

# Gooderstone Gazette



## Stars & Wows of the Week!



COLLECTIVE  
WORSHIP THEME:

CHANGES

## TEAM POINTS

1st - Einstein 68  
2nd - Newton 60  
3rd - Curie 55



### OWLS

**Star of the Week** is Eva B, for settling super well and always being polite in Goslings.

**Wow of the week** is Rosie, for her brilliant phonics and writing all of her numbers to 20 independently.

### SKYLARKS

**Star of the Week** is George, for always being a great role model.

**Wow of the week** is Ruby, for having a curious mind and learning more independently about our butterflies.

### KESTRELS

**Star of the Week** is Emilia, for being such a superstar on the residential trip and pushing herself out of her comfort zone.

**Wow of the Week** is Hattie, for her excellent writing for our Museum of Curiosities.

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

### OWLS!

This week in Owls & Goslings, we have been learning the story of Jack & the Beanstalk. The children have enjoyed building a beanstalk and creating their own versions of the classic tale using mighty writer. We are also learning a new song ready for our performance at the Owls & Goslings Community party next Friday. We look forward to seeing you then!

### SKYLARKS!

This week in Skylarks, we have been doing some muddy maths moments drawing different fractions on the playground and creating fractions of shapes with natural resources. Year 3 and 4 made bamboo number lines and labelled where different equivalent fractions would sit on them. We have carried on writing our exciting hero myths and have also developed our batting skills from using a tennis racket through to a rounders bat in PE.

### KESTRELS!

This week in Kestrels, the Year 6s had a fantastic time on their residential trip to PGL Caythorpe Court. They did canoeing, climbing, abseiling, rifle shooting, archery and many more exciting activities! We are so proud of how they pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and also of their behaviour at the camp which was impeccable. The others had a wonderful time creating their Museum of Curiosities which included skulls, fossils and even teeth impressions.

# Gooderstone Reminders

## Sharing Assembly - 26th May

We look forward to seeing you all on the last Friday of term to share all of our lovely learning over the past few weeks.

## Illness / Sickness

We are experiencing high volumes of sickness & diarrhoea within the school.

Please encourage and remind all children to wash their hands regularly, with warm - hot water and soap.

You can use the Happy Birthday tune as the length of time to scrub their hands and make sure the germs disappear!

If your child(ren) is poorly and cannot attend school/ nursery, please notify the office as soon as possible, via the Iris App, email or phone call. Please note a sickness or diarrhoea bug, must be 48 hours since last sickness before your child / ren returns to school

## Lunch Meals

It is Parents' responsibility to check their child/ren has their lunch booked for the next day/ week. Orders are placed in the morning with what parents have ordered for that day.

Meals should be booked before midnight on a Sunday for the following week.

The App **will not allow you to edit, delete or show lunches for the same day.** This will all need to be checked the night before.

If a meal has not been booked it is very unlikely a meal will be available and we will call you to provide a packed lunch.

Please book the lunches with your child/ ren, so they can make their choices and are aware of what has been ordered.

We cannot swap meals or change what has been ordered, especially when Aspens arrive at the school to begin lunch time. Please can parents remind their children of this and speak with them regarding their lunch choices.

## Friends of Gooderstone



FRIENDS  
OF  
GOODERSTONE

## Friends of Gooderstone will be hosting a Summer Fair on Friday 14th July!

Further information will be provided soon and if you would like to know how to get involved or what you could do, please email them at:  
[friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com](mailto:friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com)

**The Friends welcome any new members / parents who may be interested in supporting our upcoming summer events!**

Friends of Gooderstone is on Facebook! Click the link to join! : **The Friends of Gooderstone Primary School | Facebook**



# SENDCo Information & Support

## SENDCo Information and Support Dyscalculia

If you have any concerns about your child and would like to talk to Mrs Tinkley, please do not hesitate to contact her on [katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org](mailto:katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org) or telephone the school.

### What is Dyscalculia?

According to the British Dyslexia Association, Developmental Dyscalculia (DD) is a specific learning disorder that is characterised by impairments in learning basic arithmetic facts, processing numerical magnitude and performing accurate and fluent calculations. This means that an affected pupil will struggle during maths lessons – in particular arithmetic. It is thought that about 25% of the population have some degree of dyscalculia.

Children with dyscalculia often have other developmental disorders such as dyslexia or ADHD. This is usually because of a poor working memory.

Children with dyscalculia often find it difficult to count backwards, need to resort to counting when trying to do arithmetic and have difficulty remembering number patterns despite lots of practice. Equally, they may struggle with estimation and becomes anxious and/or avoidant when challenged in maths lessons.





# Sun & Safety!



As the weather becomes warmer and the days sunnier, we would like to encourage everyone to take Sun Safety measures.

We ask that you ensure the children are appropriately dressed and prepared for the heat!

## Hats

Although we try to avoid taking children out in direct sunlight for extended periods of time, it is important that while outside they are protecting their heads from the sun.

Please provide your child with a named sun hat/ baseball cap each day.

## Water bottle

Keeping hydrated in the heat is super important for both health and concentration. Please ensure that children are bringing a named water bottle to school each day.

School staff will encourage children to drink plenty of water and they are able to refill these throughout the school day whenever needed.

## Sun Cream

Please ensure you apply sun cream to the children before they arrive to school. Many companies have started to produce a single application sun cream which lasts for 8 hours a day. If they do need to top up their sun cream, then please ensure that the bottle is clearly labelled and the children are able to apply this themselves as adults in the school are unable to do this for them.

If you have any queries, please speak with your child/ren's class teacher or the office.



# Family Maths Activities



## What's your best Maths trick?

As a follow-up to National Numeracy Day which we celebrated on Wednesday, we are encouraging everyone to share their favourite Maths trick. Spotting patterns is an important skill in Maths and noticing quick ways for working things out (tricks) can boost children's confidence and enjoyment. Ask your child what Maths tricks they have learnt and share your own with them. Check out the school facebook page where we will be sharing some of our favourites.



# Upcoming Events

**22nd May 2.15pm:** Owls & Goslings Gathering  
**23rd May 2.30pm:** Kestrels Gathering  
**26th May 9 am:** Sharing Assembly  
**26th May 2.30pm:** Skylarks Showcase  
**26th May 2.30pm:** Owls & Goslings Community Showcase Party  
**26th May:** Break up for Half Term  
**5th June:** Return for final summer term  
**14th July:** Friends of Gooderstone Summer Fair

*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.*

## 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.

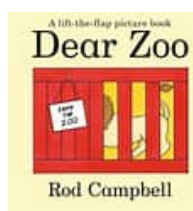
### Current books:

#### Power of Reading:

Owls: Dear Zoo

Skylarks: Beowulf

Kestrels: Goodnight Mr Tom



### Class Reader:

Owls: Dave the Pigeon

Skylarks: Kid Normal

Kestrels: Darwin's Dragons



Let Every Light Shine