



Spring 6

Friday, 5th April. 2019

Message from the Head

A final Newsletter to conclude a very successful Spring term and to thank all the children, parents and school community for their hard work and support throughout this term.

It has been a very busy and productive term, with the children building on the excellent start that they made in the Autumn. Hopefully, all PE kits have now been brought home. Please ensure that all items of school P.E. kits, including suitable footwear are clearly named and returned to school on the first day of term.

Our switch to paperless communication has been effective. Please let the office know of any change of email addresses and phone numbers, so that we can keep our records up-to-date. Copies of all school letters are available to download from the website. These are displayed on the Home page, under 'Latest News'. Paper copies are available from the office if required.



On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school, well rested on Tuesday, 23rd April.

Visitors to school

Last week, our Hertfordshire Advisory Partner spend the day at Great Gaddesden School, looking at the children's work and learning taking place in the school environment. He was keen to hear the children's views of our school and was most impressed with the enthusiasm that the children showed for our school. They told him that they thought Great Gaddesden was a 'really good little school' and reported that they knew how to keep themselves safe. He was very positive about all aspects of his visit and remarked on how the children were all engaged in their learning and worked collaboratively within their classes.

This week, we also welcomed Mr Mick Bell, our Vice Chair of Governors, who visited our school and he was delighted to be able to see our busy school in action.

Mother's Day posy making

Last Friday, in keeping with the school tradition, Year 5/6 took part in a flower workshop session in church. They all made a small Mother's Day posy, using freshly picked greenery and flowers. Many thanks to the adults from the church community who gave up their time to help.



Nursery Places

We have places available for our Nursery intake in September '19. Please contact the school for a visit. We are not affiliated to any provision that provides extended care. However, we are able to share contact details of other childcare facilities that fit in around Great Gaddesden pick up times.

Easter Service



There was a very reflective atmosphere during our Easter Service, in church on Thursday morning, led by our Year 6 children. It was lovely that so many of our parents and friends were able to join us for this service.

Monthly Value:



April: FORGIVENESS

When we return to school in April, we will be focusing on the value of 'forgiveness'.

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Adam and Sophie concluded the term by sharing their gifts and talents with us. It was marvellous to hear our youngest children speaking with such confidence to the rest of the school.

HOUSE POINTS AWARDS



Congratulations to all children who have achieved their 10 and 20 House Point certificates this term. We now have 3 children who have been awarded their 30 House point badge. Congratulations to Fenella, Lucy and Harriet.

Easter Prayer

Help us to remember the life of Jesus and the example he set us.

SUMMER TERM DATES:

Term begins:
Tuesday, 23rd April

Bank Holiday:
Monday, 6th May

Half term:
**Monday, 27th May -Friday,
31st May**

Inset Day:
Friday, 28th June

Term ends:
Friday, 19th July 1:30 p.m.

Community News:

DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS and CPR training in GREAT GADDESSEN PARISH.
Now that the defibrillators are installed a further meeting is planned to familiarise potential users with the device and to give lifesaving advice on CPR.

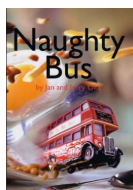
The meeting will be at

7.30pm on **TUESDAY MAY 7th** in **GADDESSEN ROW VILLAGE HALL**

If you would be able to help, please contact Malcolm Stodell at
m.stodell@btinternet.com

1 week after the Great Gaddesden defibrillator was installed, it was accessed by a parishioner at the suggestion of the 999 call handler.

EYFS Sharing Assembly



This week, we were treated to singing and story telling from our Reception and Nursery children. We heard about the train ride that they had enjoyed. The 'disco dough', which they pinch, pat and pull, showed us how it helps to develop their finger muscles. Their own version of the Naughty Bus was made into a beautifully illustrated book, which included their own writing.

EGG ROLLING COMPETITION

Our annual egg rolling competition took place on Thursday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We had a couple of eggs which went astray, which caused great amusement for everyone, particularly the one which ended in the fir tree! Mrs Benson was our new winner in the staff team, displacing Mrs Lilley from her usual winning position !



Y1/2 Sharing Assembly

Our Y1/2 children shared their learning about whales and showed us their own whale books, which included questions they would like to research.

The hospital scene with soldiers lying on the floor in such poor conditions, gave us a clear reminder of the good work of Florence Nightingale. The diary entries and letters they had written, clearly described the improvements for which she was responsible.



Y3/4 Sharing Assembly

The electrical buzzer and the balloon demonstration gave us a taster of the work Y3/4 have been doing about electricity. The range of D.T. and art that the children shared was fabulous. It included making boxes from nets, which linked with their geometry work and cherry blossom plates, painted very precisely.

I'm sure Michael Morpurgo would have been thrilled to hear that his texts were creating such inspirational writing; a few of which we heard.



Y5/6 Sharing Assembly

Year 5 and 6 children reminded us of their rather grim blood related activities from our Science Day !

We were all very impressed with their artistic skill and the self portraits that they produced, using oil pastels and chalk. The report writing about their Maya topic gave us an insight into the research they had been doing in this area. The tortilla making, using a variety of flavours, showed the opportunities they have to make links in their learning.

Help us to follow Jesus' example and treat others in the way we would like to be treated ourselves, especially over the Easter period. Amen