



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 1st December 2022

## Coming up... (new items)

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th December - School production performances

Thursday 15th December - theatre visits KS1 & KS2

Wednesday 21st December - End of term, school finishes at 1.30pm

### **Spring Term**

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

Thursday 26th January - Visiting author Cliff McNish

6-10th February - Wellbeing week - more details next term

### **Dates from the Friends:**

- Saturday 3rd December Little Gaddesden Christmas Fayre

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into December and colder weather, please make sure your child has a warm coat and that any hats and gloves are labelled.

### **School production:**

As we begin to get ready for our whole school Christmas production, we would like to share costume lists with you. This will be further updated next week.

Class 1:

girls - school to provide

Boys - white leggings and white top

Class 2 - head wear for shepherds, plain dark trousers or leggings, plain dark brown, black or blue tops

Class 3 - black leggings and black top, Nazerenes will also need a shawl in muted colours and if possible a belt, on the night of the production class 3 choir will also need to bring an outdoor coat.

Class 4 - children will be told individually and this will be posted on Google classroom

### **Theatre trips - whole school**

Having not been able to arrange live theatre trips since 2019, we are delighted to be able to organise trips for all the children on 15th December. One for KS2 (years 3,4,5 & 6) and the other for reception and Class 2 (year 1 & 2). **Please note, Classes 1 & 2 will now have lunch at school - there is no need to provide a packed lunch unless your child normally has packed lunch on that day.**

Details can be found on the attached letters:

■ Demon Dentist KS2 15 Dec 2022.pdf

■ Sleeping Beauty KS115 Dec 2022.pdf

This is a whole school event if the costs are prohibitive please speak to myself or the school office in confidence.

**FOLGS** - thanks to the fantastic fundraising by the Friends of the school we have updated the interactive Screen in class 3. This has enabled us to move the previous one, upstairs to Elm classroom which is smaller.

Their funds are also updating our Chromebook storage and purchasing more chromebooks.

**Playground update:** after many emails and adjustments to the designs submitted, we are awaiting final quotes before placing our order. Subject to supply chains, we are anticipating installation in the first part of next term. Once the final design has been selected by pupils, staff and governors, we will be able to share it with you.

You will also notice that we now have new basketball hoops which were installed today.

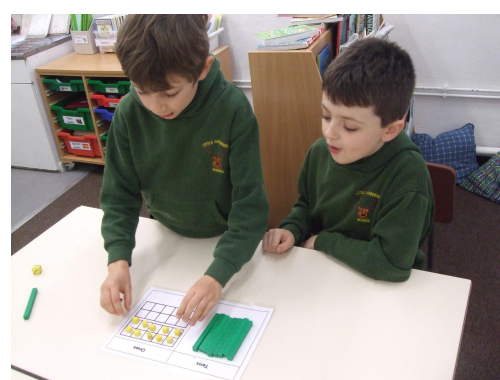
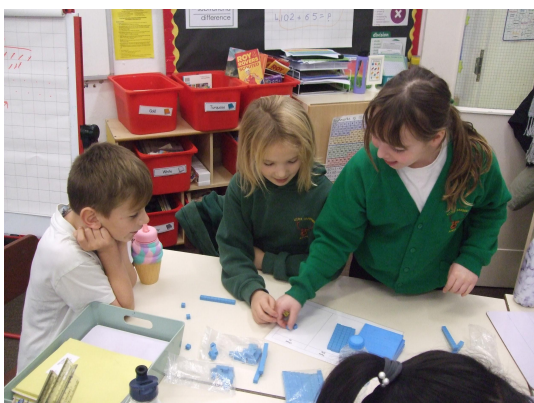
**Class 1** - have been using their wood-working skills to drill holes in a wooden disk to make individual advent images.

If you have not yet done so please confirm your child's participation in breakfast with Santa so that we can confirm numbers to the provider.

■ Breakfast with Father Christmas visit letter.pdf

**Class 2** - have been working through tricky calculations using inverse to solve missing value equations. Do ask them to model how they use cherry models and bar models to do this...

**Class 3** - have been thoroughly enjoying their maths



**Class 4** - You may have seen on the news that the bank holiday on 8th May, for the King's Coronation, was on the same day as national Year 6 testing begins. We have now received confirmation from the Government testing agency who manage the National Curriculum tests that the SATs test will begin on Tuesday (9th May) with the final test being on Friday 12th May. As we have previously, parents will be invited to an information meeting nearer the time.

## Clubs

This is the final week for all school run clubs. With the exception of **Choir, which will continue until 13th December**. For Street Dance and Yoga, please check directly with the providers.

