



Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are feeling refreshed. This half term is always a really busy time with the run up to Christmas, we are excited to be bringing the Nativity and our carol concert back to the Church once more this year. More information about dates and times will follow on our weekly newsletter.

As many of you are aware Mrs Rudd left us at the end of last half term. We are very sorry to see her go and are very grateful to her for stay on an extra half term. We have since recruited for her replacement and have employed Mrs Stacey Sayers as our Cover Supervisor, we are really pleased to welcome her to our team. I am sure you will all join us in giving Mrs Sayers a warm Gooderstone welcome. We do currently have a vacancy for a temporary school cleaner and also a temporary MSA to cover lunchtimes. If this is something that would be of interest to you then please contact the school office.

Last half term we sent out a letter stating we were looking for a parent from Gooderstone to join our governing body. Being a governor gives you a unique look into all the workings of the school and allows you to be involved in the shaping of school life and policy. If you have an interest in being involved then please contact office@gooderstone.dneat.org.

Over the school year we like to share our focus for school improvement. Last half term we introduced outdoor learning and shared it with you in our Gatherings, the children have really enjoyed this way of working and the impact can be seen clearly in their learning and work produced. We want to continue this way of working throughout the year so ask that you provide your child with a named bag containing a named pair of wellington boots, a waterproof pair of trousers (these can be left in school) and a coat each day. Providing these for your children means we can go out whatever the weather. This half term we will also be having a heavy focus on improving writing across the year groups. We will be sharing what the writing expectations for each year group are, as well as how to support your child with their writing journey.

We have been updating our fencing and security over the past few weeks. We have replaced the five bar gate that allowed access to the field for a larger more secure gate. Over half term the last phase of this was completed and we had a secure access system put on our gate. This means that to access the school site during the school day you will need to push the intercom buzzer and staff will allow access. This system will allow us to keep the site secure at all times during the school day.

A friendly reminder: please ensure you are reading our weekly newsletter it is packed with information and dates about what is happening in our school. Everything you need to know is on there for you.

Best wishes,

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

Mrs Godbold