



Gooderstone Gazette

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

Welcome back!

Happy New Year from all of the staff at Gooderstone. A magical spell was cast on the school and it has turned in to Hogwarts. The children were all very excited to arrive Thursday morning to find themselves fully enrolled in wizarding school. This half term is set to be an exciting one full of magical fun.

Attendance.

As a collective our New Year's Resolution can be to improve attendance. Last term our attendance figures took a large dip both through persistent absences and many children being consistently late. It is really important that you contact the school office if your child is ill and unable to make it to school, please do this before the start of school. If you do not ring in and we cannot make contact with you we have to mark it as unauthorised. Any child entering the building after 8.55am will also receive a late mark. Low attendance and being consistently late has a huge impact on children's learning and will cause them to fall behind their peers and hinder their progress. Only with parental help can we improve this, we need your children in school and ready to learn so we can give them the best education.

Dates coming up...

Friday 11th January: Sharing Assembly starts again
Friday 11th January: 9.30am Skylarks' Gooderstone Gathering
Monday 14th January: Forest School starts for Owls
Wednesday 16th January: Year 6 Mandarin lesson at Iceni Academy
Monday 21st January: NSPCC speak out, stay safe
Thursday 24th January: 9am Owls' Gooderstone Gathering
Monday 28th January: Buddy's Big Workout – NSPCC fundraising event
Wednesday 30th January: Year 4 & 5 Mandarin lesson at Iceni Academy
Monday 4th February: 9.30am Kestrels' Gooderstone Gathering
Wednesday 6th February: NSPCC workshop with year 5 & 6
Monday 11th February: NSPCC assembly
Thursday 14th February: Harry Potter Trip
Half term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February.
Monday 25th February: Children back to school

Let every light shine

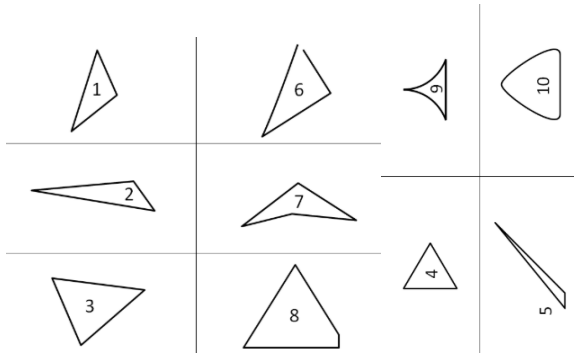
Maths Problems of the Month

KS1

Catrina wants to know how many football cards she has collected. She has filled up five pages of her scrapbook and on each page there are four cards.

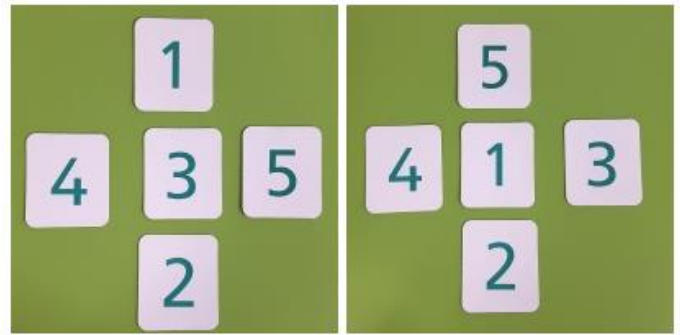
Can you show how you would find out? You might draw a picture or do some jottings or a number sentence.

Here are some shapes:



Which is a triangle?
Which are not triangles?
How do you know?

KS2



What do you notice about the two crosses?
What is the same?
What is different?

Both crosses use the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The left cross has a horizontal total of 12 and a vertical total of 6. The right cross has a horizontal total of 8 and a vertical total of 8.

We call the cross on the right a *magic cross*, because its horizontal total is equal to its vertical total.

Can you find any more magic crosses using the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5?

Can you find all the possibilities?

Can you convince yourself you have found them all?

All these problems can be found on the nrich website: <https://nrich.maths.org/8495> where you can see how other children have solved them as well as submit your own solutions.

Want to help your child at home with Maths?

- Every child has log-ins for Maths Garden & Purple Mash, where they can play online Maths games. Speak to their class teacher if you need help with these.
- Learning times tables helps children of all ages to develop confidence in Maths.
- On our website you can find copies of the Maths Essentials for each year group, along with ideas for practising at home: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/4075688466729196932-website-maths-essentials-yrs-r-6.pdf>
- Use Maths in real-life: play games where you have to count or keep score; weigh ingredients for cooking; find money and work out change when they go shopping.

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Clubs

This half term we have lots of clubs available to your children at lunchtimes and after school. All clubs will start the week beginning 14th January apart from Multi-sports which will start Tuesday 8th January. All of these clubs run free of charge as the school subsidise them. As always we look to the community to share their expertise if any parents have a hobby/profession/interest they would like to share with the children then please get in touch.

Clubs on offer:

Monday Lunchtime: SATs revision club, available to Year 6 only.

Monday after school: Adventure club will be available for 12 KS2 children. More information about this will follow.

Tuesday lunchtime: Mrs Oswick will be running a Lego Club for all year groups with 20 spaces. Children will need to bring their own lego each week to take part in the club.

Tuesday after school: Mr Clarke will be running a Multi-Sports club available to all year groups with a limit of 15 children.

Wednesday after school: Miss Stanley will be running a Street Dance club for all age groups with a limit of 15 children.

Thursday after school: John will be running a Taekwondo club available to all year groups.

Friday lunchtime: Miss Blakie will be running a Netball club for KS2 with 12 spaces.

Please complete the permission slip for your child and return it by Wednesday 9th January. Places will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Once children have been allocated their clubs we expect them to attend each week, please ensure they really want to attend before signing them up. Due to the limited spaces someone who really wants to come could be missing out. If for any reason your child is unable to attend their club please contact the office directly.

After school clubs finish at 4.15pm please ensure you arrive promptly to pick up your children.

My Child _____ would like to attend the following club/s

SATs revision Lego Club Multi skills Street dance Taekwondo Netball

**Please circle which club/s your child would like to attend.*

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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