



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 12th January 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Spring Term

Wednesday 18th January - science workshop for parents 9am - 10am

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

Monday 30th January NSPCC virtual assemblies

Tuesday 31st January Year 6 National assessment meeting for year 6 Parents 3pm

Thursday 26th January - Visiting author Cliff McNish including book signing

6-10th February - Wellbeing week

Monday 6th February - NSPCC workshop for Class 4

Wednesday 8th February - Skip 2be fit - whole school event

Thursday 9th February - Hannah Gold - author of The Last Bear

Thursday 9th February - First Aid workshops - whole school event

Friday 10th February - Grandparents' Afternoon Tea and Music

Friday 24th February - Wellbeing Workshop - whole school

Wednesday 14th March - **Class 1** hands-on session for parents 9am

Tuesday 21st March - **Class 4** assembly for parents 2:45pm

Thursday 23rd March - **Class 3** assembly for parents 9am

Monday 27th March - Athlete visit - more details to follow

Wednesday 29th March - **Class 2** assembly for parents 2:45pm

Summer Term

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebrations - more next term.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas. Thank you to all who were able to attend our fantastic Christmas play - your generous donations at the school production raised £346 for the Children's Society. It was also lovely to see so many of you at our End of Term service. Thank you also for all your generous gifts and kind words at the end of a busy term.

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome you back to the Spring Term, which has had a rather soggy start so far. Although this is not a long term we have quite a lot already planned.

Next week on Wednesday at 9am, we have a Science workshop for parents and very soon all the pupils in years 3 to 6 will be off to the O2 to perform with many other schools. Final arrangement detail for the children and any audience tickets purchased will be sent out next week.

Parent Science workshop

All parents are invited to come to our science workshop at 9am on Wednesday 18th January. This will be a hands-on session led by Miss Allen and the Science Ambassadors. There will be an opportunity to experience science investigations and how science is taught at our school. Having achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark just before lockdown, we are now part of a new Pilot scheme, **Enthuse**, which ensures science remains a key area of learning for our young people. Do come along to find out more.

Class 1: We look forward to seeing you all on the 14th March for our next hands on session. The children will be showing you their skills as part of our 'Busy Fingers'.

📎 Hands on session letter-busy fingers-Newsletter.docx.pdf

For further information about this term in Class 1 📎 Class 1 Spring term.pdf

This week we have conducted a traffic survey and made a van for our role play area



Class 2: As part of our history learning we have found out about William the Conqueror and why the Battle of Hastings took place through exploring the Bayeux Tapestry.

This term we are trying to be more eco-friendly by recycling or using unwanted items. Your help would be much appreciated.

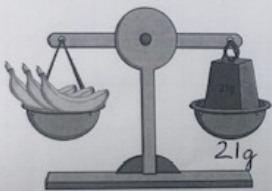
In science, we will be growing a variety of plants. We need plant pots, potting compost, seeds and bulbs. If you have any of these that you are willing to donate, this would be much appreciated. Please speak to Miss Allen if you are able to provide any of the above.

Next week, we are investigating the conditions needed to germinate seeds and for seedlings to mature into healthy plants. Your child will need to bring an empty yoghurt pot or similar so that they can use these for their experiment.


Please see 📎 Class 2 Spring term.pdf

Class 3: In maths, we are practising our multiplication recall and applying to problem solving, including division. We have been using arrays to represent this:







Problem solving
What is the mass of one banana?



Show your working and/or write the matching division equation.

$$21 \div 3 = 7$$


L.O: To sequence the events of a myth
The Birth of Zeus

<p>1)  Cronus Rhea</p>	<p>2) </p>	<p>3)  nymph</p>
<p>Cronus was the son of the Earth and sky. Cronus killed his father and asked Rhea to marry him.</p>	<p>Rhea and Cronus had a baby but Cronus ate him and the same happened to the next four.</p>	<p>Rhea was going to have another baby but she didn't want Cronus to eat it so she hid it.</p>
<p> boulder</p>	<p> Zeus Cronus</p>	<p></p>
<p>She wrapped a boulder in a blanket and gave it to Cronus and he ate it.</p>	<p>When Zeus was growing up he went to his father and his siblings.</p>	<p>Zeus and his siblings ruled Mount Olympus.</p>

We are learning about the Greek gods through Ancient Greek mythology. We read about the birth of Zeus:

For further information about this term in Class 3
[Class 3 Spring 2023.pdf](#)

Class 4: we have begun to look at maps of the United Kingdom and how the different landscapes are represented.

Author Visits

To enhance our English curriculum, we have two very exciting author visits planned for the children this term.

On 26th January **Cliff McNish** will be coming into school for the whole day to run a writing workshop for each class. For more information about Cliff and his books please see...

[Cliff McNish Visit - Little Gaddesden.pdf](#)

Cliff will also be signing his books for the children, books can be pre-ordered using our [google form](#) we will then give your child their books on the day. **OR** you can pop in at the end of the day to buy a copy to be signed.

Then, on February 9th we are very lucky to be having the award winning author **Hannah Gold** visiting our school too. Hannah won the Blue Peter Award 2022 for her book ***The Last Bear*** and she will be taking an assembly on 9th February to talk about her new book ***The Lost Whale***.

The children will also have the opportunity to get a signed copy of this book but, for this visit books must be pre-ordered from Our Bookshop, by clicking on the link here <https://tringbookfestival.co.uk/ourbookshop/product/the-lost-whale-2/>

Ordered books will be delivered and signed by Hannah on the day and given to your child after the event.

Please add your child's name in the 'Order notes box (on the right hand side of the page) when making the order.

Order notes (optional)

Please ensure you use the above link to pre-order the book so that your child is not disappointed on the day.

We are very excited to have secured these two visits and hope they will be inspirational as well as educational for all our pupils.

Keeping safe online:

I know Father Christmas has had a very busy time this Christmas and I am sure that there have been deliveries of tablets, smart phones and games consoles along with the lego. With technology developing at an ever increasing rate I would ask you to be particularly vigilant of what your children are able to access via their devices.

[online-safety-guide-for-parents.pdf](#)

Pit-Stop Club!

This runs every Thursday during term time from 3-5pm at Little Gaddesden Church, in the Thomas Field Hall.

It's a chance for the children to spend time after school with their friends, whilst parents and carers can catch up with a cuppa. After refreshments kids can ring the church bells & take part in the weekly creative church activity.

'Please come along and join us at Pit-Stop Club! Regulars call us the 'Tea & Toast Club'; we guarantee the best beans on toast in Little Gadd & a great brew.

- Copy of Pit-Stop Coffee Club.pdf

Emergency Contact & home address details

Please take a moment to check your emergency contact and home address details on Arbor and update them if anything has changed recently so we are able to get in touch with you.

Support for families locally:

- Healthy lifestyes.pdf
- Anxiety & Attendance parent workshop 24.1.23.pdf
- Winter Health Update - Jan 2023 v4.pdf

Local activities for families

- Tech club -February-half term 2023-Flyer.png

Hoping for a drier weekend...

Lorna Elkes

Headteacher