



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 27th April 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Summer Term

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 5pm- 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,

As you may be aware, May is Mental Health awareness Month. In school, we are also aware that May is also the start of national testing for many of our young people. Like most schools nationally, we aim to make this as manageable and stress-free as possible for our children (and their families). We recognise that whilst it is important to evaluate what our pupils have achieved so far in their learning, we also value and celebrate **all** their achievements.

We have been notified that there are road works due next Tuesday, which will impact Church Road. I have been in contact with the local council and they have noted school drop off and collection times.

Class 1 - have been exploring the life cycle of a butterfly through the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar and we've made our own versions...



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 - we are looking at writing instructions; beginning with washing our hands. Before long, they will be fully versed in how to wash a Woolly Mammoth.

Class 3 - Enjoyed their first swimming lesson. The teachers commented on how well behaved all the children were.

Class 4 - Have begun fact finding about famous bridges and bridge structures in Design and Technology, as later in the term they will be building their own bridges out of art straws ! We have also arranged for all the children to take part in bikeability

■ bikeability - Class 4 summer 23.pdf

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.

Arbor update:

You will have noticed on your arbor account that you can now see attendance figures for your child. As you will be aware, school attendance is closely monitored by the local authority and the DfE, particularly after the impact of the pandemic on pupils. Consequently, concerns are raised for pupil attendance that is less than 90%. The Hertfordshire attendance officer visits each term to review pupil attendance, reviewing in detail, pupils whose attendance is below 95%. Schools are then required to follow up on pupils' where concerns have been raised; to offer help and support around attendance. ■ Days Lost Learning.pdf We are very aware of concerns around illness; for this the NHS provide useful guidance

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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:



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

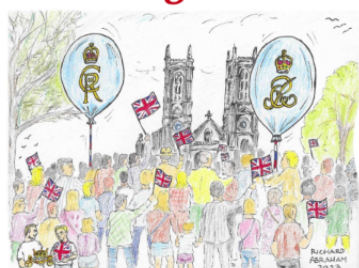
The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Summer Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from our website via the following link: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

Wishing you an enjoyable, bank-holiday weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

FOLGS UPDATE

King's Coronation Family Day – 7th May!



The King's Coronation Weekend

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.

Join us for an unforgettable day on Sunday 7th May as we celebrate the coronation of our new King in Little Gaddesden! This historic event promises to be a day to remember, with fun-filled activities and entertainment for all.

The day will begin at 9am with a special service and breakfast at Little Gaddesden Church.

From 1pm, guests will be treated to a sumptuous feast fit-for-a-king, with an array of delectable dishes and drinks to choose from (from scones and cream to a South African themed BBQ together with G&Ts and Pimm's). There will be live music and entertainment throughout the day. Children are more than catered for with a natural crafts station, face painting, crown making, a treasure hunt and a bouncy castle!

The day will conclude with a children's disco and the revealing of the best crown maker and prize draws at 4pm.

So, mark your calendars and join us for a day of royalty, feasting, and entertainment at the Little Gaddesden School King Coronation Party. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event that you don't want to miss!

Programs are available from the school playground and the village shop at £3 (or two for £5) – with each program containing a £1 discount voucher for cream teas or BBQ and enters you into the prize draw to win a luxury hamper.

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

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



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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