



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 20th January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Coming up...

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

Thursday 24th March - Class 2 trip to London - details to follow

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

Dear Parents,

The children thoroughly enjoyed today's rescheduled Pantomime of Aladdin: 'Oh yes they did!'



Playground etiquette

Could you please remind your children to not take balls or other play equipment out of our storage box in the playground before or after school. We try very hard to look after it.

A polite reminder that dogs should not come into the school grounds.

Covid

As you are aware the rules around Covid restrictions and guidance have changed several times and quite rapidly since our return to school. From today, the recommendations around face coverings step down so that they are no longer recommended in classrooms. Next week - no longer recommended in communal spaces. However, as there are still cases in our local area, we will continue to request that visits to school are by appointment only with lateral flow tests taken beforehand.

School staff are still recommended to test regularly, and may opt to continue to use face coverings to reduce risk. Please be considerate of social distancing within our playground.

Should you have a case of Covid in your household, please advise the school so that we can be mindful of outbreaks and act accordingly. All information will of course be treated as confidential, names will not be shared.

Class 1 - The children have been exploring the properties of water in its different states. By collecting a range of items from the forest the children added water to each container and placed them in the freezer. I sure you all enjoyed watching as the sculptures turned from solid to liquid as the ice melted.

Class 1 are planning a bus trip, please see [attached](#).

If any families would be able to take Funky and Biscuit, our guinea pigs, for half-term, please let one of the members of staff know. Thank-you.

Class 4 - Part of the skills of learning a new language includes writing it and having meaningful opportunities to use it. We have recently invested in a new resource, Kapow, to support this. Class 4 had a chance to demonstrate their knowledge through playground games, writing numbers and counting in French.





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.

Please ensure that all clothing is named, we are starting to get a collection of unnamed clothes. As we are unable to return these they are passed to the school friends for re-selling.

Following on from last week, there are still a number of pupils who are arriving in school wearing a mixture of PE clothing and school uniform. If pupils are arriving with PE clothing they should have a white PE top, not the yellow school top. If wearing school uniform this must include school shoes not trainers.

Full details of what is expected can be found here: [School Uniform](#)

With the current wet weather conditions making our grounds more muddy, you may wish to send your child to school wearing their school shoes, bringing in their trainers for PE sessions or sports clubs.

Wishing you all a dry and sunny weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

Message from Friends of Little Gaddesden School

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.

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.

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.

As always, thanks so much for your support!

Dani, Carly, Claire B, Claire N and Hannah

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Attached:

[Class 1 Bus Trip Feb2022 \(1\).pdf](#)

[Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - 19.01.2022\[41\].pdf](#)

■ DSPL8 ParentsCarers Communication - 19.01.2022[16].pdf