



Thursday 9th March 2023

## Coming up... (new items)

### Spring Term

Friday 10th March - class 4 Hockey at Tring school - Cancelled  
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,

Our newly elected Pupil Parliament representatives visited Ashridge House today to meet HRH The Earl of Wessex. Although the weather prevented them from being involved in his task of tree planting, after he spoke to them, they performed a beautiful rendition of 'Happy Birthday' for his birthday tomorrow. He praised their acapella singing and thanked them for their beautifully made card. They truly were excellent representatives of our school and should be very proud of themselves.



### **Playground update**

We are anticipating our safety checks to be completed next week. You may have noticed that the hut seats are not yet in place. They are being redesigned and the hut will be usable once they have been installed.

### **Parent meetings**

Thank you to all who have booked meetings so far. If you have not done so yet, these can be booked via Arbor. Please do contact the school office if you have any queries with booking times.

**Class 1** - We have been to the post office to post some letters as part of our learning about people who help in our community.



Please read our updated information about show and share and allocated days for your child.

📄 [Class 1 Show and share Mar 23.pdf](#)

**Class 2** - In art we have created silhouettes of Castles against different coloured backgrounds. The background colours and shades have been carefully selected to reflect the mood for the scene.

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

In science next week, we will be trying to grow plants from the discarded tops of vegetables. We need to collect the discarded tops of carrots, parsnips, beetroot and turnips - they don't need to have any green growth but do need to have the part where the leaves came from, at the top.

Could you please save some of these from your vegetable peelings for your child to bring into school next Tuesday (14th March). Your child only needs to bring in one or two.

If we are successful in growing some green leaves we will put the plants into soil outside and may even see our plants flower!

**Class 3** - the children have been learning about the processes of evaporation and condensing. In English they have been creating their own glossaries by looking up and explaining technical vocabulary.

**Class 4** - We have been exploring the House of Wisdom from ancient Baghdad (900A.D.), by writing diaries and detailing the inventions of the scholars. These included sundials and early maps of what the world might look like. Interestingly, these early maps suggested that The World was round.

Please check your payments for PGL are up to date. The suggested payment schedule is on the original letter. 📄 [PGL Class 4 2023.pdf](#)

## **Young voices update**

Following on from our participation in the Young Voices singing in January, Heather Small and the Young Voices Choir has released an updated version of her single Proud. It is currently number 2 in the itunes chart. There is also an accompanying video - if you watch closely you may see some of our children.

<https://youngvoices.cmail20.com/t/t-l-fhrlhik-jyuukridjr-j/>

## **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.

## **Music Evening.**

The evening will begin at 6:30pm lasting approximately 1 ½ hours. Light refreshments and drinks will be available, provided by FOLGS.

## **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 celebrations 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.wegotickets.com/event/569221/](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/569221/)

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

[www.facebook.com/thelgfolkclub](http://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,

FOLG Friendsoflgschool@gmail.com