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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** – Matthew, for making excellent choices in his behaviour.

**Skylarks** – Poppy, for being determined to master her 3 times tables and doing extra practise at home.

**Kestrels** – Dexter, for always being happy, friendly and eager.

## Wow of the week:

**Owls** – George, for amazing home learning.

**Skylarks** – Alice, for using her science to make her own blog about food chains.

**Kestrels** – Rose, for an amazingly descriptive Stallion of the Sea poem.

## Uniform

We have seen a few hoodies and sports tops sneaking in, in place of school uniform. Please ensure that your children are wearing school uniform for P.E and for normal school days please. If you are unsure of what the uniform for Gooderstone is please take a look at the website:

<https://myclothing.com/gooderstone-church-of-england-academy/7860.school>

## Christmas Jumper Day

Children are welcome to come to school as Christmassy as they can on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December for Christmas Jumper Day. As before we will not be taking donations directly, so if you wish to make a donation to this great cause then please visit their website:

[www.christmasjumperday.org](http://www.christmasjumperday.org)

*Christmas*  
**JUMPER DAY**



Brrrrrrr! Owls enjoying the first flurry of snow!

### **Kestrels** from Mrs Dunkley

I am really proud of the History presentations on WWII that the children prepared and presented to the class this week. Well done Kestrels.

We have also been practising our Eels Island Tribal dances and they are looking really well choreographed!

### **Nativity**

This year the children at Gooderstone will be performing 'It's a Baby.' We have split this play into three parts and each bubble will be acting and singing their socks off. We will send more detail of how to watch it nearer the time.



### **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.

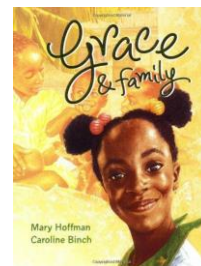
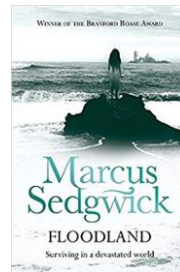
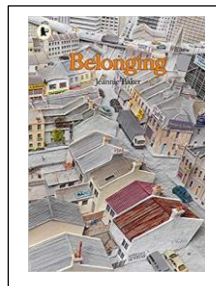
#### **Current Books:**

##### **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



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### **Emergency School Closure in Bad Weather**

If the school needs to be closed in the event of an extreme emergency such as:

Blizzard conditions

Heavy snow preventing sufficient staff from being able to get to school

Heating and/or lighting problems due to power failure

Lack of water due to burst and/or frozen pipes

then a decision will be made, as soon as possible, and the Emergency School Closure Plan will be activated with the Local Authority (LA).

In such circumstances, please listen to local radio stations,  
**i.e. Radio Norfolk** who will broadcast the list of schools closed.

School closures will also be posted on the Local Authority website at:  
[http://disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/ncclosures\\_schools.html](http://disruptions.norfolk.gov.uk/ncclosures_schools.html)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless school is officially closed, then parents have a legal obligation to ensure that their children attend. Non-attendance when the school is officially open is classified as an unauthorised absence.

The decision as to whether the minibus or taxi runs is made by the driver of that vehicle, as the safe conveyance of pupils is his responsibility. In this case, absence would be authorised.

### ***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.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Lunch – Please book via Parentmail **by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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**