



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 25th January 2024

Coming up... (new items)

Spring Term

Thursday 1st February - in-school lunchtime STEM activity children in KS1

Thursday 1st February - preloved uniform sale at the end of school day.

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - Well-being week - more details to follow.

Wednesday 14th February - Class 3 & 4 reading and mathematics workshop for parents 9.00am.

Wednesday 14th February - Class 3 Tag Rugby at Tring School

Thursday 15th February - in-school lunchtime STEM activity children in KS2

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February - HALF TERM

Thursday 29th February - Year 1 sport at Hemel sports centre

Wednesday 13th March - Year 2 athletics at Berkhamsted sports centre

Thursday 14th March - Music evening

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st March - Parent meetings:

Tuesday 19th March - Class 4 - 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 20th March - Class 3 - 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday 20th March - Class 2 - 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 21st March - All Classes - 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 25th March - Author visit

Dear Parents and Carers,

Being safe online.

As more and more children have access to devices that can be used online, I would ask you to check their online safety. Many of the apps and games our children like to play, need additional parental controls within the app or game, as well as on the device itself. Without realising, your children can be speaking to 'randoms' - people they do not know in the real world.

In school the children are taught about being safe online, particularly about not sharing personal information and maintaining appropriate and polite communications with each other. We use the phrase: 'If you wouldn't say it to Grandma, don't say it online.'

In the real world, children would not be able to free-roam without your supervision or guidance. Are equally safe protective systems in place when they are online? School internet access is far more controlled, monitored and limited than most homes and phones.

Devices are increasingly portable and children take them to their bedrooms where their online activities are harder to monitor.

Please take time to talk to your children about their online activities, take an interest in what they are doing; who they are speaking to; how they access apps and games. As well as checking parental settings on the devices and apps they use.

You may find the following links useful:

[Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#)

[Parental controls | Childnet](#)

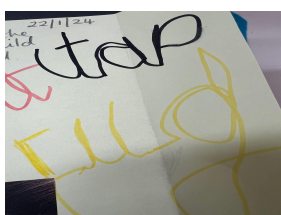
[Parental controls - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Message from the Governors

Every year the Governors of Little Gaddesden School prepare a [Parent Survey](#). The survey is really important for us as Governors to hear from you, as Parents, about your experiences at Little Gaddesden School. Your views will help us to support the Headteacher, teachers and support staff in delivering an excellent school environment, care, support and education to your children; but also it will help us as Governors to hear your parents' voice and understand your views and opinions to shape the management of the school. We encourage you to complete the survey, the responses are confidential and much appreciated, as it is important we all work together to support the children's educational journey at Little Gaddesden School.

[Survey](#)

Class 1 - We have been working hard on our writing this week and have been able to crack the codes to build some words!



Class 2 - In maths, Year 2 are learning how to use their base facts to solve addition and subtraction equations for 2 digit and 1 digit numbers. Year 1, have been securing their number bond facts using a range of resources.

Huge thank you for all that were able to come to the workshop today and the many positive comments. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing you their learning.

Class 3 - Fiona from the Young Shakespeare Company worked her magic and brought the tale of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to life for us! We now have a good overview of the story before we start our play script writing unit.



The Year 3s also had a successful morning at Ashlyns School, competing in the DSSN Target Games. The children were excellently behaved and great team players.



Class 4 - This week we have been investigating similarities and differences between life in Anglo-Saxon Britain and Roman Britain. We have polished our character writing about the Highwayman and are beginning to think about the novel 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl which will lead us to discursive writing next week.

Preloved School uniform

There will be a preloved uniform sale at the end of the day next Thursday - thanks to Mrs Emmett who manages most of this. There are plenty of good quality items available at a very reasonable price.

Support for families locally

- DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Spring Term - 24.01.2024.pdf
- Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Spring Term - 24.01.2024.pdf

Local information

The Village VPA is again running it's Winter show - [VPA Winter Show - Little Gaddesden VPA](#)

- VPA Entry form winter show.pdf
- Tring Swimming Club school flyer jan 2024.pdf
- Tech holiday Camp.pdf

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Lorna Elkes

Headteacher

FOLGS



FOLG Fireworks Night Partnership

Little Gaddesden School has been invited to be part of the Rotary Club Berkhamsted Fireworks Fundraiser for 2024!

This is great news for our fundraising efforts, with the event raising a lot of money for local schools and charities.

Details to follow.

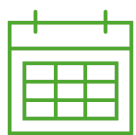


FOLG Thanks to Berkhamsted Rotary Club

The FOLGS would like to extend a massive thank you to Berkhamsted Rotary Club for their continuing support in raising much-needed funds for the school.



Special thanks to those who helped: Simon, Sam, Luke, Jon, Joe, James, Mark and Benjamin. (Sadly, Will was incapacitated)

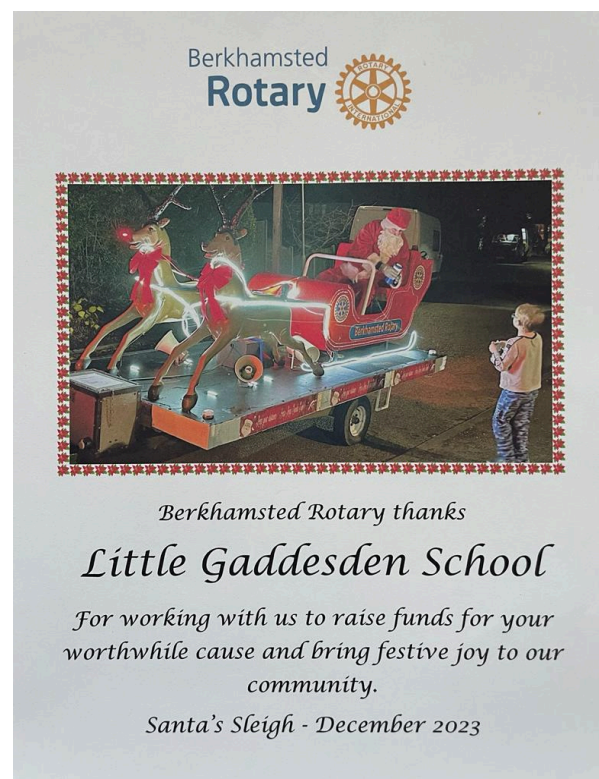


Dates for your diaries (Reminders)

- Folk Club Evening - 25th of April 2024
- The Little Gaddesden "Happy" Circus - 19th of September 2024

Thank you!

Will, Ben, Claire, Sarah, Rebecca, Emma, Simon



Berkhamsted Rotary thanks

Little Gaddesden School

For working with us to raise funds for your worthwhile cause and bring festive joy to our community.

Santa's Sleigh - December 2023