



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 4th November 2021

Coming up...

- Friday 5th November - FOLGS Pizzas collection in the playground after school**
- 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**
- Friday 26th November - Christmas Jumper day**
- Friday 26th November - Film night after school**
- Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Lunch in school**
- Wednesday 15th December - Christmas production - Evening performance 6pm**
- Thursday 16th December - Christmas production - Evening performance 6pm**

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back from the half term break. I hope you all managed to get some rest and enjoy the extra hour of sleep before we returned to school. The children have certainly come back ready to learn.

As the colder weather is now with us, please make sure your child always has a warm coat in school and that any accessories such as gloves or scarves are named.

Covid

As you will be aware of in the press, there are concerns about rising cases both nationally and locally. Please see the attached letter from [Hertfordshire](#). As a result if you need to come into school, you will be asked to wear a facemask.

Online safety

You may be aware of a new programme on Netflix that is increasing in popularity. Although this has an age rating of 15 years, these things often filter to younger children through the media, siblings and friends. Due to the nature of the programme I would urge you to read the [attached](#) advice.

Piano, Violin lessons

We have been contacted by Ruth Seodi who can offer Piano and violin lessons in school from January. Please see [attached](#) flyer. If you would like to know more please contact her directly.

Class 1 - 'Hands on' session

We would like to invite parents over for our first 'hands on' session on the 17th November at 2:30pm. The aim of these sessions is for you to enjoy the learning that your child experiences in our Reception class. In line with guidance from Hertfordshire, this will be limited to only one adult per child and each adult will be required to wear a face mask for the duration.

Class 2 - Great Fire of Little Gaddesden

Our great fire of Little Gaddesden assembly is on Thursday 18th November. Next week, we will be making the houses to burn! Please would you provide a shoe-box or something similar like a large cereal box for your child to make their model house by Friday 12th November?

Class 3 - As part of their PE learning the children have been learning about dances during War time. This week, they learned a few basic steps of Charleston.

Class 4 - Using a text about a Highwayman, the children have been using drama to explore and express the emotions of the characters.

Choir - If your child would like to join choir there are still places available. It is Tuesdays after school till 4.14pm



Sporting fixtures.

We had our first football match this week. Although the final result was not to our favour, the children showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



Local support for families

The local team are again running a range of courses and links to support families. Many can be accessed remotely.

[DSPL8 ParentsCarers Communication - 03.11.2021.pdf](#)

[Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - 03.11.2021.pdf](#)

Wishing you all a happy and safe fireworks evening

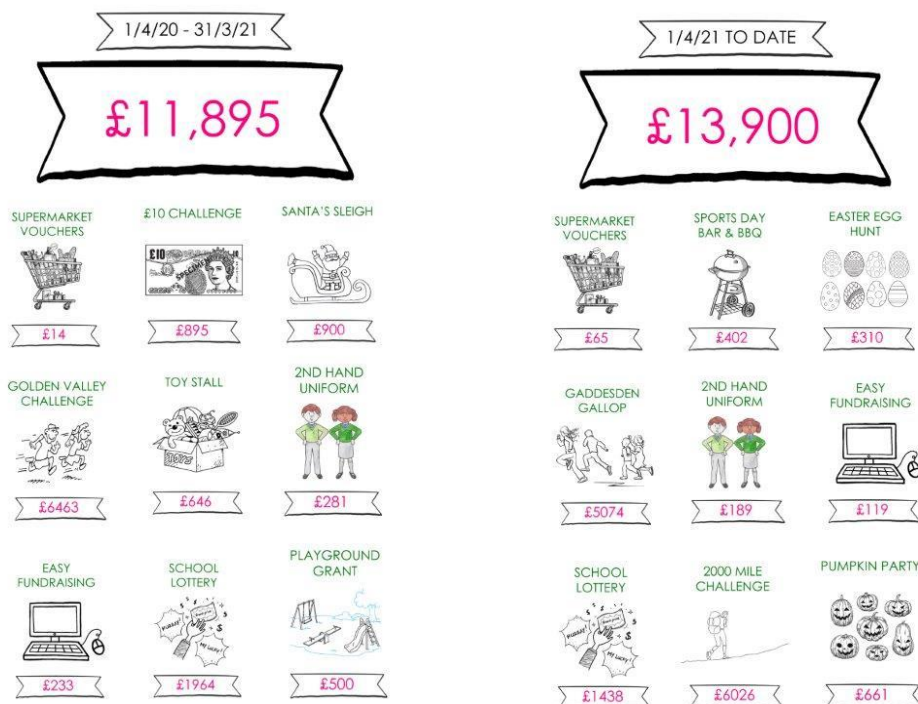
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FOLGS

Thanks to those who came to the AGM on Tuesday. We had a really productive meeting, covered all the formalities, discussed the Christmas Fayre and other exciting future fundraisers!

Thank you all who have helped the Friends to raise an amazing amount of money. It's been a challenging time but you have continued to support the school so fantastically and we wanted to show you exactly how much has been raised since 1 April 2020.



Minutes will be circulated in due course but please see at the bottom of this message links to the Agenda, Chairs' Report and Treasurer's Report.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre really is a fab event and as well as the children having an amazing time (and meeting the all important big guy 🎅), it is a great fundraiser for the school, raising around £2,000!

As per in 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

Please speak to your class reps if you would like to get involved and for further information.

We will be holding a raffle on the day of the fayre and also a silent auction. Please can you use all your contacts and favours to see if you can offer a prize for either the raffle or the silent auction? We

are looking at prizes at around the £50 mark for the silent auction. Previous prizes have included hampers, flowers, beauty treatments and (my special favourite) a skip hire! Please can you let us know if you have a prize or details of a contact who you think would be willing to donate?

We will also be offering stalls to external businesses for a small fee of £20 - please do spread the word and again let us know if anyone is interested. The business may keep all the profits in return for this fee - a great opportunity for Christmas gifts!

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 26th November. In return, instead of donating money, we will be asking the children to please bring in a gift for the Christmas Fayre tombola and Christmas hampers. We will remind you closer to the time but as a heads up we will be asking for:

Class 1: sweet treats including chocolates, truffles and biscuits

Class 2: Savoury crackers, jams, chutneys etc.

Class 3: Luxury toiletries, candles, gift items

Class 4: Wine, spirits, liqueurs and non alcoholic drinks.

Film night - Friday 26th November

We are delighted to announce our first film night of the year! It will be the same format as previously: £5 per ticket which includes a movie, kids tea and 2 hours of childcare! Winner winner 🍗 🍷 !

Make your own Pizza kits

Thanks to all of your support, we raised £104 for the school, which, with such little effort is amazing! Enjoy your Friday night pizzas 🍕 !

Other Easy Fundraising

Now that your minds may be turning towards Christmas, we wanted to remind you about some easy ways of supporting the school while you shop! Please check out our fundraising page which gives details of Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising- 2 super simple ways of raising money for the school whilst you shop: <https://www.friendsofgschool.org/fundraising>

Thanks all!

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AGM Agenda: [AGM NOV 2021](#)

AGM Chair report: [Chair's Report \(AGM NOV 2021\)](#)

Treasurer's reports: [Treasurer's report AGM year ending March31 2021.pdf](#)

[Treasurer's report AGM 1st April to 2nd Nov 21.pdf](#)

Attached:

[Letter to parents and carers COVID19AdditionalMeasures final.pdf](#)

[Squid game letter to parents 3NOV21.pdf](#)

[Little Gaddesden piano violin flyer.pdf](#)

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