



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 29th February 2024

Coming up... (new items)

Spring Term

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

Thursday 14th March - Music evening 6pm

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Monday 18th March - Class 2 local trip - DATE change due to poor weather conditions.

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

Thursday 28th March - End of term - school finishes at 1:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half-term. I hope you all managed to enjoy the break.

World Book Day and Author Visit

As you will be aware, Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. There will be activities in each class connected to our up-coming author visit on the 25th March, none of which will require the children to dress up. The children should come to school in their school uniform as normal.

We are very excited that this year James Campbell will be visiting us on 25th March to share his experience of book writing and inspire some of our budding authors. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some of his books that he will sign on the day. Further details of his books that will be available: [James Campbell Author Visit - book sale.pdf](#).

Music Evening

We are once again hosting a music evening on the 14th March for our pupils who learn an instrument in school to showcase their talents. Please complete this [form](https://forms.gle/Nzy6oQpqD7LqfvCNA) so that we have an indication of those attending. <https://forms.gle/Nzy6oQpqD7LqfvCNA>

Pupil progress meetings.

Bookings for this will be live from Monday evening at 7pm. An email will be sent on Monday to confirm this.

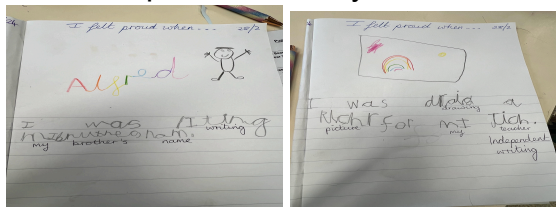
Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

As you will be aware from the media, pupils should not be using mobile phones in schools. We would not expect any primary pupils to bring a mobile phone into school, however should they

do so inadvertently it should be turned off and handed into the school office. It can then be collected from the school office at the end of the day.

Please remember that the children should not be wearing SMART watches in school. A Smart watch is one that is able to send/receive calls or messages or take photographs and therefore is treated the same as mobile phones.

Class 1 - This week our focus has been trains, exploring trains from the past and now. We have also explored the story 'The Proudest Blue' and discussed a moment when we felt proud.



Class 2 - The children have had an action packed week starting with our pirate afternoon to kick off our history topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and completed a range of fun activities. Including 'walking the plank'!

We have started a new book in English 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. The children have made predictions and have used the book to practise reading with fluency.



Due to poor weather conditions, we are postponing Class 2's trip to Ashridge until Monday 18th March, hopefully the ground will have dried a little by then. Please confirm permission via Arbor. [Ashridge trip 2024 - updated.pdf](#)

Class 3 - We have enjoyed Joseph Coelho's *Ten-Word Tiny Tales* - stories written in only ten words! We have used these as our starting point to imagine what the rest of the adventure might be.

Class 4 - This week began with an exciting (and cold) trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. We had the opportunity to try different Anglo-Saxon themed activities, including writing in runes, weaving and brooch making.



Class 4 - IOW Residential Trip

The next payment is now due for this trip. Payments can be made via Arbor.

Support for families locally

[HPCI Parent Carer Webinar Flyer.pdf](#)

[BF Anxiety Unravelling Spring 2023.png](#)

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FOLGS

Introducing our new Friends of Little Gaddesden online portal for events:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=shop>

WHAT'S ON

THU 28 MAR End of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm
08:45 - 13:30
Little Gaddesden School

THU 11 APR Quiz and Curry Night
19:00 - 21:00
Little Gaddesden Village Hall

THU 25 APR An Evening with Lady Nade
19:00 - 22:00 on 21/02/2024
Little Gaddesden Parish Church

SUN 12 MAY Gaddesden Gallop 2024
10:30 - 12:00
Little Gaddesden Playing Field, Church Road

THU 23 MAY Braid Maidens braiding workshop
19:30 - 21:00
Little Gaddesden School

THU 19 SEP Happy's Circus is coming to Little Gaddesden
18:00 - 20:30
Little Gaddesden Playing Field, Church Road

2024 Gaddesden Gallop

10k, 5k and kids fun run races with a medal for every entrant

Date: Sunday May 12 2024
Location: Little Gaddesden
Registration: 10.30am
Race starts: 11am

The Gaddesden Gallop is a unique opportunity to explore the countryside and raise essential funds for Little Gaddesden Primary School. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a scenic workout, get set for a day of fresh air, exercise, bacon rolls and community.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks and breakfast baps will be available to buy at the end of the race.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to support Friends of Little Gaddesden School

From our online portal, you can plan your busy diaries around our exciting events, purchase tickets online, and have all the necessary information at your fingertips.

Here's what's coming up:

Quiz and Curry night! 11/04/2024 - Tickets available here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=76973>

Gaddesden Gallop! 12/05/2024 - Information available here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=76985>

Braid Maidens! 23/05/2024 – Tickets available here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=76964>

Folk Night! Tickets available here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=77027>

Happy's Circus! 19/09/2024 – Information available here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=77500>

Thank you!

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