



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Together in Community

Built on our Christian values, rooted in the parable of the Good Samaritan

Thursday 21st September 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Autumn Term

Monday 25th September - Friday 29th September - Eco travel week

Friday 29th September - Wear something Gold (or yellow) for Childhood Cancer Awareness

Friday 29th September 2:15pm - Harvest Service

Thursday 5th October Class 3 history trip - more information to follow

Monday 2nd October - whole school visit from Electric Umbrella

Wednesday 4th October - Y5 Orienteering at local secondary school

Friday 6th October - Class 4 history trip - more details to follow

Parent meetings

Tuesday 10th October - Class 4 parent meetings 1:30pm-3:30pm

Wednesday 11th October - Classes 2 & 3 parent meetings 1:30pm-4:00pm

Thursday 12th October - Parent meetings for all classes 3:45pm - 7:00pm

Thursday 12th October - school photos

Wednesday 16th October - Cross country for years 3,4, 5 & 6

Thursday 30th November - whole school musical workshop

Thursday 30th November - Year 2 sport activity am Berkhamsted.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that autumn weather has arrived. Please make sure your child has a coat at school. We try very hard to make sure that they can enjoy outdoor play including in light drizzle.

Parent meetings

These can now be booked via Arbor. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled so far this term. Also for you to share any updates you have.

Harvest Service

Please send your children in with donations for our collection which we will take to church as part of the service. Non-perishable food items as well as toiletry items. Our gifts will be taken to support those in need. We look forward to seeing those who are able to attend on Friday at 2:15pm.

Eco Travel week

Next week is our Eco Travel week. We are looking forward to seeing which class will earn our new trophy.

KINDNESS ENDEAVOUR UNDERSTANDING

From **Monday 25th September to Friday 29th September**, children can walk (cycle or scoot) to school.

For those travelling from beyond the village, there is parking at the far end of The Green (opposite Hudnall Lane) and we are anticipating that The Bridgewater Arms will allow parking for the short time it takes to drop off your child.

Class 4: - Transition information for Year 6. If you would like to discuss the process or options relating to secondary school choices, please make an appointment with myself or Mrs Craft via the school office.

📎 Y6 Moving On Leaflet 2024.pdf

📎 Y6 Townsend School Open Evening.pdf

📎 Y6 Admissions Poster 2024.pdf

Our residential trip this year is a week in the Isle of Wight. Full details will be shared next week including payment schedules.

Wear something Gold (or yellow) Friday 29th September

Wear something Gold (or yellow) and bring in a £2 donation towards supporting Childhood Cancer Awareness. Children do not have to wear their normal school uniform.

Fruit snacks - we need your help

Pupils in classes 1 and 2 are offered fruit and vegetables snacks each day at break for free. In the past when take-up from younger pupils has been lower, we have been able to offer this to children in older years who thoroughly enjoy the healthy options.

This year we do not have surplus to offer fruit snacks to our KS2 pupils. We have explored sourcing extra fruit for our older pupils but the cost through the schools' supplier is prohibitive.

I am aware that some companies will consider sponsoring such a provision in school - if this is something that you would be able to help with please let me know via the school office. We are keen to encourage healthy food choices for all our pupils .

Support for families locally:

📎 Poster_pop_up_dental_clinics_Autumn23.pdf

📎 DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Autumn Term - 20.09.2023.pdf

📎 Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Autumn Term - 20.09.2023.pdf

📎 Family Centres Sep- Dec 2023 DACORUM.pdf

[Free Bounce Forward course for parents to raise resilience](#)

Local information

📎 OA MEMBERSHIP FLYER.jpg

📎 Tring Swimming Club.tmp

[Raring2go!](#) Is an organisation that promotes local activities. [Here](#) is the latest edition of their online magazine.

📎 Ashridge Estate - Protecting Our Roots - Poster.pdf

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

FOLGS

Welcome back everyone and to our reception parents, welcome!

And we have had some sunshine to help us adjust back to the routine! ☀️

The committee is meeting in the coming weeks, and we are all very excited about planning events for the coming year. First up...

Spook Fest

Set your diaries for **Friday 3rd of November** for another spectacular Spook Fest. Details to be released in next week's newsletter, but it promises to be a cracker.

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will be on the **9th of December**, please put this in your diary!

Little Gaddesden Sport Day

Catriona Angel and her team put on a real show last Saturday (9th September). The annual village sports day was a resounding success on a blisteringly hot day. The Bar and BBQ were run by the Friends. The fab community event raised an incredible £1,000. A big thank you to all those that contributed to a brilliant Saturday afternoon – from our South African friends on the BBQ to the volunteers on parking duties and all of you who gave up their time.

School Lottery

Thank you all for your ongoing support, together we are making a real difference for the children at the school. There are so many ways we can raise money, but there's only one that is super easy to do and doesn't require you to cook burgers or paint faces.

The School Lottery is £1 a week, there's a chance to win £25k each week, plus lots of smaller cash prizes, and best of all, the school **gets 40% of the ticket sales**. It's easy to sign up and you can cancel anytime...

Link: [Little Gaddesden Church of England Primary School Lottery](#)

Camping out for Homeless Charity

The cold, dark evenings make us think of those less fortunate than us, but for some young homeless people they have no family, friends, or home to feel safe.

One of the mums in Class 5, Carol Kaur, is doing a sleep out on Friday 10th November - to get a feel for what these young people really experience every night.

Please help us support Herts Young Homeless in reaching their 25th anniversary target of £35,000.

Click [here](#) for her sponsorship link:

Going forward, please do catch any of us on the committee or drop us an email. Will, Ben, Rebecca, Simon, Claire N and Sarah Friendsofgschool@gmail.com