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Gooderstone Gazette

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

This Term's Worship

theme: Kindness
Big Question: Do you have to like someone to be kind to them?

Star of the week:

Owls – Samantha, for being polite and helpful.
Skylarks – Larry, for being kind at lunchtimes.
Kestrels – Jack, for always having an excellent attitude to learning.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Priyah, for her excellent improvement in Phonics and resilience when completing her arithmetic test
Skylarks – Noah, for persevering with problem solving in maths.
Kestrels – Ruben, for outstanding achievement in his English tests.



This week Owls really enjoyed a fabulous SAW day. They learnt all about their senses and completed some fantastic poems, experiments and art work.

Reflection Area

This week Kestrels wrote persuasive letters to Mrs Godbold asking for her permission to build a reflection area. This will be on a section of the wildlife area and is their current DT project. The area will be a calm and quiet place for people to reflect and remember loved ones. The children have drawn sketches to include elements that they feel would suit the area and its purpose. If you have any ideas you would like to be considered please let us know. Any offers of support or donations would also be gratefully received.

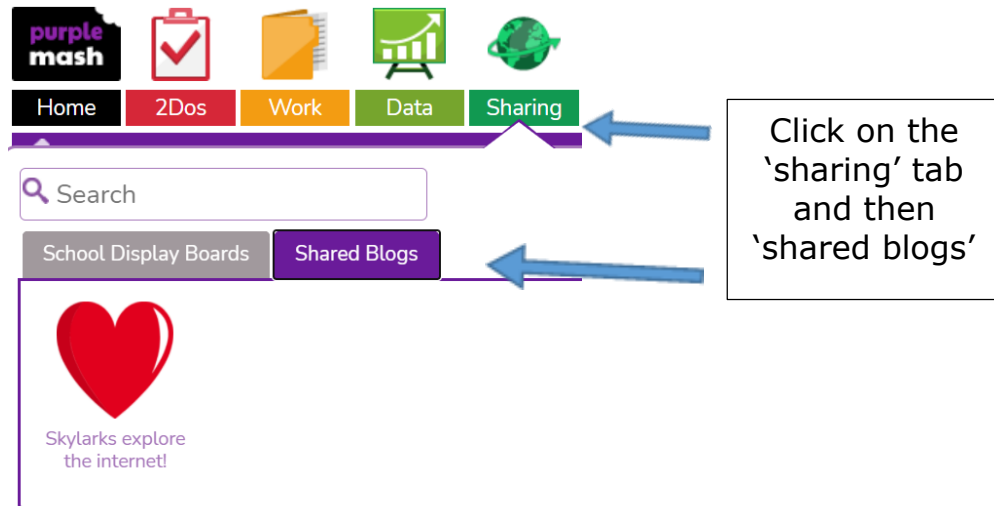
Updated guidance for parents and carers from the Department of Education We have updated our guidance for parents and carers on [what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/additional-information/policies/). This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5th November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people, and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings.
<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/additional-information/policies/>

Skylarks Class Blog

Last week Skylarks learned about anti-bullying week. We have created a class blog, which we will be adding entries to over the next few weeks. We have learned about good and bad comments and will be monitoring these as part of our e-safety learning. If you would like to have a look or leave us a comment, please visit:

<https://www.purplemash.com/gooderstone>

Then use your purple mash login to log in...



The screenshot shows the Purple Mash interface. At the top, there are icons for Home, 2Dos, Work, Data, and Sharing. Below these is a search bar and two tabs: 'School Display Boards' and 'Shared Blogs'. A red heart icon is visible in the main content area with the text 'Skylarks explore the internet!'. A text box on the right contains the instruction: 'Click on the 'sharing' tab and then 'shared blogs''. Blue arrows point from this text box to the 'Sharing' tab and the 'Shared Blogs' tab.

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.

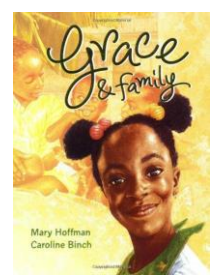
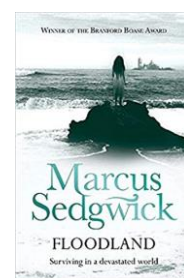
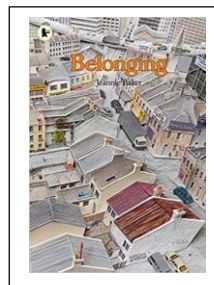
Current Books:

Power or Reading books

Owls: Grace and Family by Mary Hoffman

Skylarks: Belonging by Jeannie Baker

Kestrels: Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

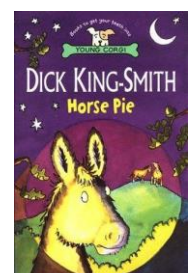


Class Reader:

Owls: Horse Pie by Dick King Smith

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

Kestrels: Tanglewreck by Jeanette Winterson



Christmas JUMPER DAY



This year we will be having a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save The Children. This will take place on Friday 11th December. If your child would like to take part, please send them to school with a Christmas jumper and £1 for a donation.

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 3rd December**.

Dates for your diary.....

Virtual Sharing Assembly: Every Friday morning, the class bubbles get together via Zoom to share their learning and celebrate the stars and wows of the week.

Thursday 3rd December: Flu Vaccinations.

Friday 11th December: 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 11th December: Christmas Lunch – Please book via the Parentmail app.

Friday 18th December: Last day of term.

Monday 4th January 2021: Children back to school.

Every effort is made to stick with the planned dates but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect in school events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thanks for understanding!

Let every light shine