



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 9th February 2023

## Coming up... (new items)

### Spring Term

#### **6-10th February - Wellbeing week**

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 2:30pm (see attached form)

#### **Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February - half term holiday**

Monday 20th February - INSET day, school closed to pupils.

Friday 24th February - Wellbeing Workshop - whole school

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day

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

Thursday 16th March - Music evening 6:30 pm

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

Monday 20th March - Class 2 Parent meetings 1:20 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday 21st March - Class 4 Parent meetings 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 22nd March - Class 3 Parent meetings 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 22nd March - **Class 2** visit to Mountfitchet Castle

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

Thursday 23rd March - Parent meetings all classes 3:40 pm - 7:00 pm

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,

This has been an incredibly busy week for everyone and we are really looking forward to our 'Grandparents Afternoon Tea.' Invites have also been extended to the local residents in Bede Court. If you have not yet done so please complete [this form](#) to help with our catering provision.

**Class 4** Year 5 maths challenge. This annual event is once again available, please see [this form](#) for details.

## **Well-being week - so far....**

During the RE workshop, pupils explored how wide the Christian family is around the globe.



Pupils physical skills, determination and perseverance were highlighted during the numerous Skip2bfit sessions. If you want a challenge, count your skip rotations for two minutes. Many of our pupils achieved over 100! We have invested in a skipping rope for every child and will be using these once a week as an alternative to the Daily Mile; giving children a chance to challenge themselves and improve their PB!

The morning challenges concluded with our highest scoring pupil (Nancy) against the highest scoring staff member (Ms Hennessey)

During the first-aid sessions, the children have been shown a range of skills and ways to keep safe - please ask them to share them with you.



## **Author visits - Hannah Gold**

Hannah, a previous pupil of Tring School, visited us today. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to her share her authorial dreams and determination to achieve them. She explained how her love of animals inspired her books.

With the help of several pupils, she showed us how big a Grey Whale is. The Grey Whale is one of the main characters in her latest book.

## **Support for families locally:**

Healthy Start scheme - if you have pre-school children you may be able to get additional financial support for your family. [How to apply – Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)

Hertfordshire would like your feedback for Hertfordshire Childcare Sufficiency. Please use [this link](#) to complete their survey.

- Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Spring Term - 01.02.2023.pdf
- DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Spring Term - 01.02.2023.pdf

## **Local activities for families**

- Watford girls football February 2023 - Half Term Camp.jpg

Something for the Dads

- Return to Rugby - Course Detail.pdf
- Return to Rugby Poster.pdf
- Game On February Half-Term 2023.pdf

Have a wonderful half term.

Lorna Elkes  
Headteacher

## **FOLGS UPDATE**



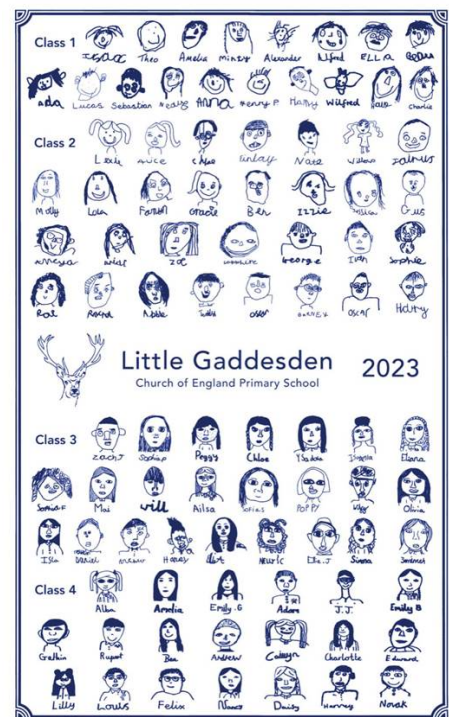
### **School portrait tea towels**

Forms have gone home in your child's bag for tea towel orders! Order tea towels to treasure with self-portraits of all the children on them (see picture), and personalised coasters with your own child's self-portrait on them. Tea towels are £5 and coasters £3.50. Each one sold raises money for the school.

We are organising delivery of these in time for Mother's Day/Easter/Father's Day gifting. Because of this, order forms must be returned, with the correct money, by **WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY** latest.

Please return forms and money to your child's teacher or Hester Plumridge (Ivan and Charlie's mum, at drop off and pick-up Mon and Thurs).

For any questions or extra order forms contact Hester on 07813 193 085.



## Gaddesden Gallop



The ever-popular Gaddesden Gallop will be held in May – please watch out for a “save the date” in the next newsletter!

As always, there will be a 5km and a 10km run with a whole host of activities on the day (more details to follow).

Catriona Angel, one of the event organisers is looking for volunteers for the event.

Email: [catrionawebster@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:catrionawebster@yahoo.co.uk)

**Class Events!** – See below and do your bit for school fundraising!

We’re splitting the following year groups into their own separate months so each year group can “own” a month and plan their own event!

Year Group	Month of Event
3	April
4	March
5	June
6	July

Events can be anything at all from a movie night and cake sale to something more adventurous.

We look forward to hearing each year group’s plans for these months!



As ever the FOLG can help with some helpful points and resources. 😊