



## Autumn 3

Tuesday, 17th September 2019

### Message from the Head

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our Curriculum Information meetings which were held last week. All parents should have received an information pack giving details of this year's curriculum and class routines. It is hoped that these will keep you informed about the long term plans for the year. Please ask class teachers if you require a pack. This week, all children will be bringing home a copy of the Home/School Agreement. Please take the opportunity to discuss this with your child/ren and return a signed copy to school by Friday, 4th October.

#### Wellbeing

Thank you for your support in encouraging the children to develop healthy eating habits, giving them an awareness of the importance of balanced diet. Members of our School Council reminded their class mates of the importance of a balanced diet and that we are a nut-free school.

Water bottles will now be coming home every day, so that they can be washed daily. Please ensure that they are returned to school every day, with fresh water. We are part of the Herts scheme that provides a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable to our younger children every day. KS2 children are invited to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable from home, which they will be able to have during the morning break.



#### SAVE THE DATE:

**Monday, 7th October:  
Grandparents Afternoon.**



Following the great success of last year, we will be inviting the children's Grandparents (or other significant relative of the same generation), to join their grandchildren at school on Monday, 7th October. This is in celebration of National Grandparents Day, which falls on Sunday, 6th October. All Grandparents will have the opportunity to work on Harvest craft activities with the children. We understand that not all our Grandparents will be able to join us. Please be reassured that in keeping with our school ethos, this will be an inclusive occasion and all children and adults will be working together.

#### Monthly Value:



#### Responsibility

This week, Harrison, James P, Jamie and Matthew

were nominated by their class for being excellent role models, using our value to guide them.

#### IALAC



This week we heard from Josh and Jenna, who shared what makes them Likeable and Capable. Children and staff had many to add to their lists!

#### Library information.

This year, one of our main focusses will be around the joy of Reading. We are so fortunate to have such excellent facilities in our local libraries, with so many events taking place and new things to discover. A reminder of what is available:- free of charge on Saturday, 5th October. There is 'Open House' at the library. Call the Hemel Hempstead library for details on 0300 1234049.

#### Prayers of Responsibility

*Dear Lord, Please guide us in our decision making. Help us to make responsible decisions.*

### A note from FOGGS.....

Back to School Disco/Film Night

**Friday 27th September 3.30pm - 5.30pm**

**£5 per child** (includes a hot dog, crisps, drinks and an ice lolly)

Nursery - Y4 are invited to have a boogie in the hall, while Y5 & 6 watch a film (response to feedback last year)

Please return your letters with payment to the FOGGS post box asap.

#### **FOGGS on Facebook**

We currently have 55 members on our FOGGS facebook page which is excellent as that represents most of the school community. If you are not on the page, please consider joining it as this is where we post updates about events. It is also a place to share information that might be useful to other parents about school events, roadworks and you may find some second hand uniform!

Search for FOGGS Friends of Great Gaddesden School on facebook, answer the questions and we will add you.

### AUTUMN 1 DATES 2019

#### **Friday, 27th September**

- 3:30 FOGGS Disco/Film evening
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#### **Sunday, 6th October**

- National Grandparents Day

#### **Monday, 7th October**

- Grandparents afternoon in school

#### **Tuesday, 8th October**

- Y6 - Health check with school nurse

#### **Friday, 11th October**

- Harvest Festival in church
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#### **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**

### Roald Dahl Day

EYFS learnt a song with actions, about a crocodile, who swallowed a fish. All was well though when the crocodile yawned, and it gave the fish the chance to swim out!

Mrs Todiresei says, 'We were reading George's Marvellous Medicine and used George's vile recipes to inspire us to write our own. These included:- 'a bucket load of fleas and a box of rotten banana peels', 'a bottle of super-hot chilli that could burn your tongue off, a dollop of super glue, then some out of date milk'.

Miss Carty says, 'Year 1&2 used the story of 'The Enormous Crocodile' to inspire their work on Roald Dahl day. We shared the book and watched an animation of the story before creating 'Wanted' posters. These described the enormous crocodile as 'a mean and nasty beast who will munch and crunch you!' The children also worked together to create their very own enormous crocodile



Mrs Lilley says, 'Year 5/6 celebrated Roald Dahl Day by writing a poem, with a grammar focus. They discussed their favourite Dahl book and then using modal verbs to start each sentence, they created phrases relating to their chosen book.

### Prayer of Responsibility

*Please help us to support those who are in a position of responsibility. Help them to always act wisely.*

*Amen*