



Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship theme:
Loneliness

Stars of the week:

Owls: Harry for working really hard in all areas.

Skylarks: Alfie for showing determination in the daily mile and his work.

Kestrels: Toby for trying really hard in the daily mile.

Writers of the week:

Owls: Hattie

Skylarks: Rose

Kestrels: Leon

Weekly Attendance Award:
Owls

Uniform

*We have many items of clothing all sad and alone waiting for a home in our lost property bin. To date we have 4 shirts, 10 jumpers, 4 pairs of shorts, 2 pairs of trousers, 2 pairs of gloves, 4 odd gloves (missing their partners), 6 odd plimsolls and 3 pairs of plimsolls. If your children are missing any of these items please feel free to come and claim them. In order to save your children's property from a life at the bottom of the bin please ensure their name is written in all items of clothing. Children **must** have plimsolls in school to change into, this helps save our carpets from very muddy school shoes.*

Playtime Arrangements

After an accident at playtime this week we have reviewed where and what we play. Playtime will take place on the field, as this can get very muddy children may bring wellington boots to change into for play and lunchtimes. Last week the children chose their house captains. These children have come up with a list of games, using the playtime equipment, for all children to join in. These games will take place on the lower field near the bark. Running and tag will take place on the top field to ensure that the children have lots of room to run around. Again it is important to stress the need for all children to have plimsolls in school to change into after being outside.

Social Media

It has come to our attention that a post on a social media site claimed that we were closed on Thursday 18th January. Although there were high winds and many fallen trees I am happy to report that all staff and most children made it in to school. We do not post closures on social media please see attached information for closure protocol.

Let every light shine

Bag2school

There will be another Bag2school clothing collection from school at 8.30am on Friday 9th March. They will be collecting all unwanted winter clothes, shoes, bedding etc. This helps to make money for the school to buy the children resources and fund trips.

Questionnaire

Last week we sent home a questionnaire asking questions about reading we have had five responses so far. Please take a look at the questionnaire and give us your opinions on reading

Dates for your diary.

Wednesday 24th January: 9.30am Skylarks' Gooderstone Gathering.

Thursday 25th and Friday 26th January: On road cycling.

Wednesday 7th February: 9.30am Kestrels' Gooderstone Gathering.

Thursday 8th February: House dragon morning.

Friday 9th February: last day of term.

Monday 19th February: Back to school.

Thursday 1st March: Federation day.

Thursday 1st March: Parents evening.

Friday 2nd March: World book day- dress up as your favourite book character.

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Emergency School Closure in Bad Weather

If the school needs to be closed in the event of an extreme emergency such as:

blizzard conditions,
heavy snow preventing sufficient staff from being able to get to school,
heating and/or lighting problems due to power failure,
lack of water due to burst and/or frozen pipes,
then a decision will be made, as soon as possible, and the Emergency School Closure Plan will be activated with the Local Authority (LA).

In such circumstances, please listen to local radio stations, **i.e. Radio Norfolk** who will broadcast the list of schools closed.

School closures will also be posted on the Local Authority website at:

http://disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/ncclosures_schools.html

PLEASE NOTE: Unless school is officially closed, then parents have a legal obligation to ensure that their children attend. Non-attendance when the school is officially open is classified as an unauthorised absence.

The decision as to whether the minibus or taxi runs is made by the driver of that vehicle, as the safe conveyance of pupils is his responsibility. In this case, absence would be authorised.