



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 20th April 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Summer Term

Swimming lessons for Class 3 = 10 weeks, starting Wednesday 26th April (next week)

Tuesday 2nd May 3pm - Year 6 parents meeting - SATS look after yourself

Friday 5th May - Whole school Coronation Celebrations

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - Year 6 National Curriculum testing

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

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June HALF TERM

Monday 5th June - INSET day school closed to pupils

Wednesday 21st June - Friday 23rd June - Class 4 residential trip

Monday 26th June - Friday 30th June - whole school Science week

Wednesday 28th June - Sports day: timings TBC

Tuesday 4th July - Class 4 - local RE trip

Friday 14th July 6pm - Inter-village sports event at Little Gaddesden

Tuesday 18th July - Class 3 history trip

Wednesday 19th July - Class 3 local Science trip

FOLGS events

Friday 21st and Monday 24th April - playground collection of King's portrait entries.

Tuesday 2nd May - Wreath-Making Workshop

Sunday 7th May - King's Coronation Family Day

Sunday 21st May 11:00 am - Gaddesden Gallop

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to our final term of this academic year. I do hope that you had a good Easter break, enjoying some chocolate if not the weather...

As you would expect and can see from the calendar, we already have a number of events, trips and activities arranged for our pupils. We are also anticipating a return to the inter-school sporting events, previously enjoyed. Once we have firmer details we will be sharing this information with you.

School Vision

Thank you to those parents who have shared feedback either in person or via the class reps, which has all been very positive. I will take your comments back to the Governing Body for finalising.

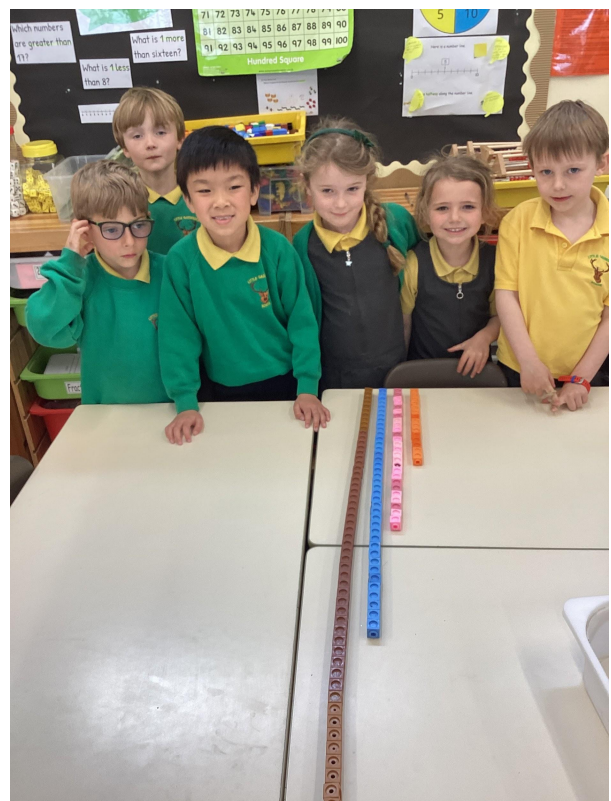
■ Vision, Mission, Values Draft 2023.pdf

Class 1 - have been looking closely at the story of Handa's surprise. We looked at how far some of the fruits had travelled to get to us and tasted lots of different fruits from her basket!



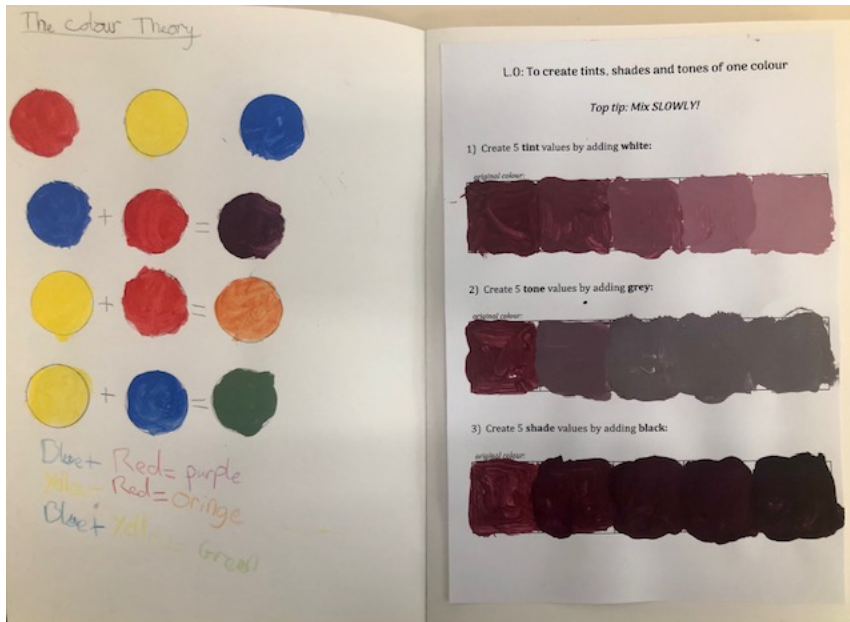
Change of routine: for this term, could you please send your child to school in school uniform EVERY DAY, sending their PE kit in a bag on Monday that can be left in school. In the past we have found that their PE kit can be left in school for the duration of the term.

Class 2 - In science, we used our data handling skills to create bar charts using multilink and then on Purple Mash.



Class 3 - Swimming starts next Wednesday 26th April, as part of their PE National Curriculum requirements. They do not need to come into school in PE kit on Wednesdays, but should wear school uniform. Please make sure that they have all their equipment including a swimming hat, appropriate swimwear and towel. We have also found that goggles are a real benefit.