### **Clubs next term:**

Please find details for clubs next term. Sign up will be open from next Thursday 8th December at 6pm. Please use the links below for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Gymnastics Club</b> 08.00-08.50am Years 1-2 Mr Millins 9th Jan - 27th Mar £48.00	<b>Dodgeball Club</b> 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Mr Millins 10th Jan - 21st Mar £48.00	<b>Golden Mile Running Club</b> 08.00-08.40am All Years Mr Millins 11th Jan - 22nd Mar (FOC)	<b>Badminton Club</b> 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Mr Millins 12th Jan - 23rd Mar £48.00	<b>Golden Mile Running Club</b> 08.00-08.40 am All Years Mr Millins 13th Jan - 24th Mar (FOC)
		<a href="#"><u>Street Dancing Club</u></a> 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Pulse Performing Arts 11th Jan - 22nd Mar £50.00 (or £25 for 5)		<b>Yoga Club</b> 08.00-08.45 am Years 1-4 Tillys Dance Factory 13th Jan - 24th Mar TBC
	<a href="#"><u>French Club</u></a> 12.30-1.00pm Class 2 La Jolie Ronde 17th Jan - 21st Mar £82.00(+£13.00 for a book)	<a href="#"><u>Football</u></a> 12.25 - 12.55pm Years 1- 2 Game On 11th Jan - 22nd Mar £28.00		
<b>Gymnastics Club</b> 3.15-4.15pm Years 3-6 Mr Millins 9th Jan - 27th Mar £48.00	<b>Mini Multi-sports Club</b> 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 1-2 Mr Millins 10th Jan - 21st Mar £48.00	<a href="#"><u>Football</u></a> 3.15 - 4.25pm Years 3-6 Game On 11th Jan - 22nd Mar £48.50	<a href="#"><u>Drama Club</u></a> 3.15 - 4.15pm Years 3-6 Gobstoppers 12th Jan - 23rd Mar £60.00	
	<b>School Choir</b> 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 3-6 Beth B Music 10th Jan - 21st Mar £28.00			

## School Choir

Thank you for all your support last Saturday at Tring Church. The Choirs' performance was fantastic. They were congratulated on their clear diction and musically by several members of the public.

## Christmas Lunch

**Final reminder** - please make sure you have completed the [form](#) for our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 14th December. Please complete the [form](#) by **Friday 2nd December**.(tomorrow)

If your child is in Class 1 or 2 and does not normally have a school lunch on this day (Wed-Week 1) there will be no additional charge in line with Universal Infant Free School Meals. If your child is in Class 3 or 4 and does not normally have a school lunch on this day (Wed-Week 1) a charge (£2.90) will be added to your School Arbor account which will need to be settled.

## **Activities locally**

Once again our school choir will be performing at the Tring Christmas Festival. They will be singing at St Paul's and St Peter's Church at 6:30pm, do come to support them.

- [Swing Gate Christmas Camp Flyer copy.pdf](#)
- [Tring Charity Christmas Fayre.pdf](#)

## **Support for families**

As we approach a busy time of year, it is still important that our children feel heard.

- [EBSA Online coffee morning flyer.pdf](#)
- [Dacorum and St Albans WINTER 2022 Newsletter.pdf](#)
- [FCS leaflet - new parent leaflet 22-23.docx.pdf](#)
- [Give your child a good listening to - how to be an active listener.pdf](#)
- [Herts - Let's make cinnamon swirls.pdf](#)
- [Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Autumn Term - 16.11.2022.pdf](#)
- [DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Autumn Term - 16.11.2022.pdf](#)

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday.

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher.

## **Message from the Friends**



### **It's The Christmas Fair Week!**

- [Christmas Fair Poster 2 \(1\).pdf](#)

This year's Christmas Fair promises to be a brilliantly fun day out as well as raising important funds for the children of the school. Last year we raised an incredible £4,500!



This Saturday's Little Gaddesden School Christmas Fair starts at 12:30. Entrance fee is £2 per adult (children free). The Fair is open to everybody, friends, family etc.



Please come hungry! We have a wide range of places to eat, from pizza and panettone to turkey baps & hot dogs, mulled wine, and authentic French crepes



We've got Santa, face painting, games rooms, a silent auction, tombola as well as the school choir to entertain you on the day – bring your friends and family!



We would also welcome as many bought or homemade cakes on Friday 2ND December for the cake stall (see message below.)

### **Raffle Tickets!**

Our helpers outside the Village Shop have sold an incredible **£400** worth of raffle tickets over last weekend!

All money and stubs or any unsold books to the school or Claire Naylor by **Friday** 2nd December (Claire will be in the playground).

### **Housekeeping items & announcements!**

- There's a team helping set up the fair on Friday from 3:15 to 5pm & from Saturday at 10am – we'd love to have a few more volunteers
- We're also looking for a handful of volunteers to help tidy up after the fair

### **Silent Auction!**

Register for the Friends of Little Gaddesden Silent Auction enabling you bid on a raft of great items at the Christmas Fair.

Can't make it? No problem! You, your friends, and family can bid online from anywhere. All the details of the items are on the site. All proceeds go to the school and will fund items like the children's laptops and other learning technologies.



As always, we would like to extend a massive thanks to all our kind and generous friends who have donated items, your support is much appreciated, and we hope you can all support these local businesses in return.

So, get bidding on some fabulous meals, events, Christmas presents and experiences. All you have to do is register and then start bidding!

Here's the QR code for accessing this year's silent auction:

Here's the URL:

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## GalaBid - Silent Auction Software, Fundraising for Charity

Raise money for school, charity & non-profit organisations online through silent auction software, raffle, donations and auction services platforms, including items on consignment.

[urldefense.proofpoint.com](http://urldefense.proofpoint.com)

### **Hester's Christmas Cards!**

A huge thank you to Hester who organised the Christmas cards this year with such short deadlines to work with. It was great to see so many children running out of school juggling their cards and mugs. Hester's efforts raised an amazing **£197** for the school!

### **Film night - Friday 26th Nov!**

The FOLGS would like to thank you for supporting our movie night last week – we had over 60 children! We hope the children enjoyed it and we will confirm the date of the next film night in the New Year. The evening (together with the Xmas Jumpers) raised an amazing **£235** for the school! Thanks as ever go to the tireless Hannah J and Claire B.

### **Cakes & Treats!**

A reminder to get baking & buying some of your tasty treats for the Cake and Bake stall which is being run by Year 3 this year! A really popular stall for this time of year, please give all your home-made and shop-bought goodies to Hannah Jarvis at pick up on Friday.

**FOLGS**