

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn 10

Thursday, 19th December 2019

Message from the Head



We have come to the end of a very busy and successful Autumn term. During the last 2 weeks, the children have led a number of Christmas Services. Our last service of the term is the Christingle Service on Thursday, where we will all gather together in church. This year, as a safety precaution, the children will be using a glowstick to represent the light of Christ, in their Christingle.

At the end of this term, we say good bye to Mrs Jessop and Donut. We thank her for all her hard work and the dedication she has shown to Great Gaddesden School during the 5 years that she has been with us. We wish her all the very best as she moves to Nash Mills C of E School in the role of INCO.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank everyone in our school community for all your support this term. We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Christmas Nativity

Our EYFS children reminded us all of the Christmas Nativity Story as they retold the events of the first Christmas. The children confidently used their acting and singing skills, adding a little improvisation when needed.

Christmas Service

Last week, our older children led our Carol Service in church, sharing readings and carols retelling the Nativity story. Year 1/2 acted the events told in the readings, completing the Christmas story with the arrival of the three kings.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



A huge thank you to all our families for the magnificent response to the Rotary shoe box appeal for the less fortunate families in Romania.

Our Eco monitors organised a recycling Christmas challenge to raise funds to help with the transport costs of the boxes. The boxes are being collected this week and will be transported to their destination.

Monthly Value:

HOPE

Our 'Hope' branch of the value tree is now complete and the following children should feel very proud of themselves for demonstrating this value:- Jamie, Sophie, Rowan, Dolly, Dottie and Harry O. Well done, children.

IALAC



Mylo, Dottie, Holly and James P

shared their IALAC speech with us recently, sharing numerous examples of how they are likeable and capable.

Prayer of Hope

We pray for peace throughout the world at Christmas time.

Care Home singing

This week, our older children visited St Paul's Care Home and sang carols and distributed cards to the residents. The children were an outstanding credit to our school and showed a real understanding of how their act of giving, gave so much pleasure to others. I felt very proud of all our pupils who made up our choir. Each and every one of them gave their very best (despite it being so hot where we were singing !)

Christmas Jumper Day :

The children raised £70 for Save the Children Charity. This is an excellent amount for our small school and this has been sent to this charity that supports children both in the UK and abroad.



Staffing update :

Next term, we will be welcoming Mrs De Rouffignac to Great Gaddesden. She will be sharing the teaching in Y3/4, with myself. We also welcome Ms Canham who will be joining us as our new INCO. Mr McIlroy will be supporting Y1/2, for the first half of the term as he completes his teacher training course.

Mrs Lilley will be increasing her teaching week to cover Mrs Jessop's teaching time in Y5/6.

AUTUMN 2 DATES 2019

Please note:

Applications for a place in our Reception class in September, 2020, are open until 15th January, 2020.

Thursday, 19th December

- 2:00 Christingle service in church

Friday, 20th December

- 1:30 pm - term ends

SPRING TERM 2020

INSET DAY:

Monday, 6th January

Children return:

Tuesday, 7th Jan.

HALF TERM:

Monday, 17th February to

Friday, 21st February

LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

1:30 pm - Friday, 3rd April '20



Our FOGGS Christmas Bazaar was extremely successful. Many thanks to all who supported this fund raising event. There was a great community atmosphere during the fair, with families all enjoying the event. A huge thank you to all members of FOGGS who work tirelessly to come up with fund raising ideas. Further details of the projects will follow at the beginning of next term.



Prayer of Hope

May we all be filled with joy and hope this Christmas time.

Amen