



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 15th September 2022

Coming up... (new items)

Monday 19th September - Class 4 visit to Westminster - postponed - new date to follow

Tuesday 20th September - Harvest service at St Peter & St Paul Little Gaddesden. 9:30 am

Wednesday 28th September 2:45pm - Class 1 Hands on Session

Monday 3rd October - Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 6th October - Class 3 trip to St Albans Abbey (workshop and Harvest celebrations)

Pupil progress meetings: (sign up details available next week)

Tuesday 11th October - Class 4: 2:00 till 5:00 pm

Wednesday 12th October - Class : 2:30pm till 4:30 pm

Wednesday 12th October - Class 2 2:30pm till 5:00 pm

Thursday 13th October - All classes: 4pm - 7pm

Thursday 13th October - School photographs

Friday 14th October - Class 4 First aid training (CPR)

Wednesday 19th October - Class 3 music concert at Great Gaddesden Church

Thursday 20th October - Class 3 trip to Natural History Museum

Friday 21st October - Whole School 'Big Draw'

Monday 24th - Friday 28th - HALF TERM

Monday 31st October Deadline for Secondary school applications

Thursday 10th November 9:15am - Class 1 'Hands on' session

Dear parents / carers,

Following the unexpected events of last week, we recognise that this is a very sad time for the Nation. In school we have spent time remembering and celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth II with the children. As you are aware schools will be closed on Monday 19th September, the day of her funeral.

There is a book of remembrance at our Church for those who wish to leave a message, alternatively the [Hertfordshire's online Book of Remembrance](#) is available online, and has been opened by the Royal Family to remember the Queen, which you can also contribute to.

Meet the Teacher(s)

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Meet the teacher sessions. Classes 2 and 3 parents should all now have packs and curriculum information. Please let the office know if you do not. Class 4 details are available here...

■ Meet the Teacher CI 4, Autumn 2022.pdf ■ Curriculum roadmap Autumn 2022.pdf

curious thinkers - confident individuals - independent learners - excellent results 1

Class 1 - *PE day is Friday, Please can all children wear PE Kit tomorrow.*

The children have loved exploring the learning inside and outside their classroom and getting to know our guinea pigs; Biscuit and Funky. They are very friendly and sociable. If you are able to be their carers over the half term break, please speak to the class teachers. If you have not already done so, please send in your **Snack Money** of £15 (cash if possible). This enables staff to buy healthy snacks or ingredients to make afternoon snacks for the children.

Please send in 'school in the woods' outdoor clothing. They each need a waterproof all-in-one or Jacket and trousers and Wellies. Please make sure each item is clearly labelled with your child's name.

We are running two 'Hands on' sessions this term, the first being **Wednesday 28th September at 2:45pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

Class 2 - having been on a nature walk where the children discussed Creation and posed questions for our creator, they made leaf rubbings from items collected on their walk. We have been rehearsing our songs for Harvest next week.

Class 3 - have been designing and creating Harvest art in preparation for our Harvest service next week.

Class 4 - we have been looking at a narrative about a refugee and preparing our prayers for Harvest.

Secondary school applications are now open. The deadline is 31st October.

■ Year 6 to 7 Transitions online Workshop 21.9.22.pdf

■ Admissions Poster 2023 FINAL.pdf

■ Moving On Leaflet 2023 FINAL.pdf

How and when to apply to Secondary School - <https://vimeo.com/731653452>

Message from Laureate Academy for parents intending to visit their open mornings/evenings

Would you please forward the following link to your year 6 parents, so we have an idea of numbers attending our open events. <https://forms.office.com/r/KapvTh6i0w>

Clubs

There are still places available for Gobstoppers after school on Thursdays

Payments of £60 for the term should be made directly to Gobstoppers with your joining form.

■ Drama Club Little Gad (1).pdf

■ Gobstoppers joining form.pdf

Friday morning Yoga - This is now open to all year groups. ■ Friday Morning Yoga y1-6.jpeg . It's a great way to start the day and raise energy levels.

Harvest

Our Harvest service this year is on *Tuesday 20th September at 9:30am* at the Church. We are again this year collecting for DENS - please see attached list of items for the children to donate.

📎 DENS High Needs List September 2022.pdf

HCL- School Meal Survey

Please see attached competition leaflet and link <https://j629vxfj5jz.typeform.com/to/xabdk1ea> for parents whose children have school meals. The competition will run until 30th September and a £50 amazon voucher is on offer for the winner who will be drawn on the 3rd October

Music lessons

I am delighted to confirm that Recorder lessons will return this term. There are still a few places available. 📎 Recorder lessons Aut 22.pdf

Governors

The Governing Body held its first meeting of the new academic year on Tuesday, discussing strategy, planning and budgets, amongst many other topics. At this time of year Governors elect their Chair, and we are very grateful to Nick Crispin for taking on the role this year. We would like to thank our out-going Chair Anne Heath for all her work on behalf of the Governing Body over the last year.

We now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and a letter with more details about that is attached, below, together with a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is *Friday 23rd September*. If you need any further information please email the Clerk at gov.clerk@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk

☰ Nomination for Parent Governor letter to parents

☰ Nomination Form - Parent Governor

Support for families

📎 DSPL8 ParentsCarers Communication - Autumn Term - 14.09.2022.pdf There is a range of support, links and resources available, particularly those addressing the return to school. All information is confidential with the team who have a wide range of experience and expertise to call upon.

Local events and activities

📎 Tring Swimming Club.pdf

📎 Glow Show Term.png

📎 Tring Family concert.pdf

📎 Berkhamsted Tennis Autumn Term flyer.pdf

If you are unsure of how to broach the Queen's Death and Funeral at home, please don't worry! Death is always a very challenging thing to think about and we all react in different ways (not least as children). There are a number of resources available if you are worried about your child's wellbeing; the DfE has suggested use of MindEd for support (<https://www.minded.org.uk/>). Aside from this, allow your child to talk if they want to; expose them to the events that will unfold over the coming weeks. Talk about people dying as a

normal part of our lives and remind them that it is an opportunity to be grateful for all that she did for us.

Below is a message from the Bishop of Bedford, which we have been asked to share with you.

The death of our beloved monarch, Queen Elizabeth, impacts on us all. My prayers are with you as in your school community you give thanks for her life and service over so many years. My memories of celebrating her Platinum Jubilee are still fresh in my mind.

As we give thanks for her, we remember those values and virtues that were at the heart of her life. Among them duty, service and love, along with her living Christian faith. May we honour her by reflecting them in our lives.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

From the Friends of Little Gaddesden School

The Friends have had their first meeting of the new school year this week, updates to follow.

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