



21<sup>st</sup> October  
2022  
Autumn –  
Issue 6

# Gooderstone Gazette

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

*Worship  
Theme  
Impact*

**WEEKLY  
ATTENDANCE  
AWARD!**

*Star of the  
week:*

**Owls – Theo**

**Skylarks –  
Kieran**

**Kestrels –  
William**

*Wow of the  
week:*

**Owls – Ivy**

**Skylarks –**

**George**

**Kestrels - Noah**

*Team Points:*

**Einstein - 37  
Newton -27  
Curie – 23**

## ***Our learning- What have we been doing this week?***

**Owls:** This week Owls had no plan day! The children chose to learn about space! We did lots of crafts, making space rockets and some fantastic marble & glitter paintings of all the planets! We learnt that we live in the Milky way Galaxy and found out about the 8 planets that revolve around the sun. We also welcomed a parent into class and baked pumpkin spiced cakes that were delicious!

**Skylarks:** This week in Skylarks, we had a RE day on Wednesday. How does Religion use light as a symbol? We made Diva Lamps and researched about Christingle. We created posters and lovely prayers. In DT we made oat cakes from the stone age, using hunting food – creating a stone age menu also!

**Kestrels:** This week in Kestrels, we experimented with Science & the use of forces. We made boats and predicated their ability to float – this was tested by going to the Gooderstone Water Gardens for the morning and floating all our boats on the rivers!

### **Parents & Carers – Staff Update**

Our wonderful Mrs Rudd is leaving Gooderstone today after 22 years. She is going to spend lots of time with her family and we will miss her dearly. We wish her the best and we will see her for visits and reading time.

We would like to welcome Mrs Sayers who will be joining the team on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October as our new Cover Supervisor.

### **Stars & Wows of the week!**

**OWLS: STAR Theo** – For being more independent.

**SKYLARKS: STAR Kieran** – For helping owls, holding the door open and being respectful.

**KESTRALS: STAR William** – For being focused and trying really hard at all tasks.

**OWLS: WOW Ivy** – For amazing handwriting.

**SKYLARKS: WOW George** – For fantastic, independent writing.

**KESTRELS: WOW Noah** – For the amazing, detailed design of his boat.

## The Friends of Gooderstone need your help!

We are still looking to fill the role of Chair and Treasurer. We will be holding an EGM (extraordinary general meeting) on 10th November. If no applicants come forward by that date, then sadly, we will have no choice but to wind down the charity. This would be a great shame for the children of Gooderstone who have benefited from the fundraising of a dedicated committee over a number of years and enjoyed numerous events including winter and summer fairs and the colour run. The friends have funded various things including the wooden play area, year 6 hoodies, little treats through the year, they have contributed towards the costs of trips and are soon to purchase outdoor seating that we fundraised for last academic year.

Please do ask friends, family and members of the local community if they are able to help. For more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs. Pippa Cross at friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com. - Many thanks, The Friends.

### What are we Reading?

Reading is the key to unlocking all curriculum subjects for children. As with last year, we are using the Power of Reading to encourage the children to love books and to broaden their reading horizon. We want every child to be a confident reader with a passion for books. Alongside our Power of Reading books, we also have a class reader which is a shared class book which is read to the children every day.

#### Current books:

##### Power of Reading:

**Owls:** Billy's Bucket

**Skylarks:** The Frog Prince Continued

**Kestrels:** Holes



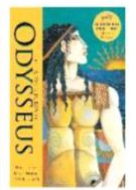
##### Class Reader:

**Owls:** Rabbit & Bear

**Skylarks:** The Iron Man (Year 2)

Star fell: Willow Moss and the Lost Day (Year 3 / 4)

**Kestrels:** The Adventures of Odysseus



### Diary Dates

**October-** Half term!

**2<sup>nd</sup> November – 9am** Collective Worship in the church.

**3<sup>rd</sup> November – 3.30pm – 6pm** Parents Evening Face to Face

**4<sup>th</sup> November – 9am** Sharing Assembly Resumes

**8<sup>th</sup> November – Approx: 12pm** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Flu Immunisation

**10<sup>th</sup> November -3.30pm** Friends of Gooderstone EGM

**Date TBC-** Christmas production.

**16<sup>th</sup> December-** Break up for Christmas holidays.

*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