

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Spring 2

Monday, 4th February 2019

Message from the Head

The snow is beginning to clear and I am glad to hear that everyone was safe on Friday. The decision whether or not to open the school during bad weather is never an easy one to make, but the main consideration is always the safety of the children and staff. I am pleased the message to close seems to have been received quickly by all our families, via text and the website update.



Hertfordshire County Council use a notification system, known as 'Everbridge', to inform parents of school closures during severe weather or in an emergency. It is possible to sign up for the Everbridge notification system, by following the link: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>.

In addition to communication from the school, you will also receive a direct message from Everbridge, letting you know if we are closed. If you have children at more than one school, you can register for each school in a single registration.

A reminder that library day has changed to a Monday. Please remember to return books weekly in order to change it for new one.

Now that our electronic communication is safely in place, we will be progressing to electronic distribution only, of this Newsletter. This will start after half term. However, there is still the option of receiving a paper copy as well, if you would prefer this. Please let the office know if this is your preferred choice.

Monthly Value:

Ambition



Dottie's handprint completed the 'Tree of

Ambition' this week as she was nominated for achieving her ambition of managing to perform a flip on the climbing apparatus.

IALAC

This week, Jack R and Dottie shared ways in which they are likeable and capable with us all. It was lovely to hear so many examples from their friends.

HOUSE POINTS AWARDS

10 House point certificate
Congratulations to :-
Mylo, Samuel, Jack G,
Matthew, Lottie, Jenna.

20 House point certificate.
Congratulations to:-
Luke

Scientists for the day



Last week, 2 of our older children, Rowan and Harvey, became scientists for the afternoon at Watford Hospital and had the amazing opportunity to experience the work that is carried out in the pathology laboratory. This was sponsored by the charity, 'Harvey's Gang' charity, who give the opportunity to understand the extensive work carried out in blood laboratories. They had a fabulous time and we are very fortunate that Mr Ben Sheath will be visiting us at Great Gaddesden during our Science Day to share elements of the work that is carried out in this vital department in a hospital.



Prayer of Friendship

Dear Lord, Let our friendships be gentle, so that we may bring peace to others.

FOGGS NOTICES

The FOGGS **post box** in the playground (by path leading to Y1/2's classroom) is now back in use. Members of FOGGS would be grateful if this box could be used for all correspondence for them. It is emptied regularly.

Cake sale: Friday, 15th February.

There will be a cake sale at the end 3:15 pm. All donations will be gratefully received and these can be dropped off at the morning drop off.



Y5 PARENTS

For information regarding the test dates for schools in the secondary school consortium, please see attached letter. If you are considering an application to any of these schools, please ensure that you keep these dates free .

SPRING TERM DATES 2019

Spring 1

Tuesday, 5th February

- Chinese New Year - whole school art project

Friday, 8th February

- Y2 Athletics Festival

W/beg. Monday, 11th February

- Feeling Good Week

Friday, 15th February

- 3:15 FOGGS cake sale

HALF TERM

**Monday, 18th February -
Friday, 22nd February**

Spring 2

Tuesday, 26th February

- 9:00 Y4 Speed Stacking Festival
- 3.00 Hudnall Park parents' meeting

Thursday, 7th March

- World Book Day
- Wow Forest School Day

Friday, 8th March

- Wow Forest School Day

Wednesday, 13th March

- Science Day

Friday, 15th March

- Red Nose Day

Thursday, 21st March

- 9:00 Y5/6 Sharing Assembly

Monday, 25th March

- Waste Aware Assembly
- Workshop Y5/6

Tuesday, 26th March

- 9:00 Y1/2 Sharing Assembly
- 3:30—5:00pm
Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 27th March

- 5:30—7:30pm
Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday, 28th March

- 9:00 Y3/4 Sharing Assembly

Wednesday, 3rd April

- EYFS Sharing Assembly

Thursday, 4th April

- 9:00 Easter church service
- 10:30 Egg rolling competition

NSPCC TALK

Recently, we had 2 representatives from the NSPCC who visited our school as part of the 'Speak Out. Stay Safe' programme. They led two separate assemblies, one for our younger children and one for KS2 children. During this time, the message of how the children can keep themselves safe, was shared. This was followed later in the week by a workshop for Years 5/6, who had more in depth discussions and were given the opportunity to ask questions, which were starting points for discussion. All the children were very attentive, listening carefully to the important messages that were being shared.



COOKING CLUB

We try to offer a range of extra curricular clubs and this term, our cooking club has proved to be very popular. Each week, they are cooking a dish of their own choice from a different country. This week, they made and shared a Chinese meal.



Dear Lord, Let our friendships be strong, so that we support each other.

Amen.