



# Gooderstone Gazette

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

**This week's Worship theme:**  
**Peace**

**Weekly Attendance Award:**  
**Kestrels**  
Last week:  
**Skylarks**

**Star of the week:**

**Owls:** Harry for being really enthusiastic & making lots of progress.

**Skylarks:** Lewis for finding creative solutions to problems when making his guitar.

**Kestrels:** Lachlan for exceptional effort in all lessons.

**Writer of the week:**

Owls: William

Skylarks: Alfie

Kestrels: Maddison

## **Cake Friday**

*Please sign up on the sheet in the office to bake a cake for our cake Friday.*

*Total for the week: **£35.00***

## **Road Safety**

On Tuesday Skylarks and Kestrels took part in some Road Safety Sessions which, although being very hard-hitting, were very informative and provided some important information. I will never put things on my parcel shelf whilst driving again! Throughout the year we will be having more Road Safety sessions for the other year groups including Cycle Safety.

## **Christmas Tea Party**

We will be inviting all of the people from the village to come to the school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December for a Christmas Tea Party. We will be offering tea, coffee and mince pies alongside some Christmas Carols and other musical entertainment. You are all welcome to join us. It will start at 2:45 and will go on until 3:15.

## **Help wanted in all classes!**

We are looking for any parents or guardians who would give up some of their time to come in to help the children. Owls would also like any parents or guardians to help with phonics sessions in order to have smaller, more focussed, groups. All three classes would welcome any helpers to listen to the children read or anyone with any skills to share! If this is something you think you would like to do, please let any member of staff know.

## **Nativity**

As I am sure you all know, our nativity is on the 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 and 6:00. If you require any guidance with regards to costume please let the class teacher know. Please ensure that children are given support to learn their lines.

## **Big Question of the Week**

*Is world peace possible?*

**Let every light shine**

### **P.E. Kits & Book Bags**

Please could we ask that you ensure that children have their P.E. kits and book bags in school everyday?

### **Maths Games of the Week**

Over the next few weeks we will be suggesting some simple games that develop different Maths skills. This week: games that require mental calculation or arithmetic.

Some well-known games:

- Darts
- Any board games that involve money (e.g. Monopoly)
- Bingo
- Card Games such as Rummy, Crazy Eights, Pig, Old Maid, War or Higher/Lower (see below for how to play some of these)
- ... & anything where children have to keep score.

War

To play simply deal a pack amongst the players. Each player turns over two cards, multiplies them together and shares the answer – the highest number wins all the cards played. (To make this a simpler game for younger children, get them to add the two cards together instead of multiplying).

Higher/Lower

Deal out five cards face down. Turn over the first one. The aim is to guess if the next card will be higher or lower. If you are right, continue along the line. Win a point each time you correctly guess all 5 cards in the row.

### **Each Santa Fun Run**

Next Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, we will be taking part in a Santa Fun Run in aid of the charity Each. All children (and staff) will be taking part in the run and, for a voluntary contribution of £1, they can purchase either a Santa or Elf hat, or a snowflake bobble headband. All of the money raised will go to Each.

### ***Dates coming up...***

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Each Santa Fun Run*

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

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm & 6pm Lights Camel Action- Our Nativity.*

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Gooderstone community tea party.*

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December: 3.30pm Christmas Fair.*

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December: 2:30pm-Carol Service at the church.*

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Lunch.*

**Let every light shine**