



Great Gaddesden Cof E (VA) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end my first term of Headship at Great Gaddesden School, I would like to thank you for the support you have shown me. I feel very much part of our school community and have loved the introductions to so many new traditions; all of which have been a great experience for me.

The children have all had a most productive term and it was lovely that so many parents were able to join us for the class assemblies, in which the children shared their learning with us. We have had a very busy term, in which everyone has worked hard to achieve the best they can. I wish all children, staff and parents a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Values:

Over the last couple of weeks, Lilly Green, Harrison Field and Lucy have been nominated by their friends and staff for demonstrating the value of 'honesty'. As we look at our 'Values tree' in the hall, with all the children's photos around it, it reminds us of the way in which our gospel values guide our behaviour and decision making and it is this that makes our school unique.

IALAC:

We have heard from Sophia (supported by her sister Hollie), Harrison, Josh and Samuel of all the ways in which they are 'likable and capable'. Each week, the rest of the school have added many extra examples of ways in which these children are 'likable and capable'. This demonstrates the way in which the children are so supportive of each other.

House Points:

30 house points badge:

Congratulations to the following children who have now received their 30 house point badges:
Ryan, Fallon, Jamie and Olivier R. Well done, children.

The numbers of 10 and 20 house point certificates which have been awarded to the children, reflects the hard work of the children within the school. Well done to all who have received their certificate.

RAH Gala performance

On Mother's Day, 13 of our children took part in the Hertfordshire Gala performance of 'If I had Wings' at The Royal Albert Hall. We all had a fantastic day and the children rose to the challenge of performing a challenging set of songs, retelling the Greek myth, Icarus. The following children were an absolute credit to Great Gaddesden School and I thank them for all for their hard work:-

Lilly Allsopp, Alex and Sebastian Blomley, Andrew Cope, Emily and Grace Drake, Grace Hurrell, Fallon and Fenella Makepeace, Eleanor and Olivia Rudd, Hope Thackeray, Olivia Watson and Immy Wilkinson.

Science Day

During National Science week, Francesca from 'Hands-On Science' came to visit the school and each class had a practical workshop. Our Nursery and Reception children experimented with rockets, which involved trying to get them into the target bucket. Our Y1+2 children experimented with making circuits

in electricity and Y3+4 made observations having watched their fireworks. Y5+6 experimented in making salt crystals of different shapes and colours. Francesca was able to judge our school of scientists in the fancy dress parade. She selected Phoenix and Poppy (a zoologist for the day), as the winners. The children worked on activities, which made links with other areas of their learning throughout the day. Many thanks to Mrs Jessop for organising our visiting Scientist.

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Last Friday, we were treated to the spectacular grand final of Great Gaddesden's Got Talent. The judges (Immy, Harrison and Sonny made very encouraging remarks and had an extremely difficult decision to select an overall winner. The finalists from each year group gave us an absolute treat, displaying a wide range of talents.

Many congratulations go to Alex (Y6 winner with his expressive guitar playing), Fenella (Y5 winner entertaining us with modern dance), Lilly (Y4 winner with her solo singing), Robyn (Y3 winner with an impressive magic trick), Reece (Y2 winner with an exhausting fitness routine) and James (Reception winner with his confident singing).

Many congratulations go to Great Gaddesden's very own girl band; the overall winners from Y2/1, made up of Lottie, Layla, Jenna, Hannah and Rebecca.

The atmosphere of support and respect for all was a fine example of the way in which our children use our Christian values to guide their behaviour.

Thank You:

With the help of Mrs Fitzgerald, (Abigail's mum), we are in the process of smartening up the library so that the children are able to access the books more efficiently. We are declaring a library book amnesty – so if you come across any school library books that have been tucked away in a corner at home for a while, please feel free to send back to school! We have a lovely library and it is great to see the children making good use of it.

On behalf of the children, I would like to extend our thanks to Mr Fitzgerald for his very generous donation of Easter eggs to FOGGS.

EYFS News:

At the start of next term, there will be a small change in routine for our Nursery and Reception children. When the whistle is blown at 8:50, our EYFS children will no longer need to line up. As the rest of the school is lining up, our youngest class will walk straight into class and start their day.

Healthy Eating

The Finer Diner focus has had an excellent impact on the children's table manners this term, which has been great to see.

Next term, we will be focussing on healthy eating, with the children carrying out further research and activities in class.

Please see key dates below for next term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Wickens
Headteacher



Dates for Summer term:

Monday, 16 th April	INSET
Tuesday, 17 th April	Children return
Thursday, 19 th April	Religious Art in the Environment
23/04/18 – 27/04/18	Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 21 st April	Race Night at Great Gaddesden Parish Hall
Tuesday 24 th April	Maths workshop for selected pupils
Wednesday 25 th April	Great Gaddesden v Kensworth School - football
Tuesday, 1 st May	May Day celebration 1:30pm
Wednesday 2 nd May	Y3/4 Trip to Roald Dahl museum
Mon.14 th - Frid.18 th May	KS2 SATS week
Wednesday 23 rd May	Sports Day 1:30pm
Friday 25 th May	FOGGs non uniform day

HALF-TERM: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Friday, 15th June – INSET

25/06/18 – 29/06/18	Small Schools Week (further details to follow)
Monday 2 nd July	Great Gaddesden v Flamstead -football
Wednesday 4 th July	KS2 girls Rounders at Beechwood 2 – 4:30pm (further details to follow)
Thursday 5 th July	Forest School Day
Friday 13 th July	Intervillage Sports at Wigginton School 5:00 pm
Friday 20 th July	Children break up

Monday 23rd July – Occasional Day

Tuesday 24th July - Occasional Day

Wednesday 25th July – Occasional Day

Thursday 26th July – Occasional Day

Friday 27th July – Occasional Day