



# Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Together in Community

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

Thursday 23rd November 2023

## Coming up... (new items)

### Autumn Term

Friday 24th November - collection for FOLGS tombola starts

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

Monday 27th November - taster Ballet for Reception and Year 1 - PE Kit needed

Thursday 30th November - whole school musical/dance workshop - PE kit needed

Thursday 30th November - Year 2 sport activity am Berkhamsted - PE Kit needed

Thursday 30th November - FOLGS AGM at the Bridgewater Arms 7pm

Friday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 4th December - Start of our inverse Advent

Thursday 7th December - Great Fire of Little Gaddesden - Class 2 parents only 9am

Saturday 9th December - Christmas fair ■ Christmas Fair Poster (1).pdf

Tuesday 12th December - Dress rehearsal - preschool and grandparents 9.30pm

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas lunch

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas evening production

Thursday 14th December - School Christmas evening production

Tuesday 19th December - CL1 Breakfast with Santa

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday all pupils need to be wearing PE kit as we have a Dance/ musical workshop that each class will be participating in.

We are always very appreciative of any volunteers who are able to support and work with pupils in school. For example hearing children read, rehearsing times tables. If you would be interested in finding out more about this there will be a coffee morning on Thursday 30th November straight after drop-off.

As we begin to get ready for our festivities. The FOLGS are collecting tombola prizes in lieu of our Christmas Jumper day on 1st December. Your child can bring in their prizes from tomorrow, 24th November.

Each class should bring in the following items:

Class 1: Sweet treats including chocolates/truffles and biscuits

Class 2: Savoury crackers, jams, chutneys etc.

Class 3: Luxury toiletries, candles, gift items.

Class 4: Wine, spirits, liqueurs, speciality non-alcoholic drinks


KINDNESS ENDEAVOUR UNDERSTANDING

**Class 1** - thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor this week



and have been learning about the Christian celebration of Baptism by walking to church and looking at the font and then baptising our own 'baby' in the water tray.



On the 19th December we are having breakfast with Santa  Breakfast with Santa.docx.pdf

Payments can be made via Arbor.

## Class 2 -

On Thursday morning Year 2 pupils will be taking part in a multi-sports activity at Berkhamsted Sports Center. They will be travelling there and back by coach. This is a **free** trip - please confirm your child's attendance via Arbor.

We are enjoying our new History topic 'The Great Fire of London'. This week we compared fire fighting in 1666 to today. We learned that there was no fire service in 1666 and that the people had only very basic equipment. To help us understand how hard it would have been to get water from the River Thames to the burning buildings, we acted out passing buckets along a line.







**Class 3** - We have been exploring the value of pounds and pence in the British money system, and using our column addition method to add different amounts together, including the decimal point.

Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones
 £10 or 1,000p	 £1 or 100p	 10p	 1p
 £20 or 2,000p	 £2 or 200p	 20p	 2p
 £50 or 5,000p	 £5 or 500p	 50p	 5p

[information for parents in Year 4 about the Multiplication Tables Check \(MTC\).](#)

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

**Class 4** - We are continuing to develop our creative writing skills and secure methods for division.

## Clubs

We would like to offer a 'ballet' club for pupils in reception and years 1 & 2. Before we finalise arrangements, can you please complete this form if your child would be interested in participating. <https://forms.gle/jxAmDq5ZY2sFFpx99>

~Changes from January ~

Running Club will be on a **Tuesday** morning from January - if you would be able to support this each week, 8.00am - 8.40am, can you please email the school office.

We will be offering a Chess club on Monday lunchtimes. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

### **Infant Milk - Spring Term**

If you would like your child to have a 189ml carton of milk daily during the Spring Term, please read the [attached milk letter](#) and sign up via the Arbor '**School Shop**

### **Message from Children's Commissioner**

Rachel DeSouza has launched a survey for children 'The Big Ambition' to collect the views of all children.

Children in class 3 and 4 will be set this as homework via Google Classroom. Children in Class 1 and 2 should complete it at home with help from parents. [Children survey](#)

More details can be found on their website

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

### **Support for families locally:**

[DSPL8 Dacorum Facebook Page](#) / [DSPL8 Dacorum Instagram Page](#)

### **Local information**

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- 📎 DBM Family Christmas Day.png
- 📎 Hemel Storm.png
- 📎 Netball academy.jpg

Enjoy the weekend

Lorna Elkes

Headteacher

## **FOLGS**



### **FOLGs AGM – Date set**

This year's Friends' AGM will take place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

We'll also be welcoming new parents with a few sponsored drinks. Please do come down and ask any questions you may have.

Venue: Bridgewater Arms, Little Gaddesden. 7pm



## Christmas Fair!



The Little Gaddesden School Christmas Fair on **the 9<sup>th</sup> of December** is coming up fast. [Christmas Fair Poster \(1\).pdf](#)

See the attached poster for information on the day. As ever, we're reaching out for helpers on the day (each class will be running their own stall – look out for messages from your Class Rep!)

## Movie Night & Xmas Jumpers – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December!



Please see the posters for details, but we're super excited to be running our 1<sup>st</sup> movie night of the school year. And it's a (Christmas) cracker. Will Ferrell's "Elf" will be entertaining your kids on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

[Film Night 1 Dec23.pdf](#)

£6 gets your little one into the movie, fed and watered. Times are 3:15 – 5pm.

Xmas jumper day is the same day as the movie!

This year we're asking for donations for the tombola – see the poster for details of what your class needs to bring!

[Jumper 1 Dec 23.pdf](#) Tickets will be made available via Arbor from Monday (with consent form).



## Folk Night Success!

The Little Gaddesden Folk, Roots & Blues Club which was held on Saturday was a roaring success.

Our very own Ben Dawson hosted Martin Harley to a packed village hall. Ben's Folk Club night raised an incredible £780 for the school.