



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 2nd March 2023

## Coming up... (new items)

### Spring Term

Friday 10th March - class 4 Hockey at Tring school - More details on Monday

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

Thursday 16th March - Music evening 6:30 pm

Friday 17th March - Comic relief day - wear something red

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.

Sunday 21st May Gaddesden Gallop

Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May - Class 4 Bikeability

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our World Book Day. Each class has looked at a book that celebrates difference, uniqueness and being proud of who we are.





I am delighted to confirm that following an unannounced visit by the environmental health officer, our Kitchen has retained its hygiene rating of 5 - the highest attainable level. Well done to Sandra and the team.

As we are expecting particularly cold temperatures next week, please make sure that your child has a coat in school.

### **Playground update**

You will have noticed that the playground is almost complete. Once all the construction work is done, the equipment will need a thorough safety inspection and sign off, before our grand opening. We will confirm these details once agreed. THEN, we will be able to let the children explore the new equipment. Thank you again to all those involved in fundraising for this.

### **Parent meetings**

Bookings for all parents meetings this term are now available via Arbor. Please do contact the school office if you have any queries.

**Class 1** - We look forward to welcoming you to our next Hands On Session on the 14th March at 9am, do come along to share in your child's learning.

■ [Hands on session letter-busy fingers.docx.pdf](#)

**Class 2** - We have arranged a Trip to Mountfitchet Castle for 22nd March.

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

**Class 3** - the children are really enjoying travelling The World using their class text, Atlas of Adventures.

**Class 4** - The next instalment of £73.00 for PGL is now due. Payments can be made via Arbor.

### **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.

### **STEM lunchtime activity**

This is now fully booked.

### **Music Evening.**

If your child plays a musical instrument at school, they will be invited via their music teacher to join other musicians on **Thursday 16th March** for an evening of music and refreshments. We now have a number of musicians learning a range of instruments and are keen to showcase their talents. The evening will begin at 6:30pm lasting approximately 1 ½ hours. Light refreshments and drinks will be available. For those pupils participating, please complete [this form](#) by tomorrow so we have an indication of catering provision.

### **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day**

This year Comic Relief day is **Friday 17th March**. This year we will be inviting our pupils to wear something red with a suggested donation of £1.00. As you may be aware the traditional red noses have undergone a redesign but are not suitable for children under 7. Therefore, I would ask that you do not send children into school with them. Donations collected at our music evening, the previous day will be on behalf of Comic Relief.

### **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 \(CIC\)](#)

### **Easter activities:**

■ 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



### Tea Towels Update!

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone for your tea towel and coaster orders! These have now been placed and we are expecting delivery by 13<sup>th</sup> March. With your help we have raised an incredible £450 for the school.

The Friends would like to say a big thank you to Hester for her continued efforts here.



### King's Coronation Family Day – 7<sup>th</sup> May!

We're delighted to confirm the date for the King's Coronation on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please add it to your diaries.

It promises to be a weekend of festivities marking a once-in-a-generation event for the entire family. The Friends will be organising a host of events on the Sunday including:

- Bar
- BBQ
- Strawberries & Cream
- Cake stall
- Giant bouncy castle
- Face painting
- King's portraits competition
- Environmental focused activities

We're hoping this event will be quite the occasion, with a focus on sustainability and the environment, both of which are close to King Charles' heart.

As ever, we'll be reaching out for volunteers closer to the date.

If anyone would like to reach out to help, please email Emma on [emmarenepriestley@gmail.com](mailto:emmarenepriestley@gmail.com)



### Folk Night Reminder!

We still have tickets left for folk night on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Just £16 to see the critically acclaimed - The Wilderness Yet

"This is something timely... The Wilderness have released a lovely album..." – Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio 2

"Exquisite" – Tom Robinson, BBC Radio 6 Music

Can't find a babysitter? The bring the kids! Children Yr 4 upwards are very welcome!

- £16 per ticket
- Doors open at 7pm
- Fully stocked Tring Brewery Bar
- Charcuteries available to order!

Purchase your tickets here:

[www.wegottickets.com/event/569221/](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/569221/)

[www.thewildernessyet.com/](http://www.thewildernessyet.com/)

[www.facebook.com/thelgfolkclub](https://www.facebook.com/thelgfolkclub)



**Don't Forget our Preloved clothes sale! – 24<sup>th</sup> March**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March Class 2 will be hosting a preloved clothes sale fundraising event.

The sale will be held in the school hall 3.15-5pm on Friday 24th March.

This event matches perfectly with the values of the Friends of Little Gaddesden; environmental benefits and raising much-needed money to school projects!

We would love to receive your donations of children's clothing suitable to be passed on, so please keep us in mind in the next few weeks.



## **Gaddesden Gallop**

The Gaddesden (5km and 10km race) will take place on Sunday 21st May 2023 at 11am.

More details will follow in next week's newsletter!

Thank you,  
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