



# 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 8th February 2024

## Coming up... (new items)

### Spring Term

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - Well-being week.

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 - Class 1 'Hands on' session at 2:30pm

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

### **Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February - HALF TERM**

Monday 26th February - Class 2 pirate afternoon

Monday 26th February - Class 4 History Trip

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

Wednesday 6th March - Class 2 local trip

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

Thursday 14th March - Music evening 6pm

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

Wednesday 27th March - End of term Service 9.15am

Dear Parents and Carers,

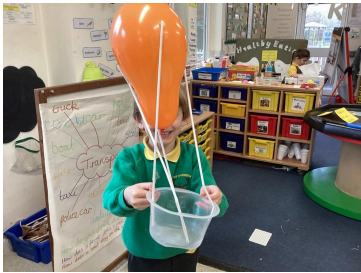
The children have thoroughly enjoyed the different activities this week.

📎 Wellbeing week Feb 2024.pdf - A small sample of what the children have been doing.

Each of the activities has helped the children appreciate the need for perseverance and hard work. That there are many ways to have fun with friends and family and to appreciate the world around them.

**Class 1** - We would like to invite you to attend this terms 'Hands On'

📎 Hands on Maths session - February .pdf



We have been exploring hot air balloons and finding out why they need hot air to rise. We also made our own in CHILL time.

As part of our learning about Chinese New Year the children had a go at using chopsticks for their lunchtime visit to a Chinese restaurant. Also rehearsing their Chinese New Year greeting 'Gung hay fat choy'.



**Class 2** - In Science, we have been investigating germination. Our question was 'Do all seeds take the same amount of time to germinate?'



In English, we have been writing our recounts of Little Red Riding Hood, from the main character's perspective. This will be our final write on our traditional tales unit. We have loved looking at different versions of this familiar tale.

Class 2 are having a pirate afternoon on *Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February*, as a super starter to next term's history topic. We would like your child to come dressed as a pirate that day. Please do not buy any expensive costumes, an old pair of trousers, t-shirt and scarf. No swords please!

📎 Ashridge trip 2024.pdf

**Class 3** - We have been acting out different scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in class, and adding our own stage directions to the scripts based on what we think our characters might be thinking and feeling.

Class 3 have been invited to a Tag Rugby tournament at Tring school 📎 Y3\_4 Tag Rugby letter.pdf


**Class 4** - have been rehearsing methods for multiplying and dividing larger numbers. We have been focusing on making sure to follow the many steps involved.

As part of our history topic we have arranged a trip for the class. 📎 CL4 History Trip Letter 2024.pdf

## **Fresh Fruit snack update**

I am delighted to let you know that we are able to offer fresh fruit break-time snacks for our older pupils. This is thanks to a very generous donation from a family in Class 3.

## **Parish Council School liaison contact**





I recently met with Penny Holland who some of you may know. She will be our link with the Parish Council. Through regular meetings we will be looking at ways in which the school and local community can collaborate more.  [Introducing the new Parish Council School liaison contact.docx.pdf](#) .

## **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](#)

## **Support for families locally**

-  PHN Newsletter primary Winter 2023 2024 (002) final.pdf
-  BF Anxiety Unravelling Spring 2023.png
-  DSPL8 ParentsCarers Newsletter - Spring Term - 24.01.2024.pdf
-  Dacorum ParentCarers Courses and Support - Spring Term - 24.01.2024.pdf

## **Local information**

-  sports Fever FEBRUARY CAMPS 2024 .pdf
-  Basketball half term camp.pdf
-  VPA Entry form winter show.pdf
-  Tring Swimming Club school flyer jan 2024.pdf
-  Tech holiday Camp.pdf

Only one more week until half term...

Lorna Elkes

Headteacher

## **FOLGS**



### **Dates for your diaries (Reminders)**

- Folk Club Evening - 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2024
- The Little Gaddesden “Happy” Circus - 19th of September 2024
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Thank you!

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