



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 8th September 2022

## Coming up...

Monday 12th September - Whole School Waste aware assembly and workshop for Class 3

Meet the teacher sessions:

Class 2 - Wednesday 14th September 8:40 am - 9:10 am

Class 3 - Tuesday 13th September 8:40 am - 9:10 am

Class 4 - Tuesday 13th September 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Monday 19th September - Class 4 visit to Westminster - Houses of Parliament

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

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 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*

Dear parents / carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. How lovely to see the children so eager to be in school and having fun. I hope you all had a lovely summer break making the most of the weather, although I know many gardens were in need of the rain we are now getting. Please make sure your child has a rain jacket as always we try to enable outdoor playtimes unless the rain is particularly heavy.

The children have already been busy with their learning...

**Class 1** - We look forward to welcoming our new reception pupils tomorrow. The classroom and learning environment is waiting for you.

**Class 2** - have been thinking about wellbeing and attitudes to learning. How to build our resilience and be proud of what we achieve.

**Class 3** - have been reading and performing poetry and tackling reading time on an analogue clock.

**Class 4** - as part of their history learning, the children have been considering the different learning experience for boys and girls during Victorian times. As part of our history learning we have arranged a visit to Westminster, to the Houses of Parliament, on Monday 19th September and a suffragette workshop on Thursday 22nd September. [Class 4 visit to HOP & Workshop.pdf](#)

Ambassador roles have been explained to Year 6 pupils today. These roles play an important part in the smooth running of our school, supporting each other and younger pupils. All the ambassador roles will have staff members to support them, help with ideas and arrange activities. Year 6 have been invited to complete their applications and hand them in to class teachers or the school office by next Wednesday.

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

[Admissions Poster 2023 FINAL.pdf](#)

[Moving On Leaflet 2023 FINAL.pdf](#)

## **Uniform and PE Kit.**

As previously, children may come to school on days when they have PE lessons or clubs that require such clothing.

The following clubs do not need PE clothing but children may wish to wear trainers, bringing school shoes to change into:

Tuesday Dodgeball

Wednesday running club

Thursday Archery

Friday running club

## **Clubs**

Unfortunately, Mr Millins, whose planned operation on his foot was delayed until fairly recently, will not be back with us until after half term. Consequently, this term, we are not able to offer key stage 2 gymnastics (year 3 to 6) on Thursdays after school. All clubs other will continue as planned.

We have however secured a drama club, led by Gobstoppers, to be offered instead after school on Thursdays. Please see the flyer and joining form below. The club will run from next week until 1st December. 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](#)

Yoga - there are still places available for our yoga club on Fridays before school.

[Yoga Fridays .jpeg](#)

## **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](#)

## **Music lessons**

I am delighted to confirm that Recorder lessons will return this term, 📎 [Recorder lessons Aut 22.pdf](#)

A number of our pupils already enjoy music instrument lessons. The benefits of Learning a musical instrument are well known as it helps develop a sense of achievement, confidence with performance and enhancing memory.

We already have a flute teacher and Herts Music Service offers a range of peripetetic lessons that can be provided in school. Other providers are Life Music offers Guitar lessons and Piano lessons are provided by Ruth Seodi. If your child is interested in learning an instrument, it is also possible to loan instruments at a reduced price, we have flutes and a clarinet available in school that can be loaned for £15 per term.

## **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](mailto:gov.clerk@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk)

📎 [Nomination for Parent Governor letter to parents](#)

📎 [Nomination Form - Parent Governor](#)

## **Local events and activities**

📎 [Tring Family concert.pdf](#)

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher

## **From the Friends of Little Gaddesden School**

The Friends have their first meeting of the new school year this week, we'll be back in touch very soon with an update!

Claire N & the Committee FOLGS

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