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# Gooderstone Gazette

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

*Worship Theme:*

Compassion

**Weekly  
Attendance  
Award:**

**Owls  
100%**

**Star of the week:**

**Owls** – Lucas, for being a kind and polite member of Owls.

**Skylarks** – Priyah, for showing a great attitude to learning.

**Kestrels** – Archie, for being a kind and caring basketball player.

**Wow of the  
week:**

**Owls** – Tommy, for focusing so well when doing observation drawing in art.

**Skylarks** – Ellie, for amazing performance of a poem.

**Kestrels** – Phoebe, for a well written newspaper report.



Due to the lack of Covid cases in the school we are happy to report swimming lessons started again this week as did Taekwondo club. From this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> we will be starting all lunchtime and after school clubs once again.

## After School

Monday – Singing Club, Mrs Buckley  
Tuesday – Art Club, Miss Stanley  
Tuesday – Multi Sports, Mr Clarke  
Thursday – Taekwondo, Mr Foulter

## Lunch Time

Wednesday – Mindfulness, Mrs Skilton  
Thursday – Dance Club, Mrs Chisman

## Masks

Thank you to those of you who wore masks over the last few weeks. We have once again relaxed our policy due to the lack of positive cases in the school building. We will continue to keep you updated should we need to implement mask wearing once more.



We are planning to have our Harvest Festival at 9am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and we are happy to say that you are welcome to join us! We will update you if this changes but we are looking forward to having the service in the church.

We would also be really grateful to receive any donations of food, either fresh or packaged, which we will be delivering to Meadow House Care Home in Swaffham for their residents after the service.

### ***Our learning- What have we been doing this week?***

**Owls:** This week we had our new nursery children join us for their settling in days which went really well, Owls loved having them in class. For Mental Health Day, we have made worry dolls and a worry box, the children have found this really helpful.

#### **Skylarks:**

This week we have been doing poetry activities for National Poetry Day. We had a live workshop with Michael Rosen and brought in some of our favourite poems to perform. The children loved hearing the funny and often silly poems from Michael!



**Kestrels:** This week we had our no plan day which we based on Star Signs! We found out our own star sign and read about the personalities associated with them. We then made picture books about the stories behind the constellations and finished the day with some beautiful art.



### ***Class Showcases***

We would like to invite parents to an end of term showcase where the children will share their learning with you from the half-term. See below and in the diary dates, the day and time for each class, you are welcome to drop-in anytime within your child's class timeslot. During Covid, we have missed being able to invite you into school so are looking forward to being able to welcome you back into classrooms.

**Owls – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 2.45-3.15pm**

**Skylarks – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October - 9.30-10am**

**Kestrels – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - 2.30-3.15pm**

### ***Volunteers***

We are looking forward to welcoming back any volunteers who would like to read with the children. As daily reading is so integral to the children's learning, we would really love to have any volunteers to read with the children in all of the classes of the school. This gives the children the invaluable opportunity to read to a variety of people and to practise their fluency and comprehension skills frequently.

If you would like to volunteer for this, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Delve.

# CURRENTLY 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 or Reading books

**Owls:** Hello Friend

**Skylarks:** One Plastic Bag

**Kestrels:** The Viewer



## Class Reader:

**Owls:** Esio Trot

**Skylarks:** The Creakers

**Kestrels:** Boy Giant



## 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.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival, Gooderstone Church 9am

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October:** Half Term Holiday

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Children Back to School

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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** -Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine Reception - Yr6

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** Christmas Holidays

*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