



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Friday 17th March 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Spring Term

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

Swimming lessons for Class 3 - times & dates tbc
Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebrations - more next term.
Sunday 21st May Gaddesden Gallop
Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May - Class 4 Bikeability

Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety checks have now been completed and we would like to welcome you to the official opening of our new playground on Friday 24th March at 8:45am. This will give us the opportunity to formally thank the Friends and all those who helped raise a significant amount of money to make this possible.

I know it is very, very exciting and enticing for younger siblings, however please be aware that it is not designed for pre-school children. We would not like to see any child inadvertently injured on it, therefore I would ask you to keep them away from it when waiting in the playground. They will have plenty of time to enjoy themselves on the new playground when they start school.

I am delighted to share that our recent visit from our Herts School Advisor was very positive. She thoroughly reviewed our approach to phonics and early reading, hearing many children read. She observed how reading comprehension is taught across the school and gave very positive feedback to all staff. Such visits form part of our ongoing review processes, striving to ensure learning is of a consistently high standard.

I am very sad to inform you that Mr Millins will be leaving us at the end of this term. We are very grateful for all his hard work, in class, with PE and particularly with running such a wide

range of clubs. We will miss him and wish him all the very best for his next adventure and change of career.

We always love celebrating our pupils' birthdays and appreciate that often sweets are sent in to share with their friends (and sometimes staff). Could I please remind you that we are a nut free school and that any homemade cakes/food need ingredient lists in case of allergies.

Class 1 - Thank you to all who were able to attend our Hands On session. We hope you found it informative and appreciate how independent your children are with their learning. As part of our exploration around 'People who help us', next week we are visiting a local farm. Payments can be made via Arbor. [Farm trip letter.pdf](#)

Class 2 - We are very much looking forward to our trip next week. Please remember that children will need to be in school for 8:20am. Please ensure they have a waterproof jacket and a water bottle (no glass please).

[Class 2 Castle Trip March 23.pdf](#)

Class 3 - In science we have been looking at the water cycle and how the processes of evaporation and condensation are key to it. We are in the process of booking swimming lessons for next term; more information will be made available shortly.

Class 4 - we went to the church this week and learnt details about eucharist and communion, exploring the symbolic meaning behind the parts of the Service and the deeper meaning of Easter.



Stem Club

The children have all loved the challenge set by our ambassadors of building the tallest structure. Using a combination of marshmallows and spaghetti or rolled paper, some fantastic results were achieved.



Music Evening

What a fantastic evening. The children were absolutely superb with such a range of instruments played. I would like to congratulate them all on their amazing performances and confidence in playing in our first post-covid concert.

School Meals - Menu Change

The school menu will be changing after half term, a copy of the new menu is [attached](#) to the newsletter. Please could we ask all parents to complete the menu choices form to let us know what your child would like for lunch each day; Red, Green or Packed Lunch. Please complete one [form](#) **for each child**. The deadline for completion of the form is **Wednesday 29th March**.

Clubs

Please find details for [clubs](#) next term. Sign up will be open **next week**. Running club on Wednesday and Friday mornings before school is now also available to pupils in reception.

[Yoga club - summer Term .png](#)

[Little Gaddesden - Football - Years 3 to 6 - Wednesday ASC - SU23.pdf](#)

[Little Gaddesden - Years 1 & 2 Football - LC- SU23.pdf](#)

[French club LG Summer 2023.docx.pdf](#)

