

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring 1 '20

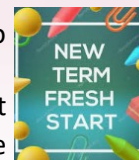
Wednesday, 15th January 2020

Message from the Head

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. It is lovely to see the children all back at school, refreshed and excited about the new term ahead.

This term, we extend a very warm welcome to new members of our school community. Last week, we welcomed Lucas and his younger sister, Sienna, to our school. It was lovely to see how our school welcomes newcomers, helping them to feel part of our school community.

We also extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Canham, who joins us as our new INCO and we welcome Mrs De Rouffignac who is teaching in Y3/4 this term.



HISTORY COMES ALIVE



On Thursday, we had a special visitor to our school. As part of his 80th birthday celebrations, Mr Richard Alan Fear came back to visit Great Gaddesden School, which he joined as a 5 year old in 1945 and attended until 1951. As Mr Fear toured our school, he was able to describe what it was like all those years ago. He described how there were only 2 classes, with these being situated in the library and the hall. This term on our curriculum, Y5/6 are studying the local environment, so it was fantastic for them to be able to hear Mr Fear describing the area in years gone by. It was interesting to hear that in place of the pond, there used to be an apple tree. However, the most exciting discovery was on the first page of the 1950's 'Behaviour log', where we were all stunned to discover that the first entry on the page was in fact, Mr Fear, who had apparently been careless when crossing the Leighton Buzzard Road with his pals! A fantastic visit which made the children's learning very real.

Curriculum details

Details of the children's learning across the curriculum this term are displayed on the class pages on the school website. Please have a look at these and encourage your children to discuss their learning at home.



Maths

This term, we have bought into a new Maths programme to support the children's Mathematical fluency. Y1 –Y6 children have now been introduced to this programme in school and have been given passwords to access this, from home and school. There was great excitement during the guided introductory session.

Monthly Value:

THANKFULNESS

Our value for January is 'Thankfulness' and the children have been discussing what this means to them.



IALAC

Our IALAC talks give the children the opportunity to celebrate their gifts and talents and we look forward to hearing from more of our pupils.

Prayer for the beginning of the New Year.

Dear God, Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new year brings.

Please inspire us to do our best.

Amen

SPRING TERM DATES 2020

Spring 1

Wednesday, 15th January

- School application deadline

Sunday, 26th January

- Chinese New Year

Monday, 27th January

- Chinese New Year activities

Thursday, 30th January

- 3:00 Winter Art Exhibition

w/beg. 3rd February

- Charles Dickens' week

Monday, 3rd February

- Nursery applications open for September 2021

w/beg 3rd February

- Charles Dickens week

Friday, 7th February

- Charles Dickens' birthday
- EYFS Health screening

Tuesday, 11 th February

- Internet Safety Day

HALF TERM : Monday, 17th February - Friday, 21st February

Spring 2

Tuesday, 25th February

- Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, 26th February

- Ash Wednesday. Beginning of Lent

Sunday, 1st March

- St David's Day

Thursday, 5th March

- World Book Day

w/beg. 9th March

- Sports Relief Week

Tuesday, 17th March

- 9:00 Y1/2 Sharing Assembly

Wednesday, 18th March

- 9:00 Y5/6 Sharing Assembly

Sunday, 22nd March

- Mother's Day

Tuesday, 24th March

- 9:00 EYFS Sharing Assembly
- 3:30 - 5 :00 Parents Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 25th March

- 9:00 Y3/4 Sharing Assembly
- 5:30 - 7:00 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday, 2nd April

- 9:00 Easter Service in church
- Egg rolling competition

Friday, 3rd April