

**February 2019**

## **Great Gaddesden Church of England (VA) School**

### **For Children Age 3-11**

Although it seems like a long time ago already since Christmas and the start of 2019 we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year from Great Gaddesden C of E School.

We had a wonderful Christmas with so many activities *for* the children and put on *by* the children. All the children participated very well and there was a truly lovely atmosphere.

#### **The Christmas Story**

The whole school were involved in both a matinee and an evening performance of the Christmas Story. Year 2 wore costumes re-enacting the characters of the story and marched around the Church to the music (sometimes at great speed), with Year 6 speaking so clearly telling the story itself.

The children performed extremely well and with pride in both of their performances, a real testament to the school.

#### **Christingle Service**

Each of our children made their own Christingle for the service. Our Church really is an amazing and beautiful building making the atmosphere breath taking; the light from so many candles bouncing off all surfaces and the children acting so wonderfully really did make the service very special.

#### **Trip to the Pantomime**

The whole school had their annual trip to the Pantomime with a fabulous trip to Watford Palace Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk. The Pantomime was very entertaining and all the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves (the adults still wince at the sound of "its behind you!")

We have even had some comments from the public on the outstanding behaviour of our children; we are so very proud of them.

A huge thank you to the team at FOGGS who funded the cost of the transport from money raised from events; with extra special thanks to the volunteer Governors and parents helpers Mrs Kirby, Mr & Mrs Doe, Mrs Williams and Mrs Johnson.

*All of these activities showed the school to have a real family atmosphere and I haven't even had a chance to mention the Early Years Nativity Performance, FOGGS Christmas Fayre and the countless other events undertaken.*

#### **New Year starts with a bang**

Some new year's come with a change and with that we say a goodbye and thank you to Miss Gemma Ayres as she leaves the school after 7 years teaching the early years; but welcome warmly to our School family Mrs Chloe Benson.

We have already had some activities for the children including a whole day of activities provided but a Drama School called "Perform" ([perform.org.uk](http://perform.org.uk)) and plenty more activities planned for the coming weeks.

We have hit the ground running this year with an unprecedented number of prospective parents viewing the school ahead of making their applications which have now closed for the first round. There is still second round applications that can be made should anyone want to view the school; with our nursery applications are only just beginning. I know that the head teacher Mrs Sarah Wickens will be happy to arrange a visit if you call her on 01442 255734.

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