

# GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Treat others exactly as you want to be treated'.*



## Spring 3

Thursday, 13th February '20

### Message from the Head

As part of the cycle of reviewing our policies and practice, we recently reviewed our Mission Statement to ensure that it reflects our school ethos. As a church school, we decided to use a quote from the Bible to serve as our guide for all we do at school. The children and staff have chosen St Luke's words to be our new Mission Statement: *'Treat others exactly as you want to be treated'.*

We have had a very successful half term, which has gone by in a flash! At the end of the week, we say goodbye to Mrs Waites who has been at Great Gaddesden School for 13 years. She has supported a huge number of pupils during this time and generously dedicated her time for the benefit of others. On behalf of the staff, pupils and Governors, we thank Mrs Waites for all that she has done for our school over the years. We wish her all the very best in her new school. We also say goodbye to Mr McIlroy, who has been with us for half a term, working in Y1/2. We thank him for all the support and help he has given the children and staff during this time.



#### **SECRET READERS IN EYFS**

Our EYFS children have been very excited to welcome surprise visitors to their classroom, who 'appear' with a favourite story to read to the children. This helps the children to be excited about stories and books, helping to develop a love of reading. If you would like to be a 'secret reader' for our youngest children and have a spare 20 minutes, please let us know as we would be delighted to extend our list of 'secret visitors'.

#### **Football success**

Last week, our football team were fine ambassadors for our school as they played in a league match against another local school. They played a very skilful match and are to be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour. They played in a truly sporting manner and ensured that at all times, they were living our new mission statement. They were rewarded with a win being recorded for Great Gaddesden School. Well done, team! Many thanks to Mr Williams and Mr Allsopp for organising the team.



#### **SNOW DAYS**

Please note that in the event of snowy weather, decisions regarding school closures will be posted on the school website.

In addition to this, we will also make every effort to send a text to all parents,



giving information.

#### **Monthly Value:**

#### **COMMUNITY**

We have children who have been nominated as being good citizens of our community. So far on the Community branch, we have Lucy, Rebecca and Esaih.



#### **IALAC**

Rebecca, Rowan and Evan recently gave her IALAC speech to the school, sharing her gifts and talents with us at our Thursday Celebration Assembly.

#### **Prayer for our Community**

*Dear God,*

*We thank you for all in our community. We celebrate our differences and thank you for making us all unique.*

### Nursery Applications

Applications for Nursery places for September, 2020 are open. Nursery application forms are available from the school office. If you know of anyone who is interested in a Nursery place, please ask them to contact the office. When completed, please returned to the school office .

### WWF — Australia



Y5/6 have organising a cake sale at break time on Thursday, 13th February. They will be selling cupcakes for 50p and all proceeds will go to WWF - Australia to support the animals who have been affected by the recent fires.

Last week, Y5 /6 looked at the life and works of Charles Dickens. They were challenged with answering five key question words; what, why, where, how and who. It was interesting to find out that Dickens wrote over 15 novels!



### CHARLES DICKENS WEEK



Y3/4 researched facts about the life and career of Charles Dickens. They used this information to create a fact file about him. They also drew portraits of Charles Dickens age 49, using photographs taken by the London portrait photographer George Herbert Watkins.

### MESSAGE FROM FOGGS.

Friday, 14h February 3:15 p.m.  
CAKE SALE



#### Half term grounds session.

We are still looking for volunteers to help clear the rest of the bark area on Sunday 23rd February. We would be grateful for the help of anyone who could give some time to help us finish this project.

#### Uniform:

FOGGS has a large stock of used uniform, which is available if you are in need of any additional school uniform. As this supports the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' ethos, all items of clothing are available free of charge. Please see a member of FOGGS, for further details of availability and sizes.

### SPRING TERM DATES 2020

#### **Thursday, 12th February**

- Y5/6 charity cake sale in support of WWF Australia.

#### **Friday, 14th February**

- 3:15 FOGGS cake sale
- Break up for half term

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#### Half term :

Monday, 17th February -  
Friday, 21st February

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#### **Tuesday, 25th February**

- Shrove Tuesday :  
Pancake Day

#### **Wednesday, 26th February**

- Ash Wednesday :  
First Day of Lent
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#### **Sunday, 1st March**

- St David's Day

#### **Monday, 2nd March**

- Y3/4 Economic wellbeing with Metro Bank

#### **Tuesday, 3rd March**

- 9:00 Y3/4 Speed stacking competition - Ashlyns

#### **Thursday, 5th March**

- World Book Day
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#### **Sports Relief Week**

#### **Wednesday, 11th March**

- Science Day
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#### **Monday, 16th March**

- Y3/4 Economic wellbeing with Metro bank

#### **Tuesday, 17th March**

- 9:00 Y1/2 Sharing Assembly

#### **Wednesday, 18th March**

- 9:00 Y5/6 Sharing Assembly
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#### **Sunday, 22nd March**

- Mother's Day

*Help us to support each other and grow together as a community.*

*Amen*