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# Gooderstone Gazette

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



## Our learning – What do we do to help the world?

**Owls and Goslings:** Owls and Goslings had fun exploring materials during Science week. They performed tests to find out which one is more absorbent and which ones are waterproof.

**Skylarks:** We have explored how animals are adapted to their environments this week. We investigated how caterpillars camouflage themselves, how animals use blubber to stay warm and how penguins oil their feathers to be waterproof. We also measured our skulls to see if there was a difference in the size of male and female skulls and looked for patterns in our results.

**Kestrels:** This week has been a fantastic Science week in Kestrels where we have completed many experiments involving Mentos and Coca Cola where we made predictions and watched the reaction. We also tested which colours absorb/reflect the most heat and made long-lasting bubbles with glycerine. We learnt how to add data on Google Sheets and how to create graphs using computer programmes.

### Cake Raffle

This beautiful cake was kindly baked by Pippa Cross! The winning ticket was a very happy Tommy M - We raised a fantastic total of  $\pounds 63.45!$  The Cake raffle will take place fortnightly. If you would like to bake a cake for the raffle please come to the school office to sign up.

#### Clubs

After the Easter Holidays, we will be changing our lunchtime and after school clubs. We will send out a letter with the details for these in the next few weeks.



#### School Meal Price Increase

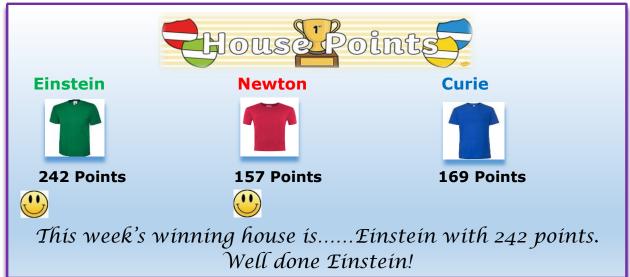
Please note the price of a school meal will increase to £2.47 from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022.

#### The Friends of Gooderstone Info

The Friends of Gooderstone have created a new private Facebook Group that all parents and teaching staff are invited to join. We will share information about events and welcome you to get involved too. Please scan the QR code below using the photo app on your phone to be taken to the

group. https://www.facebook.com/groups/936291347046539







After School (3.15-4.15)

Lunch Time

Monday – Sign Language, Mrs Buckley (Yr1-Yr6) Wednesday – Lego, Mrs Skilton (Everyone)Full Tuesday – Art Club, Miss Stanley (Recep Yr6) FULL Thursday – Games, Mrs Chisman (Everyone) Thursday – Taekwondo, Mr Fouler (Recep-Yr6)

Due to staff preparation and commitment, once children are signed up, it is important that they attend every week. However, if your child is unable to attend please ring the school office to let us know. Copies of chosen clubs are sent home. Spring 2 Clubs will run until the end of term.



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 Puffin book of Fantastic First Poems **Skylarks:** Tales of Wisdom and Wonder **Kestrels:** The Hobbit

Class Reader: Owls: Billy The Bird Skylarks: The Iron Man Kestrels: The Hobbit











Diary Dates

**Sharing Assembly:** Every Friday morning, the classes will get together to share their learning and celebrate the stars and wows of the week.

Friday 25th March:- Owls Gathering 10-11am

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March:-** Skylarks – Non School Uniform Day - For collecting the most kindness counters. **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March:-** Easter Service in School Hall. Parents Welcome.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March:- Owls Showcase 2.45-3.15pm

Friday 1st April:- Cake Raffle

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April:- Half Term

Wednesday 20th April:- Children back to school

*Every effort is made to stick to the planned dates, but occasionally circumstances beyond our control may affect inschool events. We will always inform you as soon as possible of any changes. Thank you for understanding!* 

# Let every light shine