

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

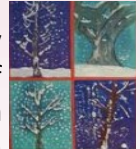


Spring 2

Wednesday, 29th January 2020

Message from the Head

This week, the children are putting the finishing touches to their Winter Art works. This year, we are going to use the church to display the Winter Art exhibition. The children have been inspired by our beautiful church of St John the Baptist to create a range of artwork. They have used a range of artistic mediums including, collage, paint, drawing and natural objects to create work based upon the church itself. The exhibition will be on Thursday, 30th January and the church will be open from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm. Hopefully, this will enable parents and friends to view either before school pick up time, after school with your children or at the end of the After School Clubs.



For this half of the term, we are very lucky to have Mr McIlroy working with us at our school. Mr McIlroy is adding to his teaching experience by spending half a term in our small village school. Please note that while we try to keep our dates list as initially published, any changes or additions that are made will be highlighted in **bold font**. School activities/events are also included on the home page of the website and the website calendar.

50 Recommended Reads

READING CHALLENGE

As we continue to develop the curriculum, we are always looking for ways in which we can promote the love of reading for the children. As a school, we are very fortunate to have such a well stocked library for the children's use. We are now introducing a new 'Reading for Pleasure' challenge, across the school, which has 50 suggested books for each year group to enjoy. These books cover a good range of genres and authors, giving the children a broad range of reading. The book lists are on the website under the 'Curriculum' tab. The Great Gaddesden Parish Council generously gave us a donation to start equipping the school with the challenge books. Any donations of preloved books that are included in the challenge, would be very gratefully received, as we are still building up stock.

Please also see 'The Little Guide to helping Children Read', which is included on the Curriculum page. This gives tips for ways to support children's love of reading.

Monthly Value:

THANKFULNESS

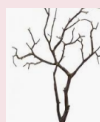
Our Thankfulness branch of our values tree is nearly complete, with children who have been nominated as living our value. Throughout the month, the following children have been recognised for this value :-

Elliot S.,
Lucy, Zak,
Aaron,
Hannah,
Mylo and

Charlie W-T.

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Recently, we have heard from Tommy, Harry O. and Ollie A at our Celebration Assembly. They have shared what makes 'likeable and capable'.



Football News : Reported by Y6 P.E. leaders; Aaron + Rowan



'Last week, Great Gaddesden played against Reddings school, and we won! We took Rowan, Ollie, Aaron, Jamie, Matthew, Jack, Luke and Lilly. The score was a fabulous 6 – 0. An exciting moment was when Luke Green scored on his first appearance for our school team. Other scorers were Ollie, Lilly, Matthew and Aaron (who scored 2). Later in the week, we played again. This time against Brockswood School. We assembled the team, including Rowan, Ollie, Jamie, Aaron, Lilly, Finlay, Henry and Jack. We were so close to winning but finally drew 3 – 3. The most exciting moment was when Aaron crossed a lovely ball. It came off of one of their players, and we went 3 – 2 up'.

Prayer of Thankfulness

Dear God, We thank you for the things you provide. We thank you for our families.

Nursery Applications

Applications for Nursery places for September, 2020 are now open.

Nursery application forms are available from the school office.

When completed, please note that these need to be returned to the school office.

Update of outdoor area

At the weekend, the London Plane tree was carefully pruned in order to allow more light into the area beneath. We were able to use the cuttings to provide woodchip for some of the ground in this area. The next part of the project will see the fencing put into place and the ground prepared for the outdoor shelter.



EYFS Introduction to Phonics



We would like to invite all our EYFS parents to an informal meeting about the way in which we teach phonics in school. Having an introduction to the way in which this is taught in school, will help to have a consistent approach to the teaching of this important area. This will enable the children's learning to be reinforced at home. This meeting will take place at school on 06/02/20, at 2:45 pm in the EYFS classroom.

There will be another opportunity to hear this introduction to phonics later in the term, for parents who are unable to come next week.

MESSAGE FROM FOGGS.....

Christmas Fundraising

We are pleased to say that we raised £634 from the Christmas Bazaar and £226 from our Festive Film Night. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting these events.

Upcoming events:

Bake Sale: Friday 14th February

Mother's Day Gifts: w/c 16th March

Easter Egg hunt: Friday 3rd April

Father's Day Gifts: w/c 15th June

SPRING 1 DATES 2020

w/beg. 27th January, Nov.

- Chinese New Year

Thursday, 30th January

- 2:45 - 4:30 Winter Art Exhibition

w/beg. 3rd February

- Charles Dickens week

Thursday, 6th February

- **2:45 EYFS phonic talk for parents**

Friday, 7th February

- Charles Dickens day of birth (1812)
- 9:30 EYFS Health Screening

Tuesday, 11th February

- Internet Safety Day

Friday, 14th February

- Break up for half term

Half term :

**Monday, 17th February -
Friday, 21st February**

Tuesday, 25th February

- Pancake Day

Wednesday, 26th February

- First Day of Lent

Sunday, 1st March

- St David's Day

Monday, 2nd March

- Y3/4 Economic wellbeing with Metro Bank

Thursday, 5th March

- World Book Day

We thank you for your kindness and for helping us to be the best we can. Amen