



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
98.53%

Star of the week:

Owls – Kieran, for excellent independent writing.

Skylarks – Alice, for trying her hardest in every subject.

Kestrels – Daisy for always trying her absolute best in every single lesson.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Charlotte, for an amazing poem.

Skylarks – Max, for excellent ideas when story planning with the mighty writer.

Kestrels – Neidas for trying exceptionally hard with writing his short story this week.

Mental Health

Over the course of this half term we have been focussing on understanding mental health issues and looking at ways to keep our mind and body healthy. Alongside this we have developed a wealth of resources for families on our website that can help signpost you to help wherever it is needed.

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/family-support/>

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/mental-health-and-emotional-well-being/>

Please feel free to speak to any member of staff if you or your child needs support and we will always try to help or help find the support you may need.

Improvement Focus

Until the end of term our improvement focus is centred around the children's writing. The week after half term we will be focussing on improving the children's written skills including editing for clarity and for impact. This will have a clear focus on both audience and purpose of various text types in different genres.

The children have made a huge effort with their handwriting and presentation this week and their books have been filled with beautiful, legible writing. A big well done to them for all of their effort!

Fostering Awareness

Could you be a foster parent?

For more information
please visit

www.norfolk.gov.uk/fostering

Or text fostering to 87222



Parent's Evening & Reports

After half term we will be running parent's consultations to discuss how the children have settled back into school life after lock down. Your child's class teacher will be in contact next week to set up the appointments.

Reports this year will look very different than in previous years, with the Government removing end of year assessments, we have been asked to give a more general report on how the children have progressed over the course of this year. These will be coming out toward the end of the school year.

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

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.

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

Monday 7th June – 10th June: Parent's consultations via Zoom.

Monday 7th June: Children back to school.

Every effort is made to stick to 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.

Thank you for understanding!

Let every light shine