

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 9

Tuesday, 11th December 2018

Message from the Head

Now that we are in the season of Advent, the school is becoming very busy as the children and staff prepare for the Christmas activities. We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas celebrations with all our school community. Please see school website and Diary Dates on reverse of this letter for dates and times.

On Monday, 17th December the school council and a Junior choir will be going to sing carols to the residents of St Paul's Care Home. I was delighted at the number of our children who were so keen to bring some joy into the lives of others within our wider community. I am sure the residents and staff of St Paul's will be delighted to hear the children's cheerful singing.



CLASS SHARING ASSEMBLIES

We were given a treat when Years 3/4 concluded the sharing assemblies for this term as they showed work from all areas of the curriculum. This included some fabulous art work in the style of Andy Warhol and some interesting report writing on the Stone Age project. The presentations which were shared, reflected the impressive research that the children had carried out. All of us were most impressed with the Stone Age tools that Harry B had made himself as part of his homework.

WOW FOREST SCHOOL DAY



Last week, Mrs Ansell, our Forest School specialist came to lead our 'Wow' Forest School day, with every class having an extended session. The children were so enthusiastic about their day, loving the whole class (adults included) game of Hide and Seek. However, the activity that they all voted as the best was creating a camp fire on which they cooked hotdogs and then ate them! Outside learning is proven to enhance all areas of learning, particularly developing self-awareness, collaborative learning and raising self esteem.

TARGET GAMES

Year 2 were invited to Ashlyns school to make part in a 'Target Games' competition with children from other schools in Dacorum. During the event, they participated in a number of events including golf, bowling, target practice and football. However, their favourite was archery! The children's fabulous effort and outstanding behaviour helped them achieve 2nd place. Well done, children! Many thanks to Mr Scarborough for helping support the children with this event. (Miss Carty)

Monthly Value:



Jenna's
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completed the 'Courage' branch of our values tree as she was nominated for showing this value in her attitude to her work. We are now reflecting on the value of Peace and the way in which this guides our behaviour.

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Thank you to Jack G, Jack B, Zak and Ollie D for sharing their qualities and gifts, making them likable and capable.

HOUSE POINTS AWARDS

The number of children reaching 10 House Points continues to grow.

Congratulation to Dottie, Charlie G, Robyn and Abigail for achieving their 10 House Point certificates.

Congratulations to John who has achieved his 20 House Point certificate.



EYFS Prayer :

Please help us to prepare for Christmas by being kind to others. Amen

CLUBS

The clubs for the Spring term are currently being allocated. We are always looking to extend the range that we offer and next term, we are delighted to be able to include yoga and cooking next term. Please note that all club fees from this term need to have been cleared before allocation for next term's clubs.

TRAVELLING CRIB:

As we are now in the season of Advent, the travelling crib is being taken home by our children each day until the end of term. We have tried to arrange for the crib to be with a different family each day until the end of term. We have a few days that have not yet been allocated, so please let us know if you would like to have the

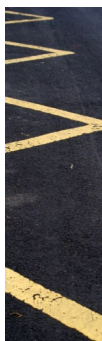


opportunity to host the crib. This Mexican tradition is a reminder of the family life of Jesus and it is lovely to see the enthusiasm of our children as they participate in this tradition.

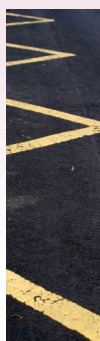
LUNCH BUDDIES:

We have introduced lunch buddies partnering up our Year 5 children with the Nursery children who stay for lunch. The buddies have their lunch together, with the Year 5 children supporting their younger buddies and helping to ensure that their lunch times are a positive experience. It is lovely to see the way in which the older children take on responsibly and are so caring towards the younger children in our school.

PARKING REMINDER :



The road outside school can become very congested at key times of the school day: mainly at drop off and pick up times. Thank you very much for the consideration that you show to each other and our neighbours by your safe parking. However, there have been a few occasions recently when a couple of cars have caused obstruction. Please ensure that your car is parked safely and is not blocking the road. Thank you very much for your support with this.



DIARY DATES

Wednesday, 12th December

- 9:15 EYFS Nativity Service
- 2:00 Carol service
- 6:30 Carol Service

Friday, 14th December

- 3:30 - 5:00 FOGGS Xmas Fair

Tuesday, 18th December

- Christmas lunch

Wednesday, 19th December

- Pantomime trip

Thursday, 20th December

- 2:00 Christingle Service

Friday, 21st December

- 1:30 Break up for Christmas

SPRING TERM

Children return: **Tuesday, 8th January 2019**

HALF TERM:

Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February

Break up: **Friday, 5th April 2019**

SUMMER TERM

Children return: **Tuesday, 23rd April 2019**

HALF TERM:

Monday, 27th May to Friday, 31st May

Break up: **Friday, 19th July 2019**

XMAS LUNCH :

**Tuesday,
18th December**



All children may wear their Christmas jumper to school on this day if they wish, with the rest of their full school uniform.

EYFS Prayer :

Dear God, Please help us to be kind and helpful. Amen.