



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Thursday 7th September 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Autumn Term

Monday 11th September 8.50am-9.10am - Class 2 meet the teacher

Tuesday 12th September 8.50am-9.10am - Class 3 meet the teacher

Wednesday 13th September 8.50am-9.10am - Class 4 meet the teacher

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our new year and new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. It is lovely to see the children back full of enthusiasm. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new reception pupils who will be with us until lunchtime tomorrow and then for whole days from Monday.

All the classes have been looking at 'It's up to Us - a Children's Terra Carta' by Christopher Lloyd. This book addresses the challenges we face in looking after our planet, helping children to understand them and consider how we can stop and maybe reverse the damage from Climate change. Given the current unseasonably warm weather, the children have been able to use 'real-world' experiences to understand some of the issues.

RAAC

No doubt you will have seen the news in the media regarding the aerated concrete. We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. We have been advised that building works at our school were not in the main period that this material was widely used. While we have no reason to believe that our buildings contain RAAC, as a precautionary measure, we will be seeking external advice on this.

We appreciate the concern this may raise, and we will always prioritise the safety of your children and our staff.

Water bottles & Air ups

With this extended spell of hot weather, please make sure that your child has a hat and a water bottle in school. Any refillable water bottle is effective in providing hydration and children tend to drink water eagerly without the need for fake flavouring. Class 2 teachers have particularly asked if children could bring in **regular** water bottles (not Air ups) as their smaller hands can not easily manage to seal the lids, leading to a lot of spills on their work.

Clubs

All clubs start next week. Full details of dates and times can be found on our website. Both football and lunchtime French clubs still have a number of spaces available.

- School Clubs Autumn Term 2023.pdf
- Little Gaddesden - Football - Years 3 to 6 - Wednesday ASC - A23.pdf
- Little Gaddesden - Years 1 & 2 Football - LC- A23.pdf
- Drama Club Little Gad.pdf
- French club Little Gaddesden Autumn 2023.docx.pdf
- Street Dance Autumn 23.png

Recorder lesson

Thank you for completing the arbor forms, lessons will start next week.

Class 2:

Sadly for us, Mrs Charter has decided to hang up her teacher hat for now and will not be returning this year. However we are delighted to welcome Mrs Moore who has joined our Class 2 team.

Support for families locally:

- Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Autumn Term - 06.09.2023.pdf
- DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Autumn Term - 06.09.2023.pdf
- Family Centres Sep- Dec 2023 DACORUM.pdf

Local information

- Basketball - Team USA Select 10th Sep.pdf
- Hemel Aces Girls football.PNG

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher