

# GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Autumn 8

Wednesday, 27th, November 2019

### Message from the Head

A huge thank you for helping the children to support last week's Children in Need Appeal. As a school we were able to make a donation of £76, which is an excellent amount from a small school. This contributed to supporting the charity to find and fund voluntary groups, community projects and local charities with inspirational ideas that change young lives.



There has recently been great excitement in our EYFS unit as a number of 'helpers' have been coming to visit them. These have included firemen bringing their fire engine in for the children to investigate. This was followed by Mr Doe arriving in his police uniform with his police van. All the children were very keen to have a look at the van, particularly the 'travelling cell' in the back of the van!

Please keep an eye on the website calendar for up and coming events.

#### Sharing Assemblies



This week, classes Y1/2 and Y5/6 shared examples of their learning with our school and families. Amongst the work that Y1/2 shared, was a great action song, retelling the events of The Fire of London. We were then able to clearly see the progression of work when Y5/6 children proudly shared their high quality writing based on Carrie's War. The range of cross curricular learning that our bespoke curriculum offers was evident in the range of other high quality examples of work. This included art work fit for a gallery and D + T skills used to produce trunks from boxes, which stored all the children's work.

#### National Road Safety Awareness

Last week was National Road Safety week and we started the week with an assembly focussing on this area of safety. We considered what we can do to keep ourselves safer when we are outside. The children discussed the messages from the Herts County Council Road Safety campaign and considered the benefits of wearing luminous colours as the dark evenings are now here and how a



reflective strip on their school bag helps.

#### Christmas shoe box appeal

This year, we are supporting the Rotary Club with their shoe box appeal. The aim of this activity is to help foster a culture of giving to others, in addition to sending gifts to children who have very little. We are asking for the children to fill a small shoe box with simple gifts in new or good condition. These will be sent by the Rotary Club to children in Romanian orphanages. These boxes can be brought into school when they have been filled and they will be collected by The Berkhamsted Rotary Club.

#### Monthly Value:

#### COURAGE

As we are coming to the end of the month of 'Courage', it is very encouraging to see the number of children that are on this branch of our value tree. This week we added Jamie, Rowan, Jack C and Ryan.

#### IALAC

We celebrated the gifts and talents of Euan and Jack W last Thursday. It is fabulous to witness our younger children confidently sharing their attributes with us all, following the example set by the older children.



#### Prayer of Courage

Dear God, Please help us to appreciate those who show courage.

In **EYFS** the children watched a video about the importance of talking to someone if we are feeling sad or unhappy. We did some role play and the children were able to say what the 'actors' should do. We also sang nursery rhymes as last week was also National Nursery Rhyme week. We had great fun recognising rhymes from song bags.

Y1/2 considered the meaning of kindness and we discussed how we could be kind to each other. We chose examples of this and made a display. We linked our Computing work using Scratch to this theme. We looked at qualities of a good friend, using a story of two unlikely animals, an elephant and a butterfly, who were friends.

### A brief account of 'Cool to be Kind' week .....

In Y3/4 the children discussed which qualities they felt were important in a good friend. We used this to write a 'Recipe for a Friend', explaining why we selected each 'ingredient'.

At the end of the week, we linked this to some drama activities, which were great fun !

During Cool to be Kind week, Y5/6 thought about being grateful to people who helped them. They wrote some very moving thank you cards explaining why they wanted to thank some very special people. These included Mums, Dads, Grandparents and siblings. They also created posters to show different ways of being kind.

### MESSAGE FROM FOGGS.....

#### Festive Film Night - **Friday 29th November**

Please return all forms with payment to the FOGGS postbox asap.

#### Christmas Bazaar - **Friday 13th December**

Please save the date and stay after school for our annual bazaar.

Thank you for your donations of toys. We are still taking these, as well as any unused toiletries or other food hamper items. Please give to a FOGGS member on the playground.

If you can volunteer to help at the bazaar, please let us know as many hands make light work!

Letters for raffle tickets and Secret Santa Present Room will be coming home soon.

#### Festive Jumper Day for Save the Children: **Friday, 13th December**

Please feel free to use the FOGGS facebook page to advertise any festive jumpers that you may wish to give to another family if you no longer need them. The fashion industry is one of the most polluting so let's Reduce - Reuse - Recycle!

### Prayer of Courage

*Give us courage when we need to be brave.*

*Amen*

### **AUTUMN 2 DATES 2019**

**Applications for Reception class, Sept. 2020, are now open.**

#### **Wednesday, 27th November**

- 9:00 EYFS Sharing Assembly
- 3:30 pm Great Gaddesden v Hammond Academy football

#### **Friday, 29th November**

- 3:30 FOGGS Festive film night

#### **Sunday, 1st December -**

- 1st Sunday of Advent

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#### LAST WEEK OF CLUBS

#### **Tuesday, 3rd December**

- 2:40 pm Y3/4 parent invited to open recorder/ukulele lesson

#### **Wednesday, 4th December**

- **9:00 Y3/4 Sharing Assembly**
- 3:30 Great Gaddesden v South Hill School football

#### **Thursday, 5th December**

- 4:30 - 5:30 Y7 - Y9 reunion

#### **Wednesday, 11th December**

- 9:15 a.m. EYFS Nativity - in school
- 2:00 pm - KS1 + KS2 Christmas Service in church
- 6:30 pm - KS1 + KS2 Christmas Service in church

#### **Friday, 13th December**

- Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children charity
- 3:30 pm - FOGGS Christmas fayre

#### **Monday, 16th December**

- Y5/6 Carol Singing in Care Home

#### **Tuesday, 17th December**

- School Christmas lunch

#### **Wednesday, 18th December**

- School trip to pantomime

#### **Thursday, 19th December**

- 2:00 Christingle service in church

#### **Friday, 20th December**

- 1:30 pm - term ends