



# Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship theme:  
**Caring**

**Next week sharing assembly will start again on Friday morning at 9.00am and so Star Writers and Stars of the Week will be given certificates then (do come and join us).**

**The children have also got off to a good start with the daily mile so we expect some Marathon certificates very soon!**

**The cake raffle has also restarted so make sure you buy your raffle tickets, as they say you've got to be in it to win it! This week's raffle raised a brilliant**  
**£56.70**  
**Overall Total**  
**£377.70**

## P4C update

This week we have got off to a fantastic start with Philosophy for Children (P4C) with every class doing an enquiry or activity based around a big question. The children are just starting to get to grips with it and are being encouraged to think deeply in many different ways in all subjects. P4C involves creative and critical thinking about big concepts, listening carefully to the ideas and opinions of others and justifying your own ideas with reasons.

**Why not give it a go yourself by thinking about what the most important ingredient is for friendship?**

## Federation Improvement Focus: Maths

Our focus for this half-term is developing problem-solving skills in Maths. We will continue with the Maths Meetings introduced last year as these are really helping our children to remember facts & skills. Now we want to help them to apply these skills to different types of problems. We will share more about this as the project develops. Every week, we will be posing a new 'Problem of the Week' and next week's problem can be found below.

## Maths Problem of the Week



### Birthday Cake Candles

Baby Ben is turning one. His parents are planning to celebrate his first birthday with a special cake which will have one candle on it. When he is two, he will have two candles ...

Think about how old you are. If you buy new candles every year, how many candles have your parents bought for all your birthdays? How do you know?

**WANT TO MAKE THE CHALLENGE HARDER?**

What if you re-use the candles? Imagine each candle can be used three times before it has to be thrown away. How many will you need to buy now? Can you explain how you worked out your answer?

Each week's problem and a box for posting your solutions in can be found in school. Remember to put your name on your solutions.

**Let every light shine**

### **Roald Dahl Day**

It was so wonderful to see the costumes for Roald Dahl day yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed a chance to delve further into the world of Roald Dahl and could be heard talking about many of his books with enthusiasm.

What a fantastic way to truly begin the theme for the half term!

On a side note, I have heard many of the children discussing good books which they read over the summer, it would be brilliant to keep up this 'book chat' so any opportunity to read at home would really benefit the children.

### **Clubs**

We hope to continue this excellent start to the new school year by offering the children a selection of clubs. These will be starting in the next couple of weeks. To avoid disappointment, please bring back the slip with any club choices as soon as possible after receiving the letter which will come out next week.

Tae kwon do will be continuing this year on a Thursday after school (3.15 – 4.15pm) and we have some spaces. These spaces are for children in Year 1 upwards. Please contact the school to let us know if your child will be attending the club.

We will be running an optional homework club for the children who would like to catch up on any missed homework. This will be on a rota basis for each teacher.

Additionally, Miss Stanley will be running a journalism club for those budding writers, this will be on a Monday after school.

Miss Blakie will be running a multi-sports club with a view to joining the Aspire PE tournaments which

### ***Dates for your diary (subject to change).***

***Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September- First Sharing Assembly.***

***Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September- Owls' Gooderstone Gathering.***

***Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September- Macmillan Coffee Morning (9:30am). Friends AGM (2:30pm)***

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Skylarks' Gooderstone Gathering***

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Individual & Sibling Photos (Tempest 1.30 – 3.00pm)***

***Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October- Harvest Festival (9:00- 9:30)***

***Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October- Kestrels' Gooderstone Gathering***

***Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November- Federation Day. Parents' Evening.***

***Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November- Remembrance Service.***

***Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November- UK Parliament week.***

***Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November- Owls' Gooderstone Gathering***

***Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need.***

***Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November- Skylarks' Gooderstone Gathering***

***Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Gooderstone Tea Party (2:30pm)***

***Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Kestrels' Gooderstone Gathering***

***Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas show (2:00pm and 6:00pm)***

***Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December- Carol service. (2:30pm)***

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