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The newsletter from **Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy** - Your school, your news!

**This week's
Worship
theme:**
Parables

Summer Fair

There has been a change to the summer fair date from Saturday 1st July to Saturday 8th July. It will still run from 12pm to 4pm. There will be lots of stalls and activities for you and your children to enjoy. The Friends look forward to seeing you all there.

Breaktime Arrangements - a message from Mrs Galletly

This week it proved necessary for me to ask the children to play with just those in their class (Wrens and Owls play together). It was made very clear to all of the children on Tuesday that this was a trial. There are a number of reasons why this is the best approach for breaktimes at the moment:

***Some younger children are not emotionally able to engage with older children's game when there is a competitive element to it - this leads to angry outbursts.**
***Games that involve contact between younger and older children often result in greater injury.**

***Older children see younger children as 'little people to cuddle', tending to baby them and not allowing them their independence.**

***Children should have opportunities to develop social and not just working relationships with their classmates. This is difficult with a younger or older sibling feeling they must play with their family members.**

In many schools KS1 & EYFS are segregated permanently from KS2 pupils with each having their own playgrounds. We do not intend this to be the case at Gooderstone. This trial will enable the children to change some breaktime habits that could benefit them all in the long term.

I realise some parents are not happy about this and have jumped to some inaccurate conclusions, so I am glad that a couple of parents have taken the time to contact me instead of complaining on social networking sites.

Dates for you diary

Monday 8th May- Friday 12th May: SATS Week for Year 6

Monday 15th May: Class photos.

Wednesday 17th May: PATHS meeting for Parents in the hall.

Monday 22nd May- Friday 26th May: residential trip to Lakeside.

Tuesday 23rd May: Wrens health checks.

Tuesday 6th June: Owls' Gooderstone Gathering

Thursday 8th June: School closed for the General Election.

Monday 12th June- Friday 16th June: Year 1 phonic checks.

Let every light shine

