



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 7th October

Dear parents and carers,

## Coming up...

**Tuesday 12th October Harvest festival - October Harvest festival followed by refreshments in the Thomas Field Hall** To ensure we have sufficient refreshments, you can sign up [here](#).  
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**Wednesday 13th October - School photos** - PUPILS NEED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN SCHOOL UNIFORM.

**Thursday 14th October - Class 2 History day in school** *NB Change of date*

**Thursday 14th October - Class 3 History trip** - see [letter](#) attached

**Friday 15th October Big Draw** - in-school event

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

**31st October** - deadline for [applications to secondary](#) schools for pupils in year 6 (please see update below)

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

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

**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 11th November** - 9am Class 4 assembly

**Thursday 18th November** - 9am Class 2 assembly

**Thursday 25th November** - 9am Class 3 assembly

**Class 1** - are loving School in the woods, This week they took a different perspective on life in Ashridge forest.



**Class 2** - As part of science the children have been exploring floating and sinking and discussing the forces involved.

**Class 3** - The children of Class 3 will be taking part in a singing festival at Great Gaddesden Church on Wednesday 20th October. They will need to wear their school uniform to school.

#### **Class 4** -

Message from Hertfordshire county Council Admission team.

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Sunday 31st October 2021**. But we would recommend that parents complete it by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

#### **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 next Friday 15th October.

## Pupil Progress Meetings

Please see [attached](#) letter.

## 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.

## Message from Little Gaddesden Scout Group

There are a few spaces available for pupils in Year 6. If you would like try a taster session please contact [simon.wilkinson19@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.wilkinson19@btinternet.com)

Recently the Group held a camp on the sports field for Cubs and Scouts. It was a fantastic success as we tried out our camping equipment for the first time in two years. We had a BBQ and fire for both young people and parents before a night under canvas.

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher

### Attached:

[Pupil Progress Meetings Autumn 2021.pdf](#) and [form MENU - Winter 21 - Multi Choice \(P-R\).pdf](#) and [form Class 3 Trip RAF Hendon Museum Autumn 2021.pdf](#)  
Class 3 singing at Great Gaddesden details [here](#)

## Message from the Friends - Some info on our upcoming events!

### Thursday 21st October - Pumpkin party

We have started to plan the [Pumpkin Party](#) for the children after school on Thursday 21st October with the following details:

#### Timings

Key stage 1: 3.30pm - 5pm (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

*Price:* £10 per ticket - *Included:* Disco, food and drinks, face paints, games, fancy dress (& competition)

More details on how to purchase tickets tbc next week. We would please like to ask for parent helpers for each KS party. We will need volunteers for: overseeing the games, face-painting, food and helpers on the door. Please let us know or drop us an email if you can help!

### **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

### Other fundraising

As outlined last week, for additional fundraising over the year and as it was so successful last year, each class has been allocated a time in the school calendar year to organise an event - it can be anything, eg a quiz night, a jumble sale, a sponsored event... anything. Your job will be to get together, plan and organise the event. The committee will, of course, help and support. The timings are:

Class 1: Jan/Feb

Class 2: March/April

Class 3: May/June

Class 4: Christmas cards & end of year disco

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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