



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 21st October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Coming up...

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](#)

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

Dear Parents and Carers.

This half term has flown by. The children have already enjoyed so much and are ready for a week off. We wish you a safe and enjoyable half term.

Class 1 - Made use of our minibus with a trip to the local library. They enjoyed story time and had the opportunity to select books to take home.

Class 2 - As part of their music lessons, the children have been exploring rhythm, beat and pulse in music. Often this involves moving around the hall.



Class 3 - The first class to use the minibus... we ventured to Great Gaddesden Primary school, where we had a lovely afternoon singing. The children were able to share their learning with a short concert for the parents at the end of the day.

Class 4 - Have been honing their questioning skills based on the books they are reading. Using reading games to build vocabulary and understanding to then challenge each other.

Supporting our pupils online.

We are in the process of establishing our working group to identify areas for future focus. If you would like to be involved please complete this [form](#) to indicate your interest and availability.

GOSH Race for Kids

Thank you for your contributions towards this. We will confirm the total collected, after half term, once all money has been counted.

50 things to do before your five.

You may be aware of this national campaign. Hertfordshire has adapted it for our county. The guide gives more information and how to access the app.



[Parent and Carers guide to the 50 Things app.pdf](#)

Local support for families

[Parenting Top Tips Lite Bites Poster 21-22.pdf](#)

[Poster for Rolling Programme Oct 21.pdf](#)

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From the Friends of Little Gaddesden School

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 has been sent home from school with 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 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. *It costs just £6.50 per kit, with £2 from each kit coming back to the school.* Cookie making kits are also for sale for £4.50 (each kit makes 5 cookies), with £1 per kit coming back to the school.

Please see more in the attached posters and *place your orders by **Friday 30th October*** at the following 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!

Happy holidays!

Attached:

[Secondary and upper school places](#)

■ Pupil Progress Meetings Autumn 2021.pdf

[Online safety working group](#)

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