



Great Gaddesden C of E (Voluntary Aided) Primary School

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Celebrating Success in Summer 2, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again, it seems hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year! There has been so much continued success at the school over the last year, both in and out of the class-room. During the Spring Term we had our five year SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The outcome was much improved on the previous SIAMS, with the inspector judging us to be 'Good' with some aspects 'Outstanding'. We will continue to build on this foundation to ensure that the school goes from strength to strength in the 2017/18 academic year.

The second half of the Summer Term is always such a busy, but enjoyable, time. A couple of weeks ago saw our annual Sports Day, where children competed in their houses to win the Sports Cup. We saw a healthy competitive spirit as well as wonderful sportsmanship - well done to all! Congratulations to all of those children in Ash who were triumphant on the day. Yesterday, we awarded the House Cup to the team who have earned the most house-points this term for excellent effort and work - congratulations to all of those in Beech.

Last Friday, children in Years 3 - 6 headed to Long Marston to compete in Intervillage Sports. Children had a lovely time supporting their peers and competing in the events. Great Gaddesden were placed 2nd in the Relativity Cup (the cup which takes account of the size of the school) which was a really super achievement!

This week Years 3 - 6 took on the ambitious task of performing 'Alice in Wonderland'. The Lewis Carroll classic was an absolute hit. The costumes were incredible, the singing was marvellous and the show was a huge success. Particular congratulations to Year 6, who took on the challenging lead roles with enthusiasm. A special mention to Grace Lutt for her incredible solos.

FOGGS have had another hugely successful year! The Summer Fayre alone raised £2000! This result is down to the dedication and hard work of the entire committee, which I am delighted to say continues to grow. Cassie Chappell, who has been on the FOGGS team for five years and has taken on the role of treasurer, will be standing down from FOGGS this year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cassie for her commitment to the school/FOGGS. Additionally, Amie Upton, who has been the Chair for the last two years, will be standing down (but remaining a FOGG!) Amie has worked tirelessly to run so many events at the school and we are so grateful for her time, energy and effort.

This half-term sees Miss Groves' time at Great Gaddesden come to an end. Miss Groves has been at the school for six years and has had *such* a positive impact on the children (and staff!) in her time here. She is a fantastic teacher, who treats everyone with care and compassion. We have been lucky to have Miss Groves at our school and wish her the very best as she moves onto St. Mary's.

This year, we have been so fortunate to have such an **incredible** team of Year 6 children leading the school: Ben, Corey, Deena, Grace, Harvey, Hattie, Kaia, Meadow and Sienna. As well as making fantastic academic progress and achieving great SATs results, you live and breathe our school values, which is why I can say with confidence that you all have a bright future ahead of you - stay in touch!

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank all parents/carers for the generous cards and gifts - whilst entirely unexpected, we are very grateful! I sincerely hope all children and families have a restful and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th September. Thank you all for your continued support this academic year.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Comer

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OUR INCREDIBLE YEAR 6 LEAVERS.
WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK FOR THE FUTURE!

