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Gooderstone Gazette

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



Does every question have an answer?

> Weekly Attendance Award: Kestrels 97.37%

Star of the week:

Owls –Samantha, for being a super role model. **Skylarks** – Livvy, for a fantastic attitude towards her tests. **Kestrels** – Lucy, for always being kind and helpful.

Wow of the week:

Owls – Rivers, for his great maths work. **Skylarks** – Priyah, for writing a fantastic funny section in her myth.

Kestrels – Neidas for exceptional writing.

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

Owls and Goslings: This week Owls and Goslings held their Gathering, we did lots of lovely activities including looking at our phonics. We had lots of parents join us to share our learning.

Skylarks: This week in Geography we have been learning about the structure of the earth and earthquakes. We made our own models of the earth and found out about the biggest earthquake to ever happen, which was a massive 9.5 on the Richter scale!

Kestrels: In Kestrels this week we looked at the work of Salvador Dali and the surrealists before we learn some sketching techniques and create our own surrealist morels of Art.

Help your child's Maths in just 1 Minute!

we recently told you about a new app which helps children develop their Maths – it's easy to use and only takes 1 minute!

The 1 Minute Maths App is completely free with no logins or accounts needed. Created by the White Rose Team (whose curriculum we follow in school) it helps your pupils to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

This app will be brilliant for all pupils in EYFS and KS1, but might also help any older children who find Maths more challenging.

For more information and to download it now, go to: https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minutemaths#download

Lakeside Year 6 Residential 23rd – 27th May

We will be holding a meeting at Mundford Primary Academy on Tuesday 26th April at 4pm until 5pm for the Year 6 residential trip to Lakeside Cumbria.

School Meal Price Increase

Please note the price of a school meal will increase to \pounds 2.47 from 20th 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. <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/936291347046539</u>

We still have lots of spaces available for baking an amazing cake for our fortnightly raffle. Please sign up at reception if you like to bake a cake. Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you very much for your support today for the Mother's and Other's Day sale, we completely sold out ⁽²⁾ Have a wonderful day on Sunday!







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.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Any child aged 5-16 (and 4 year olds in reception classes) can take part in Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun activities, but our priority is to promote the scheme to children eligible for free school meals. Families of non-eligible children may have to pay for activities. Families should visit <u>Big Norfolk Holiday Fun on Active Norfolk</u> to search and book activities.

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 next week.



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.

Monday 28th March:- – Kestrels Non School Uniform Day - For collecting the most kindness counters. Monday 28th March:- Easter Service in School Hall 9.30am. Parents Welcome. Tuesday 29th March:- Skylarks Gooderstone Gathering 9.15am.

Wednesday 30th March:- Owls Showcase 2.45-3.15pm.

Friday 1st April:- Skylarks Showcase 9.15am.

Friday 1st April:- Cake Raffle.

Monday 4th April - Tuesday 19th 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