



# Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship theme:  
**Treasures**

**Stars of the week:**

**Owls:** Hattie, for being such an enthusiastic learner and making excellent progress.

**Skylarks:** Connor, for fantastic presentation in his work.

**Kestrels:** Darcie, for being a positive, hard-working and very mature role model.

**Writers of the week:**

**Owls:** Daisy  
**Skylarks:** Oran  
**Kestrels:** Ellie

**Weekly Attendance Award:**

**Skylarks**

*Dinosaur Park.*

*We are rapidly coming to the end of the academic year which means it is time for our annual whole school trip. We would like to say a big thank you to Friends for funding the whole trip. Children have been asked to wear their school jumper, robust trousers/shorts and sensible shoes. They will need to bring a packed lunch in a bag that they can carry. If it is hot the children will need sun cream applied, a hat and a water bottle. If raining they will need a raincoat.*

*Friends' Coffee Morning.*

*A huge thank you to Friends for providing the most amazing cakes! They raised £70.16 with this morning's coffee morning. What a yummy way to end the last Friday of the summer term.*

*Cake Raffle Total*

*With the sports hoodies being purchased, our next aim is to buy a class set of Ukuleles. They cost £22 each, so we will need a bit more cake eating to reach our total.*

*This week the cake raffle raised an amazing:*

**£ 62.80**

*We certainly love cake at Gooderstone!*

**Overall Total**

**£321**

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## **Summer Term Improvement Focus - Maths**

Thank you to everyone that completed the parent questionnaire regarding Maths. It is great that so many of the children are doing some form of Maths at home regularly and we are also really pleased that you have noticed a difference in your child's Maths since we introduced the Maths Meetings.

Thank you also for your suggestions on how we can improve Maths further - we hope we can answer some of your queries below:

### **We would like more information about what children are expected to do**

You can find information about our Maths Curriculum on the federation website, in the learning - curriculum subjects section:

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/learning/curriculum-subjects/> This includes the long term plan which shows what children are taught in every year group, as well as the Maths Essentials for every year group. In September you will also get sent more specific information about what each class and year group are focussing on in Maths Meetings.

### **Homework**

Some of you like the online resources; others would like more 'paper' homework sent home. In order to try and meet everyone's needs over the summer all children will continue to be able to use Maths Garden and Purple Mash - our online resources. Please speak to your child's class teacher if your child needs their log-in details. In addition, your child will be bringing home tonight a booklet of ideas for keeping Maths skills ticking over while on holiday. In September, teachers will explain their homework expectations for each class and we will look at ways of incorporating more Maths into these.

### **We would like more explanations or 'how to' guides for Maths:**

Next term, we intend to use our learning cafes (Gooderstone Gathering & Mundford Junction) to show you how we teach different areas of Maths. We will also try to put more information on the school website. You can also speak to your child's teacher at any time if you have questions about Maths.

### **Swimming**

**We are in desperate need of volunteers to accompany Kestrels on Wednesday's swimming lessons. If you would like to help out then please contact the office.**

### **Governors**

**If you or anyone you know would be interested in becoming a Governor and supporting Churchside Federation, then please come and speak to Scott Savoury or Dave Smith. They would love to hear from you.**

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## **September**

*As part of my plan for improvement across the Federation we will be looking at the way lessons and subjects are planned, introduced and taught.*

*On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September (PD day) the staff from the Federation will be having training on Philosophy for Children (P4C). This approach to learning has a proven track record for improving thinking skills, which in turn has led to a marked improvement in children's reasoning and comprehension in schools that use it. This way of learning also has positive effects on the children's social and emotional development.*

*Philosophy for children puts enquiry at the heart of the education process. The questions that are asked are much more open, allowing children to become more confident in expressing their puzzlements and in developing their interests. As well as questioning it is equally important to develop children's skills of reasoning and reflection, both public and private. These bring into play, among other things, the thoughtful expression of emotions. The process challenges children intellectually, socially and emotionally. It encourages open - mindedness and creates conditions for change both for individuals and for communities.*

*More information about our new approach will be given throughout the Autumn term as our training develops.*

*For more information on P4C why not visit their website:*

<https://www.sapere.org.uk/>

## **Holidays**

*All the staff at Gooderstone want to wish you an amazing summer holiday full of rest, relaxation and fun. Good luck to all the Year 6 pupils in their adventures at their new High Schools, we will miss you lots. We look forward to seeing the rest of you in September for an exciting year ahead. Don't forget to go and visit Nibbles and post your pictures on Twitter. I know he is waiting for lots of visits from the children and parents of Gooderstone!*

## **Dates for your diary.**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Whole school trip**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of the year.**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September: Children back to school**

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