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Autumn 2 - Issue 11



Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship Theme:

Celebration

**Weekly
Attendance
Award:**

**Skylarks
94.15%**

**Star of the
week:**

Owls – Kieran, for writing a super story.

Skylarks – Eliza, for an excellent attitude to her learning.

Kestrels – Betsy for trying incredibly hard with her writing in Science this week.

**Wow of the
week:**

Owls – Rowan, for positive behaviour.

Skylarks – Ruby, for great perimeter work in maths.

Kestrels – Poppy for fantastic handwriting.

Our learning - What have we been doing this week?

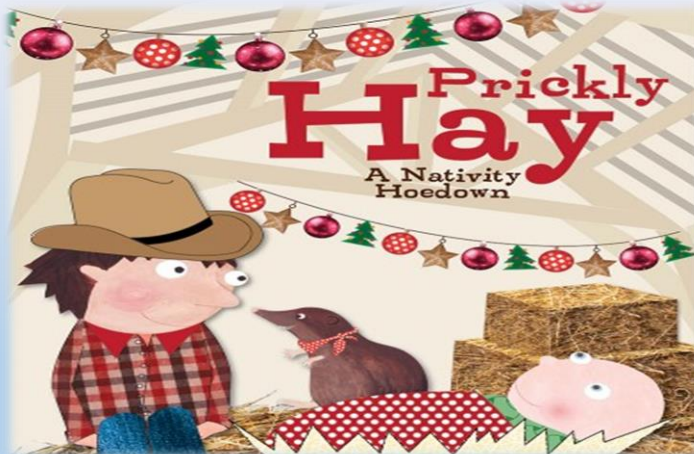
Owls: This week Owls have been learning all about bicycles from the past. They loved learning about the boneshaker and the penny farthing and then designing a bike for the future.

Skylarks: This week we have been excited to receive a letter from NASA asking us to identify some rocks from the moon! We received a box of rocks in the post and used our science skills to work out what we thought they were. The children showed amazing science knowledge in the letters they wrote back.

Kestrels: This week Kestrels had their No Plan Day where the theme was... SURVIVAL! We created survival guides for different environments and then made dens outside in the woodland area. Once we had figured out the structures which worked the best, we used this knowledge to create mini dens from lolly sticks. We had a brilliant day!

Nativity

We will be performing Prickly Hay for this year's nativity. This will be a whole school nativity and we will be performing it in the church on Monday 13th December at 2pm and again at 6pm. If for any reason we are unable to do this, we will of course let you know and will record the performance on Google Classroom for your entertainment.



Numbots, Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed

A few weeks ago we sent information regarding the online provision for times tables and spellings. Class teachers have noticed that although many children are using these fantastic resources, some children are not using them at all.

These programmes are excellent for improving the children's understanding and fluency and so we ask that you ensure that your child can access them at home and uses them as regularly as possible. If you have any questions about how to do this, or you need the login information for your children, please speak to the class teacher.

Christmas Cards

From December 1st, the Children this year will be able to bring Christmas Cards to school for their friends in their own class. Please do not bring in cards which are for pupils in other classes. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch

We will be holding our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December.

If you would like to book a Christmas meal for your child(ren) please book in the usual way via the Parentmail App. Children are welcome to come in Christmas attire (suitable for playing outside) for the day. Please ensure that they still have a change of shoes for outside.



Christmas JUMPER DAY



This year we will be holding once again a Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save The Children. This will take place on Friday 10th December. If your child(ren) would like to take part, please send them to school with a Christmas jumper and a £1.00 for a donation.

Clothes Donations

We have realised that we have a shortage of spare clothes for the older children. If you have any old school uniform for children aged 7-11, we would be really grateful to receive these as a donation. Thank you for your support with this.

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: The Jolly Postman

Skylarks: The Lost Happy Endings

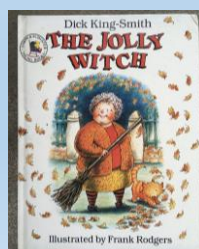
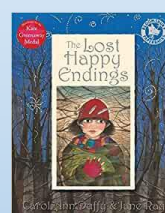
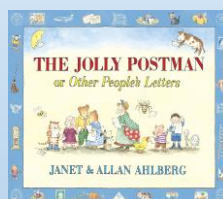
Kestrels: Cosmic

Class Reader:

Owls: The Jolly Witch

Skylarks: The Castle of Tangled Magic

Kestrels: Boy Giant



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 3rd December: - Wacky Hair Day

Friday 10th December: - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 13th December: - Christmas Nativity held at the Church – **2pm** and **6pm** performances

Wednesday 15th December: - Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 15th December: - Christmas Fair 5pm – Playground

Monday 20th December: - **Wednesday 5th January:** Christmas Holidays

Thursday 6th January: - Children Back to School

Wednesday 12th January: - NHS Height/Weight checks Recep & Yr6 –
Vision and Hearing checks Recep only – (NHS letter to follow)

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