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Gooderstone Gazette

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

Worship Theme:

Celebration

Weekly Attendance Award:

**Skylarks &
Kestrels
100%**

Star of the week:

Owls – Lucas, for being enthusiastic to show visitors what he has been learning.

Skylarks – Amelia, for settling into a new school like an absolute star and always being polite and respectful.

Kestrels – Emilia, for always being a resilient learner and a kind friend.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Rowan, for writing his numbers independently to 20.

Skylarks Charlotte, for trying super hard with addition in maths.

Kestrels – Charlie, for fantastic maths work completed at home.

Maths Week

The children have all taken part in different activities this week to mark Maths Week and we hope it has helped the children see the importance of Maths, as well as showing that Maths can be fun. While none of our classes won anything in the TT Rockstars national competition, we said well done to Sycamore class who were the top class for our Federation at Times Tables and Hazel class who played the most on Numbots. Our individual winners were Freya Peacock at Mundford and Alice Hoyos at Goodesrtone. Well done!

We hope the children will continue to play regularly on both Numbots and TT Rockstars at home. Quick recall of number facts is proven to be essential to their later progression in Maths. In fact there is a lot of research that shows that relying on counting is linked to Maths difficulties. Each week, every class celebrates the amount of time children spend practising at home, awarding house points and prizes.

Reading at Home

Reading is not simply about how quickly a child can read a book and progress through a reading scheme it is also about developing a deeper understanding of the meaning behind the words, and it fuels a child's creativity and strengthens their ability in writing and spelling.

Hints for listening to readers

- Sit somewhere comfortable with your child, where distractions are limited.
- Be prepared for your child to re-read books, this repetition will enable them to recognise the words out of context, essential in enabling children to retain and recall words, it will also increase their confidence.
- When they do have a new book, take time to look at the cover and blurb, discussing the headings, clues in the pictures. See if your child can tell you what the content might be about. Talk about their ideas and your own!
- If the book is on-going, ask them what has happened so far, what they think might happen next, and what they do or do not like about the book.
- If the book is at the correct level for your child, they should be reaching over 90% success with the words, (one mistake in ten words) beyond this reading becomes a struggle.

- An excellent strategy for young or struggling readers is to use- adult reads, we read, child reads, a page or short passage, allowing the child to relax and to enjoy reading with success.

If your child does not know a word there are several ways to help:

- Use the pictures as a clue- this can be used to prepare the child for new words too.
- Miss the word out and read to the end of the sentence to see if a clue has been given in the sentence.
- Look at the initial sound and other letter patterns in the word.
- If these don't help supply the word so the meaning and enjoyment is not lost.
- Talk about the text, its size, layout use of punctuation, words printed in bold etc.
- Use who, what, when, where, why and how, to prompt discussion of the story, remember to enjoy and explore the story beyond the pages and words of the book – this will spark your child's understanding and imagination.

Share your ability with your child/ children by reading stories to them as often as possible.

Most of all give lots of praise and make the experience a positive one for both of you.

Remembrance Day

This week the whole school commemorated Remembrance Day – The children made a Poppy Wreath which was laid at the memorial, painted Remembrance pictures, and wrote poignant poems which were read out by some of the children. These are on display inside the church.



BBC Children in Need

Children in Need will be taking place on **Friday 19th November**. We would like to raise money for this amazing charity that changes children's lives for the better. To mark the day, the children can come to school in their pyjamas and please bring a £1.00 donation to school next Friday.



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 via the Parentmail App. If you do not wish to book a meal, you will need to provide your child(ren) with a home packed lunch.



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 would like to take part, please send them to school with a Christmas jumper and a £1.00 for a donation.

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.

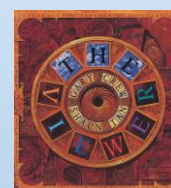
Current Books:

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.

Friday 19th November: – BBC Children In Need Day

Thursday 25th November: – Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine Reception - Yr6

Friday 10th December: – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December: – Christmas Lunch

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

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