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# Gooderstone Gazette

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

## **Star of the week:**

**Owls** - Chloe for being a good friend to a new member of class.

**Skylarks** – Harry for changing his attitude towards dance in P.E.

**Kestrels** – Clara for always helping the younger children into school from the bus.

## **Wow of the week:**

**Owls** – Eliza for amazing mental maths.

**Skylarks** – Hattie for being enthusiastic and extremely engaged in our R.E day.

**Kestrels** – Daisy for an amazingly engaging 'Big Write'.

## **Parents Evening**

Thank you those of you who attended parents evening. Although it was our first ever time using virtual meetings, it was a great success. We have had lots of positive feedback from you all about the children's return to school. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

## **COVID-19**

My hope is to one day write a letter without this virus as a feature. As I am sure you are all aware we will now be in a National Lockdown for the next four weeks. Although there are many restrictions in place, schools will remain open to ensure that children's education is not disrupted any further. As always we will follow the Government guidelines to ensure that we are making the site as safe as we can for your children. On our website we have a COVID button that contains our risk assessment and supporting documents for your information. With cases across Breckland on the rise, please ensure you keep us informed if; you or a family member are asked to self-isolate, your children or a member of your household have symptoms or if you are waiting for a test or have test results to share with us.

## **Nativity**

Christmas is not Christmas without a nativity and this year we still intend to put on our tea towels and re-tell the Christmas story. It will of course look very different from previous years, we intend to cut the story into three parts and each class will act out their part in their own bubble. We will film each part and then share it with you on our website/email you the finished result. For those families who have indicated for their children not to appear on any social media sites/school website or be recorded we will ensure they are out of the frame.





## Poppy Appeal

We will continue to be selling Poppies (until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November) to mark Remembrance Day and raise money for the British Legion. A small sample of things will be kept in each bubble for the children to purchase if they would like to. This academic year we will be holding a remembrance service in school rather than at the memorial. We will be laying a wreath at the memorial from the school to remember those who lost their lives in wartime.



## Reading

<https://clpe.org.uk/>

Reading is our biggest priority this academic year, it is the key to unlocking all curriculum subjects for children. As with last year we are using the Power of Reading as a way to encourage children to love books and broaden their reading horizon. We want every child to be a confident reader with a passion for books. We use our Power of reading book as the basis for our English teaching and incorporate it into other subject areas. We also have a class reader which is a shared class book that is read to the children every day.

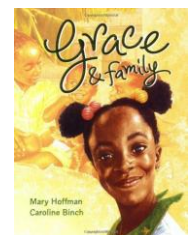
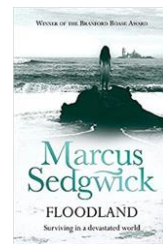
### Current Books:

#### Power or Reading books

**Owls:** Grace and Family by Mary Hoffman

**Skylarks:** The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

**Kestrels:** Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

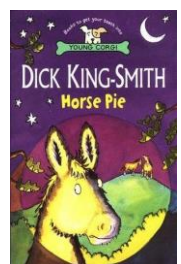


### Class Reader:

**Owls:** Horse Pie by Dick King Smith

**Skylarks:** The day I fell into a fairy-tale by Ben Miller

**Kestrels:** Tanglewreck by Jeanette Winterson



### ***Flu Immunisation***

For those of you who have requested a flu immunisation for your children using the online portal they will be taking place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

### ***Children in Need***

Children in Need will be taking place on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. We would like to raise money for this amazing charity that changes children's lives for the better. To mark the day, the children can come to school in non-school uniform next Friday. We realise that it has been a difficult year for many families so this year we will not be taking donations directly in school. If you would like to make a donation we ask that you do this directly to the charity on the following link: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.



### ***Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)***

During Lockdown Miss Stanley ran a consultation about the new statutory framework for RSHE with you and what it will look like at Churchside. All this information can be found on the RSHE page on our website: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/curriculum-subjects/relationship-sex-and-health-education/>. On Monday the children at Gooderstone will be having their first 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Healthy Me' day and this will consist of RSHE, PSHE (Paths) and Online Safety Workshops. The RSHE focus will be on 'My feelings'. The class teachers will have sent you an email, with a leaflet that explains the content of this lesson so you know and can discuss what we have learnt at home. If you have any concerns, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

### ***Dates for your diary.....***

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** 'Healthy body, Healthy Mind, Healthy Me' day.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in need: non-school uniform day.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti bullying week

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Flu Vaccinations

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021:** Children back to school

Let every light shine