

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn 9

Wednesday, 11st December 2019

Message from the Head

As we near the end of term, the children have been busy working on Christmas related activities and preparing for our Christmas services. Each Monday in December, we light a new candle on our Advent wreath, remembering the significance of each week in Advent.



Next Tuesday, 17th December, the children will be having a Christmas lunch at school. There will be 2 choices available: turkey roast dinner (red) or a nut free vegetable option (green). Please see attached sheet. All children are welcome to order a Christmas lunch on the day. Please pay on School Gateway. Children who have a packed lunch are invited to include a festive treat in their lunch box.

Thank you to all our parents and families who are always considerate with parking outside school. Unfortunately, I have received a number of complaints regarding cars causing an obstruction, by dropping off children at the gate and leaving engines running. Please ensure that you do not block access outside school. The Garden Centre have offered their car park for our use at school drop off times. A gentle reminder that in our Christian school, we all try to treat each other and our environment with respect. I thank you all for your support.

Sharing Assemblies

Last week, Y3/4 shared their learning in their Sharing Assembly. This gave them the opportunity to tell us about their Roman topic, demonstrate their knowledge of electrical circuits and show their art work to the school and families. Our Sharing Assemblies give the children the opportunity to speak to an audience and for us to celebrate samples of work of which the children are proud.

Y3/4 Ukulele and Recorder music session

Last Tuesday, Y3/4 shared their musical skills in an open music session. Y3 shared their recorder playing and Y4 demonstrated their ukulele playing. It was great to see the children all being so enthusiastically involved. Many thanks to all the parents who were able to join us.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all families who have returned their shoeboxes to school already. These are going to be collected by The Rotary Club on Wednesday, 18th December. Please return the boxes to school by Monday, 16th December to ensure they are ready for collection.

Monthly Value:

HOPE

The 'Hope' branch of our values tree, has the photos of Jamie, Sophie and Rowan as they have been nominated by their class for demonstrating the way in which they live this value. Well done, children.



IALAC

Charlie, George, Luke and Aaron have all had the opportunity to share their gifts and talents with us. They confidently spoke about their attributes, which was added to by staff and children.

Prayer of Hope

Hope overcomes. Hope heals. Hope restores. Hope inspires.

Football

Last week, Great Gaddesden football team played South Hill Primary School. Unfortunately, luck was not on our side this week, but it was evident the way in which the team has grown to become a very effective group, working together in such a supportive way. The team will be able to build on this and hopefully, add to their success. Thank you to Mr Alleyne for his management and support of the team.



Christmas Jumper Day :

Friday, 13th December is Christmas Jumper Day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school with the rest of their uniform, to raise funds for Save the Children charity. Children are asked to make a suggested donation of £1 and our Y6 RE leaders will be responsible for sending this to the charity.

If you wish to source a recycled jumper, please see FOGGS' facebook. Please note that it is only a *festive jumper* that may worn to replace our school jumper.



Our FOGGS Christmas Bazaar is now very near.

Friday 13th December

Raffle tickets are still available for sale.

It's finally here! Please stay after school to have fun at our Christmas Bazaar.

3.00 p.m. - Mulled wine, artisan coffees and hot chocolate will be sold on the playground so please come early for a festive drink and mince pie!

3.15 p.m. - End of school day for children (squash and cakes available to buy)

3.20 p.m. - Santa arrives and officially opens our fair!

4.30 p.m. - Raffle is called.

- Winner of Santa Map announced

AUTUMN 2 DATES 2019

Applications for Reception class, Sept. 2020, are currently open.

Wednesday, 11th December

- 9:15 a.m. EYFS Nativity - in school
- 2:00 pm - KS1 + KS2 Christmas Service in church
- 6:30 pm - KS1 + KS2 Christmas Service in church

Friday, 13th December

- Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children charity
- 3:30 pm - FOGGS Christmas fayre

Monday, 16th December

- Y5/6 Carol Singing in Care Home

Tuesday, 17th December

- School Christmas lunch

Wednesday, 18th December

- School trip to pantomime

Thursday, 19th December

- 2:00 Christingle service in church

Friday, 20th December

- 1:30 pm - term ends

SPRING TERM 2020

INSET DAY: Monday, 6th January
Children return: Tuesday, 7th Jan.

HALF TERM

Monday, 17th February - Friday, 21st February

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

1:30 pm - Friday, 17th July 2020

Prayer of Hope

Hope conquers. Hope frees. Hope is your gift to the world.
Amen