In class we have been exploring colour theory and experimenting with shades, tints and tones.



Class 4 - For this term, PE will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. NOT Thursdays. On Thursday, children need to come to school in their school uniform.

Year 6 parents are invited to a 'Looking after yourself, readiness for SATs' meeting on **Tuesday 2nd May at 3pm**. This will offer some final tips to aid a successful and stress-free approach for the following week.

Clubs

All start next week!

Thank you to all who have signed up to our clubs, so far. There are still a few vacancies for this term. Details of those offered by our new clubs partner 'Sports Fever' can be found [here](#).

Running club on Wednesday and Friday mornings before school is now also available to pupils in Reception.

Other sign-up information is below.

■ Little Gaddesden - Years 1 & 2 Football - LC- SU23.pdf

■ Little Gaddesden - Football - Years 3 to 6 - Wednesday ASC - SU23.pdf

- 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



Local activities:

Little Gaddesden VPA: The local VPA offers a range of resources at reduced prices. There are also a number of events coming up:

Sunflower competition at the VPA summer show on 19th August - get planting
OR

Come and find our stand at the 7th May Coronation event where you can purchase and nurture a sunflower plant.

Support for families locally:



DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter; Dacorum SEND courses, support & information for families

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Summer Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from our website via the following link: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

This fortnights newsletter includes:

- Navigating Transition: 13.06.23-04.07.23
- SEND Surgery - 16.05.2023
- Emotional Based School Avoidance Coffee Morning - 23.05.2023
- DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support: Summer 2023
- Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers:
- Dacorum Parenting Brochure - Summer 2023 Term SPACE - Upcoming Workshops
- Parent Support Group at Woodfield Coffee Shop
- SEND Parent Café Dacorum
- Potential Kids April 2023 Events
- BeeZee Bodies classes for Summer 2023
- Parent and Carer Feedback regarding their Young Person's School Avoidance
- Parenting when Separated Programme
- Autism Strategy Events

Please also follow our social media pages for the most recent updates:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

FOLGS UPDATE



King's Coronation Family Day – 7th May!

With the King's Coronation on Sunday 7th May and fast approaching, please remember that the celebrations will span the entire weekend

 [The King's Coronation Weekend.pdf](#)

The King's Coronation Weekend



It promises to be a weekend of festivities marking a once-in-a-generation event for the entire family.

Here's a sneak-peak of just some of the activities planned for the Sunday:

BBQ – South African themed BBQ including delicious burgers and Boerewors rolls made to order, thanks to our resident 'braai man' Martin Fox. Vegetarian option available.

Crown making competition – try your hand at making a crown out of recycled materials for the King's big day.

Children's disco - join DJ Dawson for an end of day disco with all your favourite tunes.

Sponsored by Oakleys Estate Agents

Come along and celebrate the Coronation together!



Coronation Party

Saturday 6th May - 7pm

Live music Ceilidh, disco, hog roast, vegan / vegetarian van, pizza, jacket potatoes, ice cream van and puddings

Entry £10 (under 18s & special guests £5) **Hog roast £10**

Hog roast tickets must be purchased in advance.

Paid bar and other food available on the night.

Tickets available from Sarah - 842422



Village Fair

Sunday 7th May - 1pm to 4pm

Crafts, face painting, music, bouncy castle, treasure hunt, village market stalls, bar, barbeque, cream teas



Village Discovery Walk Monday 8th May - 2pm

Family-friendly, guided walk, led by knowledgeable residents.

Meet at the church - Thomas Field Hall - 1:45pm

Well behaved dogs on leads, please.

As ever, to make this even possible, we need YOU. Please reach out to Emma P here to help on the day.

Art Competition - reminder

By now your budding- Claude Monets will be putting the finishing touches to their masterpieces.

These pictures will be collected by Emma P in the playground on **Friday (21st)** with an extended deadline to Monday (24th) for any stragglers.



Good luck!

LITTLE GADDESSEN CORONATION WEEKEND

DRAW OR PAINT A PICTURE OF KING CHARLES III

Following on from your wonderful pictures of “Our Jubilee Queen” for the Jubilee Weekend last year, we are inviting all the children in the village to draw or paint a picture of King Charles III

A4 size please NO LARGER AND ON PAPER ONLY PLEASE

How do you see him: with a crown or without a crown or something quite different!

These will be displayed somewhere over the Coronation weekend .

Wreath-Making Workshop (Year 3)

Just a reminder of year 3's fundraising event.....

Would you like to create a floral wreath for your door 🌸🌺? Then come and join us on Tues 2nd May!

Everyone welcome!

We plan for the evening to start at around 7.30pm and we will (try to) guide you on how to make a beautiful floral wreath with a coronation theme, which you can hang on your door just in time for the coronation weekend 👑 !

£25 per person (incl fizz).

Venue will be confirmed depending on numbers, but it will be in LG.
To book a place please email Hannah by the end of this week!



Gaddesden Gallop 2023, Sign up!!

What: A fantastic cross country 10K & 5K run across the stunning Hertfordshire countryside

When: Sunday 21st May, 11:00 am

Details: Pre registration £20 adults, £5 under 18 & limited applications on the day, £25 Adult, £10 under 18. Plus mini under 12 races - £5 unlimited entry

Link: [Gaddesden Gallop entry form](#)

Where:

The Village Sports Ground

Little Gaddesden

Hertfordshire

HP4 1NX

Why? A fantastic fun day for the entire family plus funds raised from this year's event will go to support Little Gaddesden School and Great Ormond Street Hospital

Thank you,

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