



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 5th October 2023

Coming up... (new items)

Autumn Term

Friday 6th October - Class 4 history trip

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

Monday 16th October - last day to return Christmas cards to FOLGS

Thursday 19th October - Cross country for years 3,4, 5 & 6 - change of date

Friday 3rd November - FOLGS spookfest

Saturday 25th November - Choir performance at Tring Christmas Festival 6pm

Thursday 30th November - whole school musical workshop

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

Saturday 9th December - Christmas fair

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas production -provisional date

Thursday 14th December - School Christmas production -provisional date

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we had a visit from Electric Umbrella. After a whole school assembly each class enjoyed a workshop to help us define what is 'normal' or rather that we are all unique. The children had the opportunity to share what is unique about themselves and each other. Recognising the importance of understanding and appreciating people for who they are.



KINDNESS ENDEAVOUR UNDERSTANDING



Wear Gold and Harvest

Thank you for all your generous donations. The school raised a total of £188 for childhood cancer research.

Thank you also for all the harvest gifts. These have now been passed on to DENS to distribute.

Water bottles

If your child brings an 'air up' bottle into school, please remind them that their pods are not for sharing and should remain in their own bottle. We've had a number of children sharing pods. If your child brings in a water bottle that allows flavouring via an inner section, please make sure these parts are secure. We have had a number of children dissecting the fruit contents of the inner part.

Most children are very happy to drink plain water which is the best way to hydrate.

Sport event - Cross country

Pupils in class 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in a cross country event at JFK School on Thursday 17th October. If your child is interested in taking part please sign them up via Arbor.

Class 3 pupils - morning event, children will need to be dropped off at JFK school for 9:15am. We will arrange transport back to school at the end of the event.

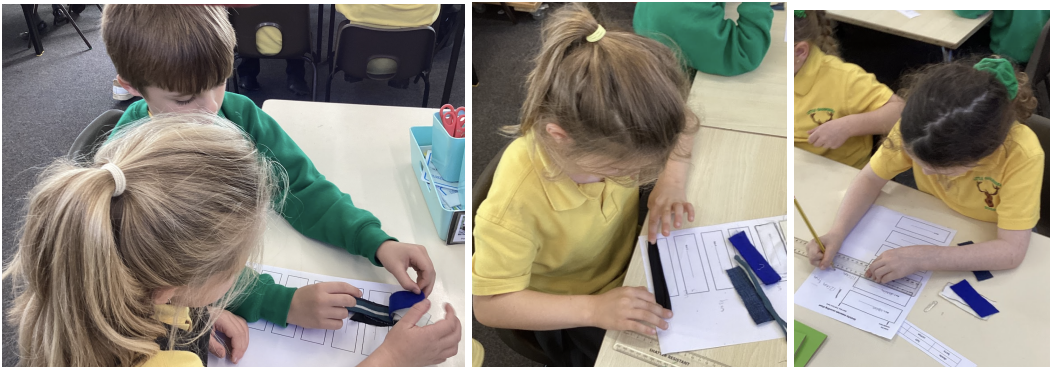
Class 4 pupils - afternoon event, children will need to be collected from JFK school at 2:30pm. We will arrange transport to JFK school for the start of the event.

Class 1 - We discussed Harvest and made our own vegetable soup for snack!



As we approach half term, our guinea pigs would love to visit you over the break. If you are interested in having them for the half term please speak to Mrs Patterson or Mrs Patel.

Class 2 - Class 2 - In science, we carried out a comparative enquiry to see which materials were the most stretchy. We found out that both the lycra and T-shirt materials stretched the most.



Class 3 - We have done some extra topic learning this week in preparation for our visit to RAF Hendon!

Class 4: - This week we have been learning about why the Romans invaded Britain. In maths we have been reviewing calculation strategies for adding and subtracting large numbers. Year 5's had a wonderful afternoon at Longdean School, practising their orienteering skills which were then tested as they located tags around the school grounds.



Our residential trip this year is a week in the Isle of Wight. This [letter](#) has more details. If you would like to discuss more information about this visit please speak to Mrs Craft or Mrs Elkes.

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

📎 Applying for secondary school 12.10.23.pdf

Support for families locally:

📎 Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Autumn Term - 04.10.2023.pdf

📎 DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Autumn Term - 04.10.2023.pdf

Local information

📎 Electric Umbrella.pdf

📎 Chesham Camp.pdf

📎 Flyer - Apex Football Y5&6 Rising Stars (4).pdf

📎 Tring Christmas Festival.pdf

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Lorna Elkes
Headteacher

FOLGS

Wow, it's already **CHRISTMAS CARD** time again!!



Yes, we know it's only autumn, but on Monday the children will come home with instructions for how you can turn their Christmas artwork into lovely Christmas cards, wrapping paper, gift tags, mugs, and tote bags. The school receives funds from all the cards and gifts ordered.

All the children need to do is draw or paint/collage a Christmas picture on A4 paper. Bright colours work really well. All you need to do is to stick the barcode you are given for each child on the back of their artwork, add their name, class, note down the barcode number, and return the artwork to school **by MONDAY 16 OCTOBER latest**.

Artwork will be returned a week after that, along with instructions on how to order christmas cards and gifts online. **You will need your child's barcode to do this, so please make a note of it!** Orders will be delivered at the end of November.

Detailed instructions will be enclosed in the childrens' bags next week. We'd be very grateful if as many people as possible could take part, to help our fundraising efforts.

Going forward, please do catch any of us on the committee or drop us an email.

Will, Ben, Rebecca, Simon, Claire N and Sarah

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