be followed by a meeting to discuss the upcoming Christmas Fayre. As per previous years, responsibilities will be allocated as follows:

Reception: Christmas crafts

Year 1: Tombola

Year 2: Turkey cobs

Year 3: Cake stall & cafe

Year 4: Face painting

Year 5: Santa's grotto

Year 6: Games room

### **Make your own Pizza kits**

We have an exciting new fundraising initiative to share with you all. The Friends have teamed up with Doughies to offer "make your own pizza 🍕" kits for collection at school pick up on Friday 5th November.

Each kit contains everything you need to make an individual 12" artisan margarita pizza. Each kit costs just £6.50. The school will receive £2 from each kit.

Cookie making kits (each kit makes 5 cookies), are also available for £4.50. £1 per kit goes to the school.

Please place your orders by Friday 30th October using the link <https://doughies.co.uk/products/little-gaddesden>

If the evening is a success, we will be looking to make this a regular fundraising event, so please get your orders in!

As always we are open to ideas or suggestions so do always come and chat to us or drop us an email!

Have lovely weekends!

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**Attached:**

[New Menu choices](#)

[Secondary and upper school places](#)

[Class 3 - singing festival at Great Gaddesden Church](#)

[Pupil Progress Meetings Autumn 2021.pdf](#)

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