



# Gooderstone Gazette

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

**Worship theme:**  
**Differences**

**Stars of the week:**

**Owls:** Max, for working hard all week and having a great attitude to learning.

**Skylarks:** Neidas, for helping Miss Purling and the lunchtime staff tidy up.

**Kestrels:** Phoebe for excellent effort and a great attitude to her learning.

**Writers of the week:**

**Owls:** Hattie  
**Skylarks:** Lewis  
**Kestrels:** Molly

**Weekly Attendance Award:**

**Kestrels**

**Open Afternoon (3.15 - 5.00pm)**

*On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July we will be holding our open afternoon for parents to come in and look at children's classrooms, books and work on the walls. We hope to see you all there, there is a lot to show and much for the children to be proud of.*

**Gatherings.**

*On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June Owls' class will be holding the last Gathering of this academic year. These have been well attended and we would like to say a big thank you to those parents that have shown their support. We will continue to run these next year as we feel it is a great way to share the different approaches and techniques we use when teaching your children. If there is any area of learning you would like us to run a Gathering on, then please feedback to your child's class teacher and we will try to plan a sessions to support it.*

**Cake Raffle Total**

*This week the cake raffle raised an amazing:*

**£76.60**

*With today's total we have PAID for the 'Team Gooderstone' tops. These will be for our children to wear at future cluster and county events.*

**Overall Total**

**£154**

**Next Year's Themes.**

*Our creative curriculum has had much success this year and as a Federation staff we have chosen our themes for next year. They will all be based around literature, to inspire a love of reading and improve writing. The themes will be; Roald Dahl, Shakespeare, Harry Potter, Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland and Oliver Twist.*

**Let every light shine**

### *Friend's Fair update!*

*We hope that all parents have now received their raffle ticket allocation and tombola cups. Your support with selling and filling these is really appreciated. The deadline on all raffle tickets returns is next Friday 29th June, and on Tombola cups 6/7. We would appreciate no chocolate as this could melt on the day. We are also looking for cake donations on the day of the fair itself, pretty please.... especially now that the cake raffle proves what amazing bakers we have at school!*

*We are also still very keen to receive any raffle or tombola donations in the run up.*

*Dare we also say the long range forecast looks fab, so we hope it will be a great day for all families and their friends, and a big celebration of this year at school. Please bring a blanket and a picnic. There will be no hot food on the day but plenty of entertainment and savoury snacks like sausage rolls and yummy afternoon teas served throughout.*

*Raffle prizes from lots of local producers and businesses are also coming in. See you on 7/7!*

### *Maths Questionnaire*

*A maths questionnaire will be sent home with your child tonight; please could you take the time to fill it out and return it to school. We are keen to see the impact the Maths Meetings are having at school and at home. We would really value your feedback on them.*

### *Dates for your diary.*

*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June: 9am Owls' Gooderstone Gathering*

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Open afternoon 3.15 to 5pm*

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Stay and play for new reception children 11.45am-12.20pm, followed by new parents meeting in Owls' classroom.*

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leaver's Service in church, all welcome 1.15pm.*

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Fair*

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July: New intake 8.55am- 1.15pm*

*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July: New intake 8.55am-1.15pm*

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Bags2School*

*Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: New intake stay all day.*

*Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July: New intake stay all day.*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Friends end of term coffee morning*

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## Maths Questionnaire

As part of our School Improvement Focus this term, we would like to know your thoughts about Maths. We would really appreciate it if you have the time to complete and return the questionnaire below to school – your responses will be kept anonymous.

1) How often does your child do Maths activities at home?

*(e.g. play games, telling the time, practise counting/measuring skills etc. maths homework, online games)*

**every day**

**at least once a week**

**less often**

2) What type of Maths activities do they do at home?

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3) We have recently introduced daily Maths Meetings in class to help children learn key Maths skills.

a) Were you aware of the Maths Meetings?

**yes/no**

b) Have you noticed any differences in your child's confidence or attitude to Maths since Maths Meetings have been introduced?

**yes/no**

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c) If you have visited a Maths Meeting or a Maths-themed Gooderstone Gathering, how useful did you find it?

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4) Is there any additional information or support the school could give you to help your child at home with Maths?

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