



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Newsletter 29th September 2022

Coming up... (new items)

Monday 3rd October - Flu Vaccinations

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

Friday 7th October - wear yellow or gold for childhood cancer awareness

Pupil progress meetings: ([sign up link](#))

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

Wednesday 12th October - Class 3 : 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

Monday 14th November - Class 4 rescheduled visit to Houses of Parliament

Friday 18th October - Yoga workshop for each class

Friday 18th -Saturday 19th October - Class 2 Stargazing sleepover

Saturday 26th November - choir performance at Tring Church

Thursday 15th December - theatre visits KS1 & KS2

Spring Term

Monday 23rd January - Classes 3 & 4 - Young Voices at the O2

Dates from the Friends:

- Wednesday 12th October – Christmas Cards deadline for drawings
- Thursday 20th October – FOLG AGM & New Parents Welcome Drinks (Bridgewater Arms)
- Friday 18th November – Folk Night

Dear parents / carers,

Now that the weather has turned colder, could you please ensure your child has a coat in school. Given the benefits of fresh air, the children will be outside for break times unless rain is heavy.

Class 1 - The children enjoyed their first adventure into the woods, collecting evidence of Autumn.





Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our 'hands on' session. We mentioned 50 things to do before you're 5, which is full of excellent ideas for your family to enjoy. There are many suggestions specific to Hertfordshire which are either free or at very small cost. This is also downloadable as an app. [Hertfordshire: 50 things to do before you're five](#)

We also showed a brief video about online safety for our youngest children. Encouraging them to talk to you about anything that they have inadvertently come across that has made them feel uncomfortable is vital for establishing good habits. More information can be found via the CEOP/ Think you know website [4-5s Homepage | CEOP Education](#)

Class 2 - we have begun a new book 'Penguin' and will be using this to retell narratives.


Class 3 - as well as rehearsing songs for the Harvest Celebration Service at St Albans Abbey we have been exploring the structure of volcanoes. The children will again be participating in the singing festival at Great Gaddesden on Wednesday 19th October. There

will be no charge for this trip, but please give permission for your child to participate via Arbor.  [Class 3 to Gt Gaddesden singing.pdf](#)

If you have not yet done so, please confirm your child's attendance at the Harvest and workshop at St Albans Abbey.  [Class 3 St Albans Abbey trip 6_10_22 letter to parents.pdf](#)

Class 4 - following on from our suffragette workshop we are planning a formal letter of protest as an incarcerated suffragette supporter. Our Planned visit to the Houses of Parliament has now been rescheduled for Monday 14th November. If you have not yet done so please confirm your child's participation and pay for this and the suffragette workshop via Arbor.

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>

Head bumps


Please be reassured that whilst it may seem that there have been several incidents involving head bumps, this is not a cause for concern. We take the safety of your children very seriously and there is good supervision at playtimes as well as in class. If a child incurs **any** injury to their head or face, including minor knocks or bumps, you will be notified (usually via email) as we always err on the side of caution. If an injury were significant or we were at all concerned, you would be telephoned and asked to come to the school.


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.

School photographs

These will be on Thursday 13th October. More information is available here:

 [School Photos.pdf](#)

Childhood Cancer awareness

On Friday 7th October the children can wear something Gold (or yellow) to school to support childhood cancer awareness. We are collecting donations of £1.  [Wear It Gold!.pdf](#)

Governors

The deadline for nominations for the vacancy of Parent Governor closed last Friday 23rd September. One nomination was received, from Hannah Jarvis. We can confirm that Hannah Jarvis is therefore elected unopposed and joins the Governing Body as the new Parent Governor; we are delighted to welcome her onto the GB and are all very much looking forward to working with her.

Hannah writes “I have three children at Little Gaddesden School (Daisy, Ellie and Ben). In terms of my background, I spent 9 years working in Human Resources in a City law firm. I believe a number of the skills and processes I learnt there (eg in recruitment, employee relations, performance management, salary review, budgeting and resource planning) would stand me in good stead for a Governor role. I have volunteered at Little Gaddesden School (where I helped children with reading and comprehension) and also a primary school in Tower Hamlets (reading and maths). I am currently waiting to be placed in a primary school in Tring to help children with their reading as part of the Schoolreaders organisation. I have recently stepped down from being Co-Secretary of The Friends of Little Gaddesden School. During my 3 years in this role, the committee raised over £100,000 and introduced/continued many events for the school and community. As part of this role, I learnt more about the school’s needs and priorities. I am lucky enough to have the time to devote to a demanding volunteer role and have a strong commitment to the school and community. I would like to become a Governor to help continue to steer the school in the right direction and retain its excellent reputation for academic success and happy, friendly children.”

Support for families

■ [Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Autumn Term - 28.09.2022.pdf](#)

Local events and activities

■ [Tring Swimming Club.pdf](#)

■ [Glow Show Term.png](#)

■ [Tring Family concert.pdf](#)

■ [Berkhamsted Tennis Autumn Term flyer.pdf](#)

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Headteacher

Message from the *New* Friends of Little Gaddesden School

Dates for your diaries...

- 12th October – Christmas Cards information (see below)
- 20th October – FOLG AGM & New Parents Welcome Drinks
- 18th November – Folk Night (see flyer attached)

FOLG AGM & Welcome Drinks

The FOLG AGM will now happen on the 20th of October at 6:30pm – everyone welcome
The New Parents Welcome Drinks will happen straight after the FOLG AGM at 7:30pm
Both are being held at the Bridgewater Arms in Little Gaddesden.

It's CHRISTMAS CARD time again!!

Yes, we know it's only autumn, but next week the children will come home with instructions for how you can turn their Christmas artwork into lovely Xmas cards, gift-wrap, mugs, and tote bags. This can sort both your Xmas card and present needs...

It's also a great fundraiser for the school, which receives a cut of all the cards and gifts ordered, so please do take part.

All the children need to do is draw or paint/collage a Christmas picture on A4 paper. All you, as parents, need to do is to stick the barcode you are given for each child on the back of their artwork, together with their name and class, note down the barcode number (important), and return the artwork to school **by Wednesday 12th OCTOBER LATEST**.

You can then use the barcode to order Xmas cards and gifts online, and they will be delivered at the end of November to the school.

Detailed instructions will be enclosed in the kids' bags next week. We'd be very grateful if as many people as possible could take part, to raise money for the school.

Folk Night!

Tickets are selling very fast for Ben's ever-popular LG Folk Night. Well over half of available tickets have already been sold. Tickets can be bought directly from Ben or from the LG shop (£16 a ticket).

All proceeds from the Folk Night will go to FOLG – get your tickets sorted for a brilliant evening of live music!

Simon P & the Committee FOLGS
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