



# Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

## Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 5

### Religious Life of our school



It was wonderful to join together as a school community on Tuesday, to celebrate Harvest. Our service focused on God's provision for all. Thank you for all your very generous donations. These will be transported to DENS, where they will support local individuals and families, in need.



### School Uniform

Following feedback from parents regarding the financial challenge associated with the school polo shirt, we are pleased to share that the school will now be offering an *iron-on badge*, which can be applied to all plain white polo shirts.



This will offer a cheaper alternative to the branded white polo shirts available from our uniform suppliers. The badges will be available at a cost price of £1:50, from the school office.

The school does not wish for any family to struggle as a result of providing school uniform for their child. Please remember that in addition to this, there is also the provision of good second hand uniform available in the church.

### Forest School

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their first Forest School of the year and showed great imagination and creativity in their play. They were all very proud of the results of their tie-dye.



### Parent Representatives

The Parent Reps and the school have reviewed the use of the Whatsapp Communication between parents and school. As a result, we have introduced a new Code of Conduct for all participants. A new group for EYFS, KS1 (Y1 + Y2) and KS2 linked to this agreement, will now be set up, replacing the previous groups. Once the new Code of Conduct has been read and agreed to, you are invited to join the group that is relevant to you. Please see the Code of Conduct attached.

### Parent Consultations

Please use the following link to book an [appointment](#) with your child's teacher, on either Tuesday, 17th October (3:30/5:00) or Thursday, 19th October, (5:00/7:00). This is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year.

### Diary dates:

All dates are displayed on the [School Calendar](#) 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**.

10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
11/10/23	Y6 Health check
17/10/23	3:30/5:00 Parent Consultations
19/10/23	5:00/7:00 Parent Consultations
23/10/23 - 27/10/23 Half term break <i>27/10/23 - closing date for secondary applications</i>	
01/11/23	Applications for Reception place opens (September '24)
02/11/23	Gaddesden Singing Festival
07/11/23	Visitor from The Royal British Legion
16/11/23	Flu vaccines
17/11/23	Children in Need day
29/11/23	Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)
12/12/23	Whole School Pantomime - Peter Pan
14/12/23	KS2 Carol Singing at Care Home
19/12/23	a.m. EYFS + Y1 Nativity 2:00 - Carol Service - Y2 to Y6 6:00 - Carol Service - Y2 to Y6
21/12/23	1:30 pm - End of Autumn term