

# GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Autumn 2

Monday, 16th September 2019

### Message from the Head

The children have now all settled into their new classes and are getting used to new routines. In order to share curriculum information and expectations for the year, all parents are invited to the Curriculum Information meetings, which are taking place this week. Please see dates on this Newsletter/website school calendar. The information booklets shared at the meetings will be sent home to all families, to ensure that those who are unable to join us, will have the relevant information to support their children.



Last Friday morning, Rev'd John Russell blessed our school grounds and our classrooms. It was a lovely occasion, with us all outside together in the Autumn sunshine. In the classrooms, the children shared their prayers, which focused on our two school rules. We only have two rules in school as we feel that these encompass all we need to guide us :-

- 1) Be kind and responsible
- 2) Keep safe

All members of our school are familiar with these 2 rules and it offers us all a point of reference for our decision making.

### HEALTHY EATING

This academic year, one of our key areas of focus is 'Wellbeing in Action'. As research shows, there is a direct link between children's well being and their food choices. It shows that eating healthily during the school day, provides the energy and focus required to do well academically and to stay happy and healthy. We have reviewed our Healthy Eating Policy and this is available on the school website for reference. The following link gives a range of simple healthy changes that can be made to a child's packed lunch e.g. swapping cake for a slice of malt loaf.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>.

Please remember that no bags of crisps or chocolate are to be included in the children's lunch boxes and a reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. As we have a number of children who have nut allergies, this is of utmost importance.



All KS2 children (Y3 –Y6) are welcome to bring a piece of **fresh** fruit or a vegetable to have during their morning break. School supplies all our EYFS and KS1 children with fresh fruit/veg daily, so this is not needed for our younger pupils.



### Monthly Value:

#### Responsibility

This week, Ethan, Lucy and John were nominated by their class for using our value to guide them in their school life.

#### IALAC

Our first IALAC pupils of the term, were Lucy and Jack C. They confidently shared examples of their gifts and talents with us all and the children and staff added to them.

#### HOUSE

#### POINTS

#### AWARDS



This year, we have an exciting

new House point display! We have reviewed the way in which our House points are awarded. House points are now being used as recognition of making a positive contribution to all aspects of school life. This includes positive behaviour for learning, supporting each other and reflecting our school values.

### Prayers of Blessing

Dear God, Help us to be kind in school. Help us to learn by listening to each other. Amen. (Y3/4)

### A note from FOGGS.....

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely summer break.

For all our parents at the beginning of the new school year: a reminder of the role of FOGGS : -

Friends of Great Gaddesden School is the PTA that organises events to raise vital funds for the school.

FOGGS is made up of two types of volunteers.

**1. The Committee:** Including elected officers (chair, deputy chair, treasurer, secretary), the committee meets once every half term to organise and carry out events. The committee decides how the money raised is spent, with guidance from the school.

**2. Parent Helpers:** This is a group of parents we can call on to help with events but who cannot commit the time to sit on the committee.

The FOGGS AGM takes place on 26th September at 7pm at The Red Lion on Leighton Buzzard road. All members of the parenting community are welcome to attend and sign up to join FOGGS, or just to find out more information and meet the committee. Please note that this will be a longer meeting than normal as we will be nominating officers to their positions as well as scheduling events.

Anyone can be nominated for the position of Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. Each person must be nominated and then seconded. All nominations must be handed to Mrs Wickens in a sealed envelope by Monday 23rd September. If you would like any more information, please email us at:- [friendsofgreatgaddesdenschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgreatgaddesdenschool@gmail.com)



### Summer Successes

Since the children have returned to school this term, they have shared their busy summer achievements with us and as a school, we celebrate their successes. This week, we congratulated the children who completed the Herts Summer Reading challenge and were awarded a medal and certificate in recognition for their achievements. This involved reading 6 books and then discussing them with an adult. Congratulations to:- Hannah, James P., William, Rebecca, Zack, Harriet and Harley.

Many children had sporting successes to celebrate on their return to school. Congratulations go to:- Luke (Man of the Match award), James (best player of tournament), Ryan, Henry and John (football medals) and Frankie (3rd place in relay). Olive received a medal for her golfing skills, Dottie was awarded a swimming certificate and Harriet was proud to be able to ride a horse on the road for the first time. Congratulations also go to Leo, who was signed up by both International and National talent agencies during the summer, to progress his career,

Many congratulations to all our children. We are very proud of you and you should all be very proud of your successes.



### AUTUMN 1 DATES 2019

#### **Monday, 16th September**

- 2:45 Y5/6 Curriculum Information meeting

#### **Tuesday, 17th September**

- 2:45 Y3/4 Curriculum Information session

#### **Wednesday, 18th September**

- 2:45 Y1/2 Curriculum Information session

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#### **Thursday, 26th September**

- FOGGS AGM

#### **Friday, 27th September**

- 3:30 FOGGS Disco/Film evening

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#### **Sunday, 6th October**

- National Grandparents Day

#### **Monday, 7th October**

- Grandparents afternoon in school

#### **Tuesday, 8th October**

- Y6 - Health check with school nurse

#### **Friday, 11th October**

- Harvest Festival in church

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#### **Monday, 21st October**

- 5:30 - 7:30 EYFS Parent Consultation

#### **Tuesday, 22nd October**

- 3:30 - 5:30 Parent Consultation (all year groups)

#### **Wednesday, 23rd October**

- 5:30 - 7:30 Parent Consultation (Y1—Y6)

#### **Thursday, 24th October**

- WOW Forest School Day (Y5/6 + Y1/2)

#### **Friday, 25th October**

- WOW Forest School Day (EYFS + Y3/4 )
- 3:15 FOGGS cake sale

### Prayer of Blessing

*Dear God, Help us to learn well and care for each other. Bless our little village and our school.  
Amen. (Y1/2)*