



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 23rd June 2022

## Coming up...

Friday 24th June - Class 3 & 4 Shakespeare theatre trip Monday 27th June

Monday 27th June - Class 1 trip

### **4th - 8th July Art week**

Wednesday 6th July - Whole school trip to London (Year 1-6)

Tuesday 12th July - Class 4 - An evening of entertainment

Wednesday 13th July - Sports Day (provisional date)

Friday 15th July - Take One Picture exhibition

Tuesday 19th July - Choir performance for Choir parents (details to be confirmed)

Wednesday 20th July - Last day of term - school ends at 1:30pm.

Dear parents / carers,

How wonderful that we can now enjoy some lovely sunshine. Please make sure your child has a sun hat and plastic water bottle with them in school each day.

### **Class 1 -**

The children have created some wonderful paintings of a merchant ship in preparation for our Take One Picture painting.

### **Class 2 -**

The children have been learning about telling the time, the o'clock and half past. Do ask them how they have used just the hour hand to do this.

### **Class 3 -**

Using our focus picture the children have been writing about 'stepping into the picture'.

### **Class 4 -**

In class the children have been writing their own sea-monster poems.

### **Staffing arrangements for next year**

I am delighted to inform you that class arrangements for next term will remain as this year.

Class 1: Mrs Patterson, Mrs Miles & Miss Willacy

Class 2: Miss Allen, Mrs Patel, Mrs Blumson, Mr Millins & Mrs Baess

Class 3: Miss Wheeler & Ms Hennessey

Class 4: Mrs Charter, Mrs Craft, Miss Slade & Miss Farrow

## **Book fair**

Huge thank you to all who visited and arranged vouchers for our Book fair last week. Over £800 of books were sold, raising just over £440 for the school to spend on books for our pupils.

## **Arts week**

If you have not yet done so, please complete permissions and payment for our art week activities on [Arbor](#)

Classes 2,3 & 4 to London -  Arts Week Letter 2022.pdf

Class a local canal boat trip -  Canal boat trip letter.pdf

The week will culminate in an exhibition which you are invited to. Full details can be found on the attached letter.

## **Smart watches**

A number of children are wearing smart watches to school. As they also have photographic capabilities they pose a safeguarding risk. Therefore we ask that the children DO NOT wear such watches to school.

## **Music lessons**

Next year we will continue to offer instrument lessons for Flute, Clarinet, Guitar, Drums, Piano and recorder. Recorder lessons will begin again in the Autumn for years 1,2,3,4,5 &6. Once numbers are finalised, details will be confirmed at the start of term. If there is an instrument not listed, please indicate what it is and we will endeavour to source teachers.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please complete this [form](#) to give us an idea of numbers for the new term. The office will then be able to pass on information about providers to arrange lessons at school.

## **Sports day**

Our sports day has been arranged for Wednesday 13th July (including good weather, of course). Children should arrive at school at normal time, wearing PE kit and a T-shirt of their house colours which will have been emailed to you. The event will begin at 10am; parents are invited to take their seats from 9:45 am.

As for many of our children this will be their first sporting event in front of parents, could I please remind you of the expected etiquette. The children will be grouped in their houses with members of staff. Like you they will be very excited, it would really help them and us to stay safe if you remain on your side of the track to cheer them on.

There will be photo opportunities afterwards therefore I would encourage you to focus on watching - not filming - your child.

## **Parking**

Please do NOT use the parking area behind the village, near the scout hut. This area is kept locked, particularly once the minibus has returned. Any vehicles parked there risk being locked-in.

## **New website**

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new website. This has been reviewed, however as users, if you have any queries, please let the office know.

<https://www.littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk/>

## **Clubs for Autumn 2022**

Details about clubs for the autumn term will be shared in next week's newsletter. Do look out for our new *Yoga club* on Friday mornings for year 1-4.

## **Absence**

I will not be in school from next week due to a planned operation. In my absence Mrs Patterson and Mrs Miles will be in charge of the school. I know that you will fully support them as you have myself.

## **Local support for families**

- DSPL8 ParentsCarers Communication - 22.06.2022.pdf
- Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - 22.06.2022.pdf

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher

Attached:

- Arts Week Letter 2022.pdf
- Canal boat trip letter.pdf

Activities locally:

- [Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis Club .pdf](#)

**From the Friends of Little Gaddesden School**



Will Howard  
Co-Chair



Simon Payne  
Co-Chair



Claire Naylor  
Treasurer



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are excited to be heading up the newly formed Friends' committee, starting formally in September. We are looking to form a larger committee so that roles and responsibilities can be shared out between more people. We want it to be a fun team, bringing the school and wider community together!

Please get in contact if you are interested!

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