

# **Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School**

## Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 10

## Religious Life of our School

This week, when reflecting on our monthly value of 'Courage, we looked at familiar Old Testament stories, in which great courage had been shown. The children were able to identify how David showed the courage to face an impossible situation, how Daniel showed courage not to give in and the way in which Noah displayed courage in following God's instructions. As a school, we are very proud of the way in which the children are able to retrieve their religious knowledge and make links within their own lives.



#### **Just Talk Week**

As part of Hertfordshire's dedicated mental health and wellbeing programme, this week was identified as 'Just Talk' week. The aim of the week is to ensure that all children feel comfortable and confident to discuss their mental health, to empower them with tools to maintain their wellbeing and to ensure they know how to access support when needed.

The children revised the '5 Ways to Wellbeing', which included looking at the benefits of being active, connecting with others and learning new skills. Ways to share 'worries' were revisited, with the children being able to identify a range of strategies to support them.



#### Thank you!



A very big thank you to Mrs Scutt, Mrs Mudd and Mrs Jones for all the preparation to make the Follow the Star walk such a success.



#### Follow the Star: our walk to Bethlehem



Our Follow the Star journey to Bethlehem is now in its third week. On Thursday, we had covered the total of 1755 miles, taking us to Bulgaria.

On Saturday afternoon, we gathered together as a school/church community and covered a further 146 miles. It was a great afternoon of following a choice of designated trails, admiring our location in its autumn glory and finishing the afternoon with well earned cups of hot chocolate. A huge thank you to all children, extended family, friends and 4 legged walking buddies who made the afternoon such a success.

Please remember to share the fundraising link with friends and family. With a fantastic total of £470, we are almost half way to our target of £1000.



On Friday after school, the children and their bears, all settled down in their classrooms, dressed in their onesies, to watch a film with their classmates. Much fun was had by all! Many thanks to FOGGS for organising this and to the staff for supervising the children.



### **Children in Need**



On Friday, the children donated £48 to Children in Need, for the privilege of bringing their bears to school for the day. This will help support the work of the Children in Need charity.

## **Diary dates:**

All dates are displayed on the <u>School Calendar</u> on the website. Please note that occasionally, it may be necessary to change dates. When this occurs, these will be highlighted to parents.

Newly added dates are displayed in red.

23/11/23	Y3/4 Trip to St Albans, Verulamium
29/11/23	Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit
01/12/23	Non uniform day (chocolate/bottle donations for FOGGS Xmas hampers)
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)
12/12/23	Whole School Pantomime - Peter Pan
13/12/23	Christmas lunch
14/12/23	KS2 Carol Singing at Care Home
15/12/23	9:00 Follow the Star Collective Worship in church
15/12/23	2:40 Piano and flute sharing assembly school
19/12/23	a.m. EYFS Nativity 2:00 - KS1 Nativity story (Y1/2) 6:00 - KS2 Carol Service (Y3-6)
21/12/23	1:30 pm - End of Autumn term