



# 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 2nd May 2024

## Coming up... (new items)

### **Summer Term**

Friday 3rd May- Second Hand Uniform Sale after School

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

Friday 17th May - Year 6 post-SATS breakfast 8.30am

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,

### **The school roof!**

As you may already know, the large flat-roof section of our school is in need of replacement. The current roof has been in-situ for several decades and extraordinarily, out-lived its expected lifespan. There are, however, now considerable and worrying signs of fatigue and wear below the outer layers.

This is a significant area of the school encompassing Class 2, the library and corridors. There is also a row of high-level windows and several skylights impacted. As part of the replacement, and in order to improve the design to meet current standards whilst reducing future wear, we have been advised that costs will be in the region of £180,000. In the current climate we recognise that this is a huge amount of money. We are already exploring grants and matched funding possibilities.

## What can we do as a school community?

- Support the Friends with their fund-raising activities. Being able to offer time and help is a massive support for events that will help fund this.
- Spread the word - encourage the wider community to get involved with events that will support our fundraising. The Circus planned for September is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the local community to enjoy.
- Make contact with the school (via the office or Mrs Elkes in the playground) if you have experience or information about grants/funds to approach.

We will keep you updated about this, including monies raised.

## School uniform - second hand sale.

This has been rescheduled for tomorrow Friday 3rd May after school.

Often we are unable to return items as they are not named or still have the names of previous owners. Please ensure all your uniform and PE kit is clearly named so it can be returned. The school is now registered with **My Nametags** - and receives money back on all orders placed.

**Our school ID is 29187**

Orders can be placed using the link <https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=29187> OR from <http://www.mynametags.com/> - Using School ID 29187 at checkout.

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Thank you to Mrs Emmett for all her help with this.

**Class 1-** are looking more closely at honeybees as part of our topic 'Let's Grow!' We saw Mrs Wells in her beekeeping suit, tried on one of our own, tasted and compared honey from Italy and Bedfordshire, played a pollen collecting game and created our own hives. Busy bees this



**Class 2-** We have been continuing to write our information reports about sharks. The children now know lots of facts about these ocean predators and have enjoyed learning about them. In Topic, we have been learning about Florence Nightingale and her early life, as well as how hospitals differed in the 1800s to today.

**Class 3-** The children have created beautiful artwork in R.E. to represent the story of Pentecost.

**Class 4-** This week we have been continuing our creative writing about Hermelin, the detective mouse. We have used drama to help us empathise with the characters and are working hard to apply our grammatical learning to our written work.

## **Support for families locally**

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- 📄 Summer Term 2024 Groups.jpg
- 📄 Flyers for insertion in newsletter.docx
- 📄 Managing worries and anxiety 15.05.24.pdf
- 📄 Navigating Transitions Dacorum - Bounce Forward.pdf
- 📄 External Parent Event Advert-Cyber Choices.pdf
- 📄 Family flex Voucher (not valid for swimming lessons).jpg

## **Local information**

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- 📄 Summer Academy flier April 2024.jpg
- 📄 CC FESTIVAL POSTER 2024.png
- 📄 May half term tech camp0.pdf

Lorna Elkes

Headteacher

## **FOLGS**

Hi everyone,



We already have 117 runners signed up, but there's still plenty of time to get registered for the 10k, 5k and especially the Fun-Run races.

There will be sausage, bacon and egg rolls, fresh coffee, teas and even a bar, so please come along and make a day of it if you can.

If you fanc volunteering a bit of your time, there's plenty of help needed to make this a brilliant event

for everyone, that raises a large amount of money for the school.

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](mailto:friendsoflgschool@gmail.com)) and we can help you work out if there's a role for you.

Thanks again,

Will + the Friends Team