[Street Dance Summer23.png](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gymnastics Club 08.00-08.50am Years 1-2 Sports Fever 24th Apr - 10th July £48.00	Dodgeball Club 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Sports Fever 25th Apr - 11th July £48.00	Golden Mile Running Club 08.00-08.40am Years 1-6 Miss Farrow 26th Apr - 12th July (FOC)	Badminton Club 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Sports Fever 27th Apr - 13th July £48.00	Golden Mile Running Club 08.00-08.40 am Years 1-6 Miss Farrow 28th Apr - 14th July (FOC)
		Street Dancing Club 08.00-08.50am Years 3-6 Pulse Performing Arts 26th Apr - 12th July £55.00		Yoga Club 08.00-08.45 am Years 1-4 Tillys Dance Factory 21st Apr - 14th July £6 per session
	French Club 12.30-1.00pm Class 2 La Jolie Ronde 24th April - 4th July £77.00(+£13.00 for a book)	Football 12.25 - 12.55pm Years 1- 2 Game On 26th Apr - 5th July £27.50		
Gymnastics Club 3.15-4.15pm Years 3-6 Sports Fever 24th Apr- 10th July £48.00	Mini Multi-sports Club 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 1-2 Sports Fever 25th Apr - 11th July £48.00	Football 3.15 - 4.25pm Years 3-6 Game On 26th Apr - 12th July £52.80	Drama Club 3.15 - 4.15pm Years 3-6 Gobstoppers 27th Apr - 25th May £30.00 2nd Half Term TBC	
	School Choir 3.15pm-4.15pm Years 3-6 Beth B Music 18th Apr - 18th July £28.00			

Infant Milk - Spring Term

If you would like your child to have a third-pint carton of milk daily during the Summer Term, please read the [attached milk letter](#) and sign up via the **New School Shop** in your Arbor School Account.

World-Champion athlete visit

This will be on **Monday 27th March**. Each class will be taking part in a range of physical challenges. The donations/ sponsor forms need to be returned by Monday 27th March.

Money raised is to support amateur athletes, a percentage of which comes to the school for sports resources. If you would rather just make a donation please use this link

[The Little Gaddesden Primary School Fundraiser - a Community crowdfunding project in Berkhamsted by Sports For Champions UK \(CIC\)](#)

Piano Lessons

If your child is interested in learning the Piano there are currently 2 slots available for next term; please contact Ruth Seodi (ruthseodi@aol.com) to enquire about lessons.

Easter activities:

Ashridge are hosting a Vintage Fayre and have offered a discount code for our school families. The 10% discount code for the tickets is: ASHLOCAL10

[Ashridge Spring Fayre Schools.png](#)

[EASTER 2023 CAMP.pdf](#)

[Game On Easter Courses 2023.pdf](#)

Support for families locally:

[Bounce Forward - Anxiety Unravelling DSPL8.pdf](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

FOLGS UPDATE

Folk Night – over £900 raised!



Those of us who were lucky enough to see The Wilderness Yet live in Little Gaddesden were treated to something special on Friday. Hosted by Ben Dawson, the event was a massive success, bringing together the local community and the school for an evening of music, food, and fodder. A massive thank you to Ben (and his band of helpers) for organising another brilliant evening. A further thank you to all those that gave their time or a gift to the raffle on the night!

The Folk Night raised an incredible £900 for the school!

Preloved Clothes Sale – Your Help Needed!



Don't Forget our Preloved clothes sale! – 24th March

In your diaries please - the 24th of March Class 2 there will be a preloved clothes sale fundraising event.

This will cover **Children's Clothes – Toys – Cake Stand**

The sale will be held in the school hall **2:45-5pm** on Friday 24th March.

Please call or message Nicci on 07983 379681 or Claire on 07891 221823

See the attached poster for more information!



An Art Competition fit for a King!

On Saturday, 6th May, King Charles III will have his official Coronation Ceremony and celebration. In celebration of this monumental occasion, we're calling on all children in Little Gaddesden (school and community) to submit their artwork dedicated to King Charles III.

The winning entries will be displayed at the school and on social media, with some prizes given on the day! All pictures (painted or drawn) to be NO LARGER THAN A4 AND ON PAPER ONLY

The deadline for entries is the **21st of April**.

“Remember, Remember” A Little Gaddesden Bonfire Night ?



The FOLG are already laying out plans for the biggest community event of the year - a village firework and bonfire night! But we need your help to make this happen.

Do you or do you know anyone in the village who might be willing to provide some land for one night in November? Please contact us using the email below.

Thank you,
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