



## Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break with your loved ones. It is lovely to hear the corridors and classrooms filled with the buzz of learning once again. The children have settled really well today and have taken the change of classrooms in their stride.

- **Outdoor Learning**

As always, we have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead and I am keen to share some of them with you in this letter. On Friday Churchside Federation took part in some training that will have a real impact on our curriculum. The training was focused on outdoor learning and was provided by the Muddle Puddle Teacher <https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk/>. She can also be found on Instagram where you will see our fabulous staff learning lots of new approaches to teaching outdoors.

Our aim is to ensure that our children are getting outdoors more and are experiencing hands-on practical learning activities using natural resources. There are hundreds of studies that have proven the positive effects of nature on our well-being and mental health and we are keen to ensure that all children have an opportunity to get back to nature. Over the course of this half term the class teachers will be sharing information about this approach through our Gooderstone Gatherings. These Gatherings are held half termly, the class teacher will invite you for a few hours to work with your children exploring different areas of learning.

As part of this we will also be revamping parts of our outside area, we are starting with replacing the old play equipment that children are no longer able to use. We have ordered a very new shiny piece of equipment:



This should be with us by November/ early December, how exciting!

- **Uniform and P.E kit.**

We will be very strict on uniform this academic year as towards the end of last year lots of hoodies, colourful tracksuits, large earrings and other interesting clothing started to creep in. If you are unsure of what the requirements are then you will find all the information you need on our website: <http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/our-school/school-uniform/> The children will still come to school in their P.E kit on the days they have P.E. This information will be on the class newsletters being sent out on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

We are super excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to welcoming a school year of exciting opportunities.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Godbold', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mrs Godbold