



# GREAT GADDESSEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 1

7th September 2018

### Message from the Head

#### **Autumn Term**

A big welcome back to everyone at the start of our Autumn term. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the sunny weather. It was great to see all the children back safely at school, all looking well and impeccably dressed in perfect school uniform.

You will find the school calendar on the school website gives key dates: [www.greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk](http://www.greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk). and attached to this Newsletter are the dates of events up to half term. Each class page on the website will be updated weekly and you will find the Homework and Curriculum letter also on this page.

In the summer term, our new Reception parents were invited to a Curriculum Information session and this term, I would like to offer the same opportunity to all other parents. Please find the dates on the dates list and on the website calendar. These Curriculum Information sessions will give the teachers the opportunity to share the class routines, curriculum details and expectations for the year. A curriculum booklet for each class will be available on the class page of the website, for your reference.



#### **HELLO AND GOODBYE**

At the end of the Summer term, we said goodbye to Mr Cramphorn and thanked him for all the hard work and support during his time at Great Gaddesden School. Next week, we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Stephenson who has supported Mrs Birch-Palmer in the office. On Monday, we welcome Mrs Lewis who will be joining Mrs Birch-Palmer in the office, working on a Monday.

#### **LUNCHES**

All pupils from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, which is ordered on the day. EYFS and KS1 pupils are also provided with a free snack of fruit or vegetables. As Year 3 pupils are paying for their school lunches for the first time, the office will send invoices home for these. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure that this is well balance - a gentle reminder that chocolate and crisps are not allowed in school. We appreciate your support with this.

#### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**



Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school. As you may be aware, we have some children who have allergies to nuts. A nut allergy can be life threatening so please be mindful of the food that is in the children's packed lunches.

#### **SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

##### **Year 6 Parents**

If your child is applying for a secondary school place for **September 2019**, the application process is now open. The applications are made online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). The deadline date is **Wednesday 31st October 2018**. Local schools are very popular, so it is important that applications are made on time. Y6 children have been given the 'Moving On 2019' leaflet, which gives dates of the schools Open Events. If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to ask me.

## **FOGGS dates**

### **Wednesday, 12th September**

FOGGS Annual General Meeting at The Marchmont Arms at 7:30. All parents ARE welcome to attend.

### **Sunday, 16th September,**

FOGGS have organised a Sausage Sizzle at Homebase. They would appreciate offers of help to man the stall. If you are able to offer any time between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., please see a member of the FOGGS team.

### **Friday, 28th September.**

Disco/film evening at school.



## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

Please ask your child to explain about their class **reward jar** and how it is used.

I hope they will be able to tell you that it is part of a positive reward system from which the whole class benefits.

## **Homework + Curriculum Newsletter**

Please see the relevant class page on the website to view the Homework and Curriculum Newsletters.

## **Uniform**

Congratulations to all!

100% of the children were in school uniform this week. They all looked very smart and have set the expectations for the new school year.

## **Breakfast Club**

A reminder that Breakfast Club opens at 8:00 a.m. To ensure your child is safe at all times, please see them safely into the school building before leaving.

## **BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Next Friday, (14/09/18) during our Collective Worship, Rev. John Russell will bless our school grounds. This will give the children the opportunity to reflect on their hopes and aspirations for the coming year. All families are most welcome to join us.

Following the service, our Nursery and Reception families are invited to stay for a 'Welcome Morning', when there will be the opportunity to 'stay and play' with the children in the EYFS. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to meet members of our FOGGS team.



## **CLUBS**

Clubs begin next week. All children who applied for clubs have places unless you have been contacted directly. For your reference, the original letter, with the day and times is on the school website under the **Letters** page (**Autumn 2018 Clubs Letter**)

## **SUMMER ART CHALLENGE**

Some fabulous pieces of work from our Summer Art Challenge, set by Mrs Lilley, have already been brought into school. The deadline for the children's work to come into school is Friday, 14th September. All the creations will be displayed in an Art Exhibition to which all parents are very welcome. This will take place on Thursday, 14th September at 3:15pm

## **STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2019**

If you know of anyone who has a child due to start school or Nursery next September, please pass on our school details and invite them to get in touch with the school. We will be offering visits for prospective parents throughout this term so they can see what a fantastic village school we are. Please pass on this information to anyone who might find it helpful.