

GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Autumn 4

Friday, 4th October 2019

Message from the Head

Throughout October, our curriculum will reflect the fact that this month is recognised as Black History Month throughout the UK. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the history, achievements and contributions of those of African and Caribbean descent. This week, our Y6 RE leaders led a Collective Worship to introduce this, making links with our monthly value of 'Respect'.



It is great to see an increasing number of our KS2 children bringing in fresh fruit/vegetables for their morning snack. They are to be particularly congratulated on their efforts to use re-usable containers, rather than single use plastics. Many thanks for supporting the children with this.

Reception places for September 2020

The process of applying for Reception places for September 2020 opens on Monday, 4th November. If you know of anyone who is interested in a place at our school, please ask them to ring the office. We will be arranging tours to show prospective families round our school.

Value in action

At the weekend, Hannah gave up her time to join an organised group of litter pickers, who were clearing up Gadebridge Park. This is a fine example of taking responsibility for our environment. It is lovely to hear of examples of the way in which the children use our values to guide their values and actions.



Harvest

On Friday, 11th October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. All children are invited to bring a contribution into school that can be donated to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year we will be supporting DENS charity and the Salvation Army. Both these charities support our local community, providing meals and shelter for those in need. We will be collecting contributions that the children bring into school from next Monday, 7th October. A list of suggestions will be posted on our website.

Grandparents Afternoon

Monday, 7th October: 2:00 pm

We are looking forward to welcoming our Grandparents (or another special person of the same generation), to school on Monday afternoon, in celebration of National Grandparents Day. The children and adults will be working together in groups in each class, on Harvest craft activities. Please let the office know of the number of visitors for your child/ren, if you haven't already done so. This is so that we have an approximate number of visitors.



Monthly Value: Responsibility

Ethan and Matthew added their photos to the Responsibility Tree last week, completing our first monthly value of the year. Ethan is to be congratulated in particular as he has been nominated *twice*, by his class this month for living our value of 'responsibility'.

This week, we started our October value of **Respect**, with Ollie A and Layla being nominated by their class.

IALAC

Recently, we have heard from Ollie D, Matthew, Jamie and Samuel. The children have shared their gifts and talents in their IALAC talk, with contributions from staff and peers.

Prayers of Respect

Dear Lord, Inspire us to respect others fully and treat everyone as our equals.

A 'thank you' to the 2017 –19 Chairman of FOGGS

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Mrs Kasia Albinski for the work that she has done while in the role of Chairman for FOGGS. She has led the FOGGS teams with enthusiasm and endless energy for the last 2 years, organising fund raising projects from which all our children have benefitted. All positions within FOGGS are voluntary and as a school, we hugely appreciate the time and energy that all members so generously give. We are pleased that Mrs Albinski will continue to be a member of FOGGS and thank her for her leadership over the last 2 years.

AUTUMN 1 DATES 2019

Sunday, 6th October

- National Grandparents Day

Monday, 7th October

- 2:00 p.m.
Grandparents afternoon in school

Tuesday, 8th October

- Y6 - Health check with school nurse

Wednesday, 9th October

- Y5/6 Cross Country: Ashlyns School

Thursday, 10th October

- Y3/4 Cross Country: Longdean School

Friday, 11th October

- 9:00 Harvest Festival in church

Monday, 21st October

- 5:30 Parental Consultation for EYFS Parents

Tuesday, 22nd October

- 3:30 -5:30 Parental Consultation for all year groups

Wednesday, 23rd October

- 5:30- 7:30 Parental Consultation for Y1/2 + Y3/4 + Y5/6

Thursday, 24th October

- WOW Forest School Y5/6 + Y1/2

Friday, 25th October

- WOW Forest School EYFS + Y3/4
- 3:15 FOGGS cake sale

HALF TERM :

**Monday, 28th October to
Friday, 1st November**

To support our focus on reading, please see events taking place in the next month. Our town libraries are an excellent place to support the children's love of reading.

Come and meet the original Gangsta Granny

Actress Gilly Tompkins becomes Granny and reads from David Walliams bestselling book, followed by a craft session.

**Saturday 30th November:
Harpenden Library 10.00 - 11.00am
Hitchin Library 2.30 - 3.30pm**

**Sunday 1st December:
Watford Library 1.30 - 2.30pm**

Tickets: £3.00 per person, available in the library and online



For further details 0300 123 4049
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries



Parking

In order to avoid congestion at busy times in the school day, the Garden Centre have kindly offered the use of their car park whenever needed. We are very grateful for this. However, if parking outside school, please ensure that care is taken not to park across our neighbours' driveways. Recently, there have been occasions when neighbours have been unable to exit their drive.

All I want for Christmas for one day only is...
20% OFF*
*For one day only. Excludes Concessions, Gift Vouchers, Computer, Books, Gift Vouchers, Food, Books & Restaurant.
Saturday 5th October | 9am - 6:00pm
Friends & Family Open Day
As a valued customer, we invite you to come meet the team and see our completed Christmas display!
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD garden centre

Prayer of Respect

We pray that there will be respect for our world and peace for it's people. Amen