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Gooderstone Gazette

The Newsletter from **Gooderstone C of E Primary Academy** – Your School, Your News!

**This Term's
Worship theme:**
Honesty

Big Question: Is
honesty always
the best policy?

**Weekly
Attendance Award:**

**Skylarks and
Kestrels both
100%**

Star of the week:

Owls – Eliza, for
trying really hard to
use joined up
handwriting.

Skylarks – William,
for showing excellent
listening skills and
making sure
everyone is heard.

Kestrels – Phoebe,
for being thoughtful
and kind and for
being an excellent
listener.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Samantha,
for answering
questions on the
carpet and using
excellent vocabulary.

Skylarks – Daisy,
for showing great
enthusiasm for
history and creating
a presentation to
teach us about
Queen Elizabeth 1.

Kestrels – Charlie,
for being confident
enough to hot seat
as a book character.

Uniform Reminder

Over the course of lock down we have been very lenient about uniform. Now shops have reopened we ask that all children come to school in the correct uniform for both a normal day and P.E. Many children have been coming in to school in a variety of sporting clothes that are not part of our uniform and we ask that you pay attention to our policy. You will note on our website that we are asking for children to wear their house colour t-shirt from now on for P.E this is to save you having to buy one specially for Sport's day each year. If you are unsure of the uniform requirements you will find them here:

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/our-school/school-uniform/>

Polling Day

As many of you are aware we are required to be used as a polling station throughout the school year. On **Thursday 6th May** the school hall will be used as a polling station for the Norfolk County Council Division and Police and Crime Commissioner Elections.

Normally we close the school site to all but Year 6 on polling days but this year we wish to remain open to all pupils. We are very aware the children have had a much disrupted academic year and that they need as much time in school as possible.

On the day

Voters:

We will be shutting off the hall completely to the rest of the school and using it as a polling station. No member of the general public will be able to enter the main body of the school or have contact with the children. They will enter the school through the vehicle gate and use the kitchen entrance to access the hall. The left side of the playground will be cordoned and clearly sign posted for visitors to follow. All members of the public will be asked to wear masks when entering the site and use the provided hand sanitiser. The hall will be fogged after use on Thursday night to add another layer of protection.

Students:

The children will all enter the pedestrian gate and two members of staff will be outside to greet them on arrival. Skylarks will enter the main school office door and at lunch and play times, all children (in zones and bubbles) will be on the top field away from the main entrance. There will be no hot lunches provided on the day and children will have to bring in a home packed lunch or order a school one in the usual way.

We aim to ensure that the day will run smoothly and with minimal disruption to your children's education.

Supporting Your Child with Their Learning

The children have had a very disrupted academic year due to the current climate. Now more than ever it is very important that both school and home work together to help children achieve their true potential. You can do this in the following ways:

- You can help support your child by hearing them read every day (this can be done with their physical reading book, any book at home or by using Bug Club).
- You can support your children with their spelling by using Spelling Shed. Being able to spell words helps with fluency of writing, the children love Spelling Shed because it is game based and can be used on any device.
- Homework helps consolidate the learning the children have been doing at school. The class teachers are using Google Classroom to set this work and inform the children what has been set and when it needs to be in.

Finally, our website is full of learning links and ideas that help support you and your children in their learning journey at school: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/>

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.

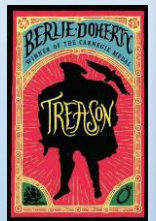
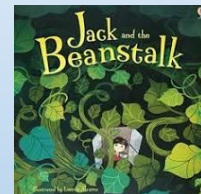
Current Books:

Power or Reading books

Owls: Jack and the Beanstalk

Skylarks: The King who Banned the Dark
by Emily Haworth-Booth

Kestrels: Treason by Berlie Doherty

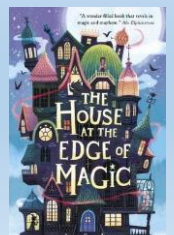


Class Reader:

Owls: Piggy Handsome by Pip Jones

Skylarks: The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

Kestrels: The House on the Edge of Magic by Amy Sparkes



Diary Dates

Friday 23rd April: St George's day.

Monday 26th April: Class Group Photo's

Week of 26th April: RSHE Day

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May: School used as a polling station.

Week of 10th May: RSHE Day **and Week of 24th May:** RSHE Day.

Week of 24th May: PITA Half-Termly Parent Reports sent home.

Monday 31st May – 4th June: Half term holidays.

Monday 6th June – 10th June: Parent's consultations.

Monday 7th June: Children back to school.

Let every light shine