



# Gooderstone Gazette

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

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

## Stars of the week:

**Owls:** Sam for excellent effort all week.

**Skylarks:** James for being helpful and polite.

**Kestrels:** Molly for always being so well behaved and focused.

## Writers of the week:

**Owls:** Alice

**Skylarks:** Clara

**Kestrels:** Holly

**Weekly  
Attendance  
Award: Skylarks**

## Nativity Arrangements (Reminder)

We have been acting and singing our socks off this week in preparation for our whole school nativity 'Straw and Order'. The children's costumes should now be in. We will be having a dress rehearsal on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Both Performances will take place in the church on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The first starts at **2pm**. The children will arrive in the church at **1.50pm** in their costumes from school. When they have finished their show staff will take the children back to school and dismiss them from their class doors. They will come home in their costumes ready to be brought back to the church for the **6pm** performance. We would like the children to be at the church at **5.50pm** so we can start promptly at 6pm. Please ensure that you do not take photos during the performance. We will stage photos for you to take after each show. As with all photos taken at school please ensure photos containing other people's children are not posted on any social media sites.

## Advent Calendars

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Johns for providing each child in the school with an advent calendar.

## Winners!

**Newton (Red house)** have a non-school uniform day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

## HMI Project

We have been very lucky to be involved in a project to improve reading comprehension, with a big focus on inference, across the federation. Next half term we will be rolling this out. We will be running workshops for you to see it in action. We will also be sending home lots of information to help you support your children in really understanding what they have read. This project will run for the whole of next half term and we will focus on children's progress from their starting points. Inferential skills are the key to unlocking texts for children. A deep level of understanding of what they have read is the most important skill in all subject areas.

Let every light shine

## **Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair will be taking place on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** from **3.15-5pm**. The Friends are asking for the following donations:

**Owls** - pamper items or toiletries

**Skylarks** - chocolate

**Kestrels** - drinks.

If you have any donations mentioned above, please could you bring them in on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

Each child has been given a Tombola cup and they are requested in on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** there will be a prize for each class for the best decorated cup.

If anyone fancies channelling their inner Mary Berry we would be very grateful for any home baked delights. These can be given in on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

A huge thanks in advance for supporting your school!

## **Clubs**

Just a reminder that Lego, Premier Sports and Photography club have finished for this term. It is the **last** Adventure club on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December will be the last Taekwondo session for this half term. Information about clubs running next half term will come out in January.

If any parents have a special skill and would like to run a club then we would love to hear from you.

## **Christmas Cards**

If your child wants to give out Christmas cards then they can be brought to school and put in our Red Post Box. Please ensure that the children put the name and class on the envelope as it helps the Kestrels when they are sorting the post.

## **Road Cycling Course**

We are in need of two parent helpers in order for this course for year 5 & 6 children to run. The course will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January from 1.15pm to 2.45pm. If you can spare the time and would like to help then please contact the school office. Without volunteers we will have to cancel the course which would be a great shame.

## **Dates coming up...**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Nativity in the Church 2pm & 6pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Lunch. Last Taekwondo session.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Carol service 2.30pm in the Church.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Friends Christmas Fair **3.15-5pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term.

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