

THE FRIENDS OF GOODERSTONE ACADEMY EVENTS

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The Friends of Gooderstone School is a committee of parents, teachers and community members committed to supporting the work of Gooderstone Primary School.



7th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much, once again, for all your support at our recent Friends' events.

As a result of our Valentine's Disco, and your recent very generous donations of books for our World Book Day sale, we have raised over £350 enabling us to support a really great Science Day for the children on 9th March. We have also provided funds for the school to update library furniture, and upgrade playground toys. We now turn our attentions to the coming months and our target to pay for all the children to enjoy a fabulous summer trip.

With this in mind, we hope you will be able to support our **Easter Fair**, a new event for the calendar, on **Wednesday 29th March** from 3.15pm until 5pm. The event will include Easter themed stalls, an appearance from everyone's favourite spring icon the Easter bunny, an Easter bonnet parade and an Easter bunny hunt. Please do come along and join us for this lovely spring celebration. Nearer the time, we will be asking parents to kindly donate an Easter egg or piece of Easter chocolate for the tombola and some bought or baked cakes for our cake stall. These would be much appreciated. At home, children will be invited to decorate eggs for our Easter Egg competition and produce Easter bonnets but these activities will be optional. Details are overleaf.

As well as our Easter Fair, we are also pleased to confirm this year's Summer Fair date for your diaries - **Saturday 1st July**. Further details of this event will be provided in due course.

We still plan to carry out the second hand uniform sale, printer cartridge recycling and family bingo night mentioned in last term's newsletter but these events have been held for next term to enable you to sort through old uniform as we move into summer. Please keep hold of good quality outgrown items which we will ask you to kindly send into school sometime in April. By popular request, we also have another Bags2School clothes recycling date for you all, on **Friday 19th May**, and will send bags out nearer this date.

As our work continues to keep things new and varied in terms of the ways we fundraise, we are very excited to announce that we are now 'live' with two new initiatives:

1. Easyfundraising - a site that allows you to do all your food and internet shopping whilst raising .1 funds for school with no additional cost to you, your family, relatives and friends. Please spread the word. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

2. Easy2name - a company that offers good quality name tags and stickers for all your child's school uniform and belongings - <https://www.easy2name.com>

You can shop on each of these sites already, selecting Gooderstone C of E Academy as the organisation you wish to support. For those of you who prefer more information, this will be available on our website, Facebook page, from the school office and at our forthcoming events.

Finally, to mark Mothers Day, children are asked to bring in £1 on Friday 24th March for a Mother's Day gift.

Wishing you all a very happy run into Spring and once again thank you for your support!

The Friends

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Date and Time	Event/Activity	Notes
Friday 24th March	Mothers Day Gifts	Please kindly bring a £1 donation into school for each child to collect their gift.
Monday 27th March At drop off	Chocolate tombola donations	Please bring in your Easter Egg or Easter Chocolate donations.
Wednesday 29th March At drop off	Decorated Easter Egg entries Easter Bonnet entries Baked/bought cake stall donations	Reminders will be issued nearer the time. Dont forget to clearly name your entries. Prizes to be awarded.
Wednesday 29th March After school 3.15-5pm	NEW ***Easter Fair****	We really hope to see many families at this new and exciting event, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Bonnet parade • Easter bunny appearance • Easter egg hunt • Easter fancy dress competition • Cake competition • Easter egg toss
April Details TBC	Second Hand Uniform Donations	Please start gathering your nearly new and unwanted school clothing (including PE kit) ready for our first exciting sale, to be held before the summer uniform switch over. Details of how to donate items will follow. Clean, good quality items only please, with no rips/tears.
Friday 19th May At drop off	Bags2School	Gather up all those unwanted clothes, fill the bags which we provide nearer the time and raise money for the school!
NEW FOR MAY 2017!! Watch this space!!!	Family Bingo Night	Details to follow very soon!
Saturday 1st July	Summer Fair	The date for this important event in our calendar will be confirmed shortly.
Ongoing	easyfundraising.org.uk	Start shopping online through this free site and raise money for the school! Just select Gooderstone C of E Academy from the homepage and start shopping. It really is that simple...Oh and food shopping counts!
Ongoing	easy2name.com	For all your school uniform and labelling needs. Just make sure you highlight that you are fundraising for Gooderstone C of E Academy before checkout.