



# Great Gaddesden C of E (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

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## Celebrating Success in Autumn 1, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school year has got off to a terrific start with children demonstrating fantastic learning across the curriculum. In September, we welcomed Miss Carty to the Great Gaddesden team and we have really enjoyed working with her. Miss Carty has quickly become an established and respected member of our staff and we are lucky to have her.

This year, Miss Ayres has taken on the lead of English and organised for all children to participate in National Poetry Day, where each class performed a poem to the rest of the school. In addition, Miss Ayres has organised a monthly Writing Celebration Assembly when children from each class will share some of their quality writing with the rest of the school. The following is an example of the excellent writing that is being produced:

*Softly, along the edge of the river she walked. Serenely the wolf watched the flowing river.*

Ollie, Year 4

*Carefully, the she-wolf ran at her prey. Without a sound, she killed the deer. Gently, she walked across the silent, white snow with her prey in her mouth.*

Sebastian, Year 3

After half-term, we will be organising a Writing Week, during which children will come off timetable and will be provided with exciting and innovative opportunities to write using a range of genres about a selection of topics. We look forward to sharing their quality work with you.

We are also continuing our Arts focus this academic year and Mrs Lilley is in the process of organising a Winter Exhibition of the children's art work for later on in the term. We will share the date after the half-term break.

A selection of children in Years 3 - 6 have taken part in cross-country events this half-term. Huge congratulations to Aaron, Jamie, Taylor, Matthew, Immy, Fenella, Harrison and Sonny for competing against approximately 100 other children in their races! A special mention to Immy who was placed 3rd in her race.

Once again, this year, we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. The idea is for children to provide a present for a child somewhere else in the world, who is less fortunate than them. The gift does not have to cost a lot of money - it is more about the thought that is put in. Children in Years 1 - 6 have been set homework linked to this cause. If you would like to know more, please see the leaflet coming home today. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 - £5 per shoebox which goes towards the cost of shipping. We are requesting that all shoe-boxes come into school no later than **Friday 10th November**.

We have been consistently impressed with the quality of learning happening across the school. We celebrate excellent work and effort with house-points and over the last couple of weeks, the following children have been celebrated for achieving 10 house-points: Years 1 & 2 - Jack, Rebecca, Samuel, Frankie and Charlie; Years 3 & 4 - Hope, Ollie, Matthew, Lucy and Harry B; Years 5 & 6 - Fenella, Phoenix and Grace. Congratulations to all and a special well done to Alex in Year 6, who has now achieved 20 house-points for hard work across the curriculum.

Wishing all families a restful half-term break. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 30th October.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N. Comer  
Headteacher



THIS TERM, WE HAVE WELCOMED A NUMBER OF NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE SCHOOL. JACK, ARCHIE, DOTTIE, CHARLIE, SOPHIE, DAISY, ISLA, GEORGE, LEO, TORY, OLIVE, EVAN, HARRIET, HARLEY AND ABIGAIL YOU HAVE ALL HAD A GREAT NUMBER OF SUCCESSES IN YOUR FIRST HALF-TERM AT A NEW SCHOOL - WELL DONE!



YEAR 2 ENJOYING FOREST SCHOOLS IN THE 'BIG' WOODS!



OUR SCHOOL DOG: DONUT!



YEARS 5 & 6 CONDUCTING A SCIENCE INVESTIGATION.



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