



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 April 2024

Coming up... (new items)

Summer Term

Friday 19th April - Swimming lessons begin.

Thursday 2nd May- Second Hand Uniform Sale after School

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May Year 6 National Curriculum tests.

Tuesday 21st May - Choir performance to choir parents 4pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Class 1 sports trip am

Thursday May 23rd - Class 2 trip

Friday May 24th - staff INSET (school closed to pupils)

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - HALF TERM

Tuesday 4th June - Class 2 sports trip

Monday 10th June - Book fair arrives

Monday 10th June - Class 4 Magistrate visit

Wednesday 12th June - Class 4 sports trip

Thursday 13th June - Class 3 sports trip

Monday 17th June - PE week whole school

Wednesday 19th June Whole school sports day am

Monday 24th - Friday 28th June - Class 4 residential trip

Wednesday 26th June - Year 4 Science Trip

Friday 5th July - Inter Village sports event 6pm

Tuesday 8th July - Little Big Sing

Friday 19th July - Last day term, school finishes at 1:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class 1 -have been exploring the text 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and made our own caterpillars at Forest School.



Class 3 did fantastically well at their first swimming session! The instructors commented on how polite the children were and how well they listened.

Class 4 have been developing their creative writing skills while exploring the story of 'Hermelin' by Mini Grey. In maths we have been learning how to accurately use a protractor to measure angles and how our knowledge of angles can help us to solve problems.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

We are aware that there have been several birthdays recently. As a quick reminder, pupils should not 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. As with mobile phones, pupils' watches that have this function will be kept in the school office to then be collected at the end of the day.

Clubs

Update from Gobstoppers - with insufficient numbers it will not run this term but will be back in September.

After school - wraparound care

Thank you for the responses - we now have enough responses to take this to the next stage with potential providers.

If this is something you would be interested in from September please complete [this form](#) by **Friday 26th April**. **We do not yet have enough interest to be able to offer it.**

School hours

If you have not yet completed this please do so by Friday 26th April:

From September 2024, the government announced a new minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours. In order to meet this requirement, we need to adjust the length of our school day.

Our proposal:

To extend our end of day from 3:15pm to 3:20pm.

For all pupils to be registered by 8.50am.

As part of this we will be changing the way in which pupils come into school - moving to a 'soft start'.

School gates will open from 8:40am and pupils will be able to come into school from 8:45 in the morning. This will also alleviate the log-jam we currently experience as pupils enter the school after lining up.

What does this mean for you?

- Access to the playground from 8:40am
- Children able to enter school from 8:45am
- Pupils to be in school and registered present by 8:50am
- School day ends at 3:20pm.

We would very much value your [views](#) regarding this.

Little Gaddesden Pre-school

The local preschool is recruiting -

📎 Recruitment Post - Support Worker April 24.png

Support for families locally

📎 Navigating Transitions Dacorum - Bounce Forward.pdf

📎 External Parent Event Advert-Cyber Choices.pdf

📎 Family flex Voucher (not valid for swimming lessons).jpg

Local information

📎 Mayors garden party Landscape AW.jpg

📎 Summer Academy flier April 2024.jpg

📎 CC FESTIVAL POSTER 2024.png

📎 May half term tech camp0.pdf

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Headteacher

FOLGS

Hi everyone,

Folk Night - Thursday 25th April at Little Gaddesden Church. This is a great evening out with excellent music and entertainment

We are super excited to be welcoming the fabulous Lady Nade to our stunning village church on the 25th April, for an intimate and soulful evening of Americana – with all money helping to RAISE THE ROOF for our village school, which is in need of major repair! There will be a fully stocked and very reasonably priced bar, with yummy snacks. Tickets are only £16 per person!



Please click the link below to purchase tickets, or see Benjamin Dawson
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=77027>

We are always very grateful for volunteers to help with events or support behind the scenes.

Please speak to any of the team if you are able to help with:

- Shelving for our container. We have the wood just waiting to be transformed
- Update the wooden gate and add a Friends notice board
- Cleaning and tidying the school BBQs - they are in need of some TLC

We are also looking for successors. It's not onerous and can be huge fun. We have established systems in place that can help a new team to get up and running. On average, it's probably closer to 30 minutes of our time a week across the year... so if you're able to help us help the school, we can find a role that works for you.

Please talk to one of us or send me a message (friendsoflgschool@gmail.com) and we can help you work out if there's a role for you.

Thanks again,
Will + the Friends Team