



## Great Godinton Bake Off

Thank you to everyone who competed in the first Great Godinton Bake Off. We had 24 entries for the competition, with Miss Mason coming first, Miss Longman coming second and Mrs Ferrari-Wood coming third. However, the standard of all of the cakes was superb.

Miss Talbot and I were judges, along with Jackie Flisher from Independent Catering. We scored every cake secretly and I am amazed but very pleased to say that we all had the same three cakes in the top positions!

I want to thank Jackie and Independent Catering for supporting the event. Jackie gave up her morning to be a judge and the company gave two £10 gift vouchers as prizes. Hazel Forrester, our cook, personally gave the top prize which was a box of baking equipment and a recipe book.

Obviously I also want to thank the PTFA volunteers who, as always, freely gave up their time to run the competition and to sell the cakes to parents during the afternoon. I am pleased to say that we raised another £45 to go towards the disaster relief fund for Nepal.



## Hellos and Goodbyes

I am very sorry to say that Mr Hygate will also be leaving us at the end of this academic year. He is taking up a new post at Stowting School.

Mr Hygate has been at Godinton since 2001 and has taught right across the school as class teacher and as PPA cover. He has given his time freely to support every PTFA function and run extra curricular clubs for us. I know that we will all be extremely sad to see him go. He has given the school a great deal and we thank him for all of his work here and wish him every success in his new school.

I am very pleased to say that Miss Claire Abrehart will be joining us from Sandgate Primary School, where she currently teaches in Year 4. She is a language specialist and as well as being a class teacher, she will also take a lead in developing our Modern Foreign Language provision.

I am also very happy to tell you that Miss Grace Davies, who has just completed her final teaching placement in Year 4, will be staying with us and teaching here next year. We welcome both her and Miss Abrehart to our school.

Over the coming weeks we will confirm which classes our teachers are having next year and you will receive this information early in term 6.

I want to thank Mr Lund and Mrs Rogers who gave up a day to come in and dig our garden patch for us. They both work at Lloyds Bank, which runs a scheme encouraging its employees to help out local charities, community groups and the like.

Mr Lund and Mrs Rogers were joined by two of their colleagues from Lloyds, and because of their efforts, our garden patch is ready for planting. Mr Lund even gave up an extra day of his holiday to get the work finished! We thank them all for their hard work!

## End of Day

Thank you to everyone for co-operating in our revised procedures at the end of the day!

The building work has obviously meant that the Year R children can't use their side door to come into or leave the school. Hence, we are now having to use the side door

We are closing the top gate in the playground to stop parents walking across the path of the Year R children as they are released to their parents. The new system is working well—thank you for co-operating.

Can I ask the parents of Year R children to stand further towards the shelter please in order to leave a sufficient space for everyone to walk around the back of you and out of the main gate. At the moment, you are spreading so far across towards the first main gate, that it is hard for the rest of the parents to walk out of the playground. Could you please stand in a way which leaves a sufficient gap for everyone else to get past.

## Lloyds Helps Out

## Having a Social Conscience

As I finished my assembly a couple of Fridays past, and explained to our children that we would be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Nepalese Disaster Relief Fund, 3 girls from Year 6, Annabelle Wood, Nikita Ghale and Viktoria Garcia, came up and spoke to me. They had already come up with the idea of having a cake sale to raise money for this cause and had started to plan how they could do it. They had seen the footage of the disaster and decided that they wanted to do something to help.

Friday's cake sale was solely down to their determination and efforts. We are lucky to have such children at our school. They should be proud of the humanity they have shown, as should the other young ladies from Year 6, Lael Williams, Maisy Powell, Katie Bowden, Tegan Figgett and Amy Lund, who joined them and staffed the cake stall last Friday. Well done to all of you. I am very proud to say that they raised £271.49 to add to the £449.36 which our non uniform day raised. All of the money will go to the Red Cross Nepalese Disaster Relief Fund. I thank all of you for your generosity. Many people gave ten and twenty pounds as donations to the fundraising. Thank you.

## Disabled Parking Bays

**The parking bays in the pull in area immediately outside the nursery are reserved for the disabled.** We have a problem because some of our parents whose younger children also attend the nursery, are parking in these bays. Those using the nursery are allowed to drive onto the site, just as those using our Breakfast Club and After School Club are, because in the main they are dropping off or collecting at times outside normal school hours. However, because these parents also need to collect their younger children at various times during the school day, we allow them to park on the site when the barriers are down. I don't want parents of very young children, some still only babies, to have to park at the Chimneys, and having a trickle of cars come onto the site during the school day when our children aren't walking around isn't an issue. Hence they are allowed to do it and the nursery staff give them a token to leave the site.

However, some of our own parents have been parking in the disabled parking area when dropping younger children into nursery, presumably because it is too far to walk the extra few metres from our main car park. They have been doing this close to the beginning of the school day when our disabled parents are also arriving and want to park in these spaces.

Please don't do this. There are only a small number of spaces reserved for the disabled. Stay out of them please and park elsewhere on the site. We have tried to put a system in place which is convenient for you, keeps our children safe and eases the difficulties of the disabled. Please don't abuse it.

## CBeebies Visit

On May 21st, the BBC will be filming in the hall whilst we serve lunch! CBeebies are making a programme about school meals and our kitchen has been shortlisted for inclusion. They want to film in four schools, across the country, to see a range of meal times. We haven't been selected for the programme, only shortlisted for inclusion.

A couple of people from CBeebies will visit on the 21st to speak to our children and to our dinner ladies and cooks. The film won't be broadcast, but it will be used to decide whether our school is one of the four selected to be in the programme itself. So, do your hair!