



Dear parents and carers,

Coming up...

Thursday 20th January - rearranged Pantomime visit

7-11th February - Feeling Good Week

14th - 18th February - Half term

Monday 21st February - INSET day, school closed to pupils

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day & afternoon tea

Thursday 17th March - Well-being visitor

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March - Pupils progress meetings

Dear Parents,

As we complete our first full week of 2022, it is great to see the children engaging in their learning. All the children have been enjoying writing based on a wonderful book called 'Change Sings'; do ask them about it. With the many changes the world has experienced in the last 2 years, we know our pupils will need to be resilient and adaptive. This inspiring book has stimulated many conversations around empowering children to make change for the better.

Class 3

Throughout yesterday's Shakespeare workshop the children thoroughly enjoyed discovering

the amusing storylines behind A Mid Summer's Night Dream.



Class 4

Second payment of £60 for the Isle of Wight trip in the summer is due by 31st January. Please make payment for this via your Gateway account. Any queries, please speak to the Office.

School uniform.

We have decided for now, to continue the arrangements whereby children wear PE kits on PE days or where they have clubs that require PE clothing. I would stress that when wearing school uniform, children must have the correct uniform including school shoes and not trainers.

Our school takes great pride in the appearance of our pupils, something often commented on by visitors. However an increasing number of pupils are arriving at school wearing a mixture of school uniform and PE clothing. This is making our pupils look untidy and the reason why many other schools returned to School uniform every day with PE kits brought in for changing into.

Sports Clubs that do *NOT* need PE clothing: Archery, Running club, For Football (and in some cases Gymnastics) specialist clothing is used that is not part of our PE clothing - pupils bring this in additionally. On such days, they should be wearing school uniform on such days unless they have PE.

Wishing you all a dry and sunny weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Friends of Little Gaddesden School

Hello and Happy New Year!

We are busy planning the upcoming fundraising for the rest of this academic year, with more details to follow but keep your eyes out for info of the next film night 🍿🎬, our amazing Gaddesden Gallop 🏃🏃 and Summer Fair ☀️!

Class fundraising

Just a reminder that each year we ask each class to organise a fundraiser for the school, we've allocated timings for you, as follows:

Class 1: Jan/ Feb

Class 2: Mar/Apr

Class 3: May/Jun

Class 4: July- End of year disco.

Last year everyone raised an incredible amount for the school. The event can be as big or as little as you would like. It's a great way of getting your class together to organise something for the whole school to take part in, or just your class and to keep the amazing fundraising going. Do ask if you need any help or assistance on any of this!

Make your own pizza 🍕 and cookies 🍪 - Friday 28th January

Given the success of the last pizza evening, we are joining forces once more with Doughies to offer "make your own pizza 🍕 and cookie 🍪" kits for collection at school pick up **on Friday 28th January**. [Pizza Evening - Little Gaddesden CE Primary.pdf](#)

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 Saturday 22nd January** at the following link: <https://doughies.co.uk/products/little-gaddesden>

Last time we ran this, we made just over £100 from around 20 families ordering. This amount is also being matched by Camelot via a "match funding" scheme, so the more we raise together this time, the more they will also contribute.

Committee Vacancies

For various reasons, we have sadly all taken the decision to step down from our roles in the Committee from the end of this academic year. So we are looking to recruit new members! Currently, we have 5 roles but there can be more or fewer depending on interest.

At the moment, we are:

2 co-chairs

2 co-secretaries

1 treasurer

We have all thoroughly enjoyed our time on the committee. It is a fantastic way of supporting your school and also getting to know families of the school which you otherwise may not have. You can make the roles your own, be as involved as you wish. Come and chat to us if you're interested.

As always, thanks so much for your support!

Dani, Carly, Claire B, Claire N and Hannah

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Attached:

- Pizza Evening - Little Gaddesden CE Primary.pdf