



Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship theme:
Winning and Losing.

SATS

Well done to our Year 6 who completed their SATs this week. We are very proud of all of you and know that you have all tried your best.

Stars of the week:

Owls: Jack N, for enthusiasm and excellent effort in maths meetings.

Skylarks: Rose, for fantastic organisation skills.

Kestrels: Neve, for amazing effort all year.

Writers of the week:

Owls: Alice

Skylarks: Rose

Kestrels: Taylor

Weekly Attendance Award:

Skylarks & Owls

Mrs Galletly

Mrs Galletly is retiring at the end of this academic year and we are all incredibly sad to see her go. She has done amazing things for the school and the Federation as a whole. Should anyone wish to contribute to a retirement gift for her, then please drop it in to the school office.

After school clubs.

If your child has put their name down for an after school club the expectation is for them to stay and attend (unless they have medical/dental appointment). If a child opts in and out constantly then it makes it difficult for the school to know how many and who will be attending. Varying numbers means that it is also difficult for the clubs to run properly.

Sports Day

Don't forget that Thursday 24th May is our sports day. You are invited to come to watch the races in the afternoon. The gates will be opened at 1.15pm to allow you to find a place to sit along the running track on the top field. The children will be sat on the other side. There will be refreshments laid on by Friends so please bring your pennies. The children will need to come to school in their P.E kit that day preferably with a t-shirt on in their house colour. There will be mums, dads and toddlers races so don't forget your trainers.

Let every light shine

Cluster Sports.

Don't forget on Monday 21st May children will be competing against other schools in the Methwold Cluster in an athletics meet at the Icen Academy from 9.15-1pm. Those children that are taking part will be getting a coach from school and will be brought back just after lunch so they will need to come to school dressed in their P.E kit. They will need a water bottle and a packed lunch as they will be returning after lunchtime. Please ensure they are dressed for the weather, sun hats and cream or warmer clothes if needed. Miss Stanley, Ms Jarrett and Mrs Patrick will be accompanying the children to the event. Mrs Godbold, Mrs Rudd and Miss Wilson will stay at school with those children who don't want to take part. You're welcome to come and cheer your children along from the spectator's pen.

Improvement Focus

This term the Federation is focussing on ways of developing children's confidence in and enthusiasm for Maths. Every class has started 'Maths Meetings' which give them daily practice of key mathematical skills and facts. Further information will be sent home later in the term about the specific skills each class is learning. Telling the time, reading measuring scales and using money can be easily practised at home. Cooking, playing games and going shopping all give children opportunities to see the real work importance of Maths and practise their skills in a fun way. This website gives more ideas suitable for each age group:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/maths-at-home/#>

Your child also has log-in details for Maths Garden and Purple Mash websites (which includes a section of Maths games). If they have forgotten their log-in, please speak to the class teacher.

We hope you will join us in showing the children that Maths really can be fun!

A Note from friends.

The Friends would like to say a big thank you to all the children for their amazing templates for the Father's Day gifts and to all the staff for supporting this. Could the orders be handed in to Mrs Lambert by early next week.

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Information.

We have many different ways of keeping you up to date with what is going on in the school. A weekly newsletter that contains all the goings on. A class newsletter with information specifically about your child's learning. We text reminders and updates to your phone. Our website contains lots of information; photos, latest news, policies and much more. We also now have a Twitter account with tweets from each class. We do ask that you keep an eye on the newsletters to keep you up to date with what is going on. Due the nature of school life, dates, times and events often change and we communicate that to you through the weekly newsletter. Many of you have the weekly newsletter emailed to you, but with the huge focus on GDPR we now need to have your consent for this to continue. We sent a letter out last Friday asking you to return your consent form. These slips will need to be back to school by Thursday 24th May, if we do not receive them by then we will no longer be able to give you information by email.

Willow

A huge thank you to Mrs Groom and Mrs Lambert for cutting back our very wild willow. It was a huge job and we thoroughly appreciate it. If anyone would like to make use of the willow branches, feel free to help yourself before we ask CGM to remove it.

Your Governors

If you ever have any concerns or comments these can be taken to our Governors as well as our teaching staff. A full list of our Governors can be found on our website:

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/>

Dates for your diary.

Tuesday 22nd May: Class Photos

Thursday 24th May: Sports Day

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June: Half term

Monday 4th June: Children back to school.

Saturday 7th July: Summer Fair

Friday 13th July: Bags2School

Friday 20th July: Friends end of term coffee morning

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