



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 12

Religious Life of our School

On Friday, the children began their Advent reflections, led by Reverend Russell. The children were encouraged to see Advent as a time of preparation, ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Mrs Wickens has been in our prayers as she recovers from surgery. She sends thanks for all the good wishes and hopes to be back in school the week after next.



Saracens Dance Club

Parents of children attending our Thursday Street Dance club, are invited to come and watch the last session of the term. This will be on Thursday 14th December, at 3:20pm. Parents considering signing their children up for next term are also welcome.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, in place of their school jumper on Thursday 7th December. Please bring a £1 donation for the Save The Children charity.



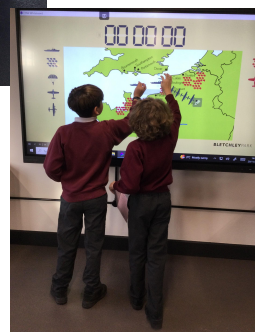
Pantomime lunch

A reminder that KS2 parents need to complete [this form](#), indicating whether your child will be bringing in a packed lunch from home or will require a school packed lunch, on the day of the pantomime trip on 12th December. This needs to be done by 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning, as orders will then be confirmed with Herts Catering.

Year 5 & 6 Trip to Bletchley Park

On Wednesday, Year 5 & 6 visited Bletchley Park - *home of the Code Breakers* - enriching their learning about World War II.

The children had a great time visiting the Mansion House and visiting the different huts where the code breakers worked, including Alan Turing's office. They also attempted some codebreaking themselves and even had the chance to use an original Enigma machine!



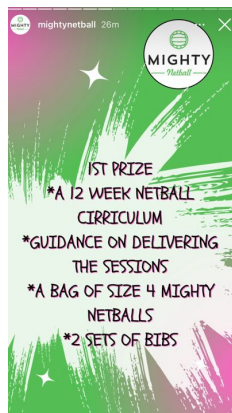
Follow the Star: our walk to Bethlehem

After 5 weeks 'Following the Star', we have now covered an impressive **2395** miles! On Thursday's celebration assembly, we looked at the map together. We have passed through Turkey and are approaching Syria. Keep sending your totals to gqfollowthestar@gmail.com - the end is in sight!

We have currently raised £723 on [Just Giving](#) and have heard that many of you have been using your paper sponsorship forms to collect money too.



Good News



We were delighted to hear this week, that Great Gaddesden School has won the recent Mighty Netball prize. With thanks to Mrs Hobbins for organising our entry and to our fantastic school community for all their votes.



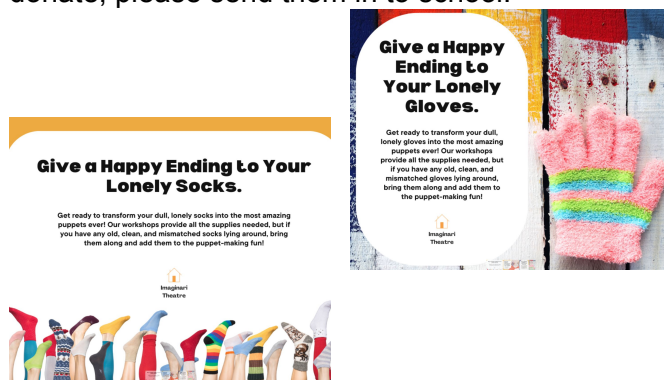
Diary dates:

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**.

06/12/23	PSHE puppet workshop : Y1 - 4
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)
11/12/23	Last football club of term
12/12/23	Whole School Pantomime - Peter Pan
13/12/23	Christmas lunch
13/12/23	Last rugby club of term
14/12/23	KS2 Carol Singing at Care Home
14/12/23	Last Street Dance club of term Open session - parents welcome
15/12/23	9:00 Follow the Star Collective Worship in church
15/12/23	2:40 Piano and flute sharing assembly school. Performers' parents welcome.
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

Wanted: Odd Socks and Gloves

On Wednesday, children in years 1-4 will be taking part in a PSHE puppetry workshop by Imaginari Theatre. If anyone has any clean, mismatched socks or gloves that they would be willing to donate, please send them in to school.



Forest School

Nursery & Reception enjoyed their first Forest School fire - perfect for such a cold, crisp morning! They learned about fire safety and how to 'stop, drop and roll.' They also used bracken from the church yard to create their own Christmas keepsakes.

