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Autumn - Issue 1

Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship Theme:

Compassion

Weekly Attendance Award:

**Skylarks
100%**

**We are proud
to announce
our...**

Head Boy:

Freddie

Head Girl:

Daisy D

Deputy Head Boy:

Jack

Deputy Head Girl:

Alice

First Week Back!

We are really impressed with how brilliantly the children have settled back into school this week. Here's just a taster of what each class have been up to:

Owls: We have been learning about the animals in the Gruffalo and looking at their habitats and how to classify them. We have had a visit from a mysterious but cheeky owl called Kevin.

Skylarks: This week we have been completing challenges in P.E., learning numbers in French and changing positive to negative language in English.

Kestrels: We have started learning about natural disasters and living things. We also have started our Power of Reading book- The Viewer- where we had to visit Miss Stanley's junkyard in the hall!

Covid

As we move to living with the virus many of Risk Assessments have been updated and new ones have been put in place. You will find all of these and further Covid information on our website:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h6ZqdqKS9IzhL9fglKCaOKcZqSaz7b_c

We have also attached our contingency plan details alongside this newsletter so you have a clear picture of what happens if local cases begin to rise.

All plans and Risk Assessments are reviewed weekly in line with Government and Local guidance and guidelines.

Showcases

At the end of each half term this year we are inviting parents and guardians to come in to see all of our learning from the half term's theme. Each class will present their work to their families and will be on hand to teach some of the skills which they have learnt through a Showcase event.

We are really excited to be able to show you what we have been learning and to welcome you into our classrooms, especially as it has been such a long time since we have been able to do so.

These Showcases will be in the last week of the half term - dates and times for these will be sent out from each class teacher in the forthcoming weeks.

Art Gallery

We are hoping to set up an art gallery in the corridor near the Hall. If you have any spare frames in which we could display some of the children's wonderful art we would be very grateful!

Homework

This academic year we will be setting our homework on Fridays via our Google Classrooms. The amount of homework set will increase as the children move up through the school years.

The activities mentioned below will be the children's regular weekly homework, class teachers may add to this sporadically and that will be communicated through your child's Google Classroom/email.

For the Autumn Term:

Reception: Reading and letter sound work

Year One: Reading and Numbots

Year Two: Reading, Numbots, Spelling Shed and discussion question to explore

Year Three: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars.

Year Four: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars.

Year Five: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars.

Year Six: Spelling rule with activities linked to Spelling Shed, Discussion questions to explore, and Timestable Rockstars. Either a written task or a maths task dispatched weekly.

We understand that family life can be very busy so we have designed our homework requirements to allow children to be as independent as possible in their learning. Reading will require you to sit with your children to listen and ask them questions. This simple activity can have a huge impact on their development and progress, as being able to read unlocks the whole curriculum for children.

The rest of the homework set is mostly based around our online learning platforms which encourage children to read, spell and manipulate numbers through game based activities. If you are struggling to get on the platform please contact your child's class teacher for details.

What are we Reading

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 of Reading books

Owls: Hello Friend

Skylarks: One Plastic Bag

Kestrels: The Viewer

Class Reader:

Owls: Esio Trot

Skylarks: The Creakers

Kestrels: Boy Giant



Let every light shine

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 1st November: Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday 25th November: - Flu Immunisation Reception - Yr6

*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!*

Academic Year 2021-2022 Term Dates

Autumn 1st

Monday 6th September 2021 – Friday 22nd October 2021

Half term

Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Autumn 2nd

Monday 1st November 2021- Friday 17th December 2021

Christmas Holidays:

Monday 20th December 2021- Wednesday 5th January 2022

Spring 1st

*Thursday 6th January 2022- Friday 11th February 2022

Half term

Monday 14th February 2022- Friday 18th February 2022

Spring 2nd

Monday 21st February 2022- Friday 1st April 2022

Easter Holidays:

Monday 4th April 2022- 19th April 2022

**please note change from published dates. Schools have been advised to choose 1 additional day owing to the extra bank holiday falling during the June half-term.*

Summer 1st

Wednesday 20th April 2022- Friday 27th May 2022

Half term

Monday 30th May 2022- Friday 3rd June 2022

Summer 2nd

Monday 6th June 2022- Friday 22nd July 2022

End of academic year.

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