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End of Year Letter.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we make our way to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support. It has been a very eventful year for us starting with our venture in to outdoor learning- Muddy Puddle Training. This has been a huge success with both children and staff stating they have enjoyed bringing this different way of learning into their daily routine. We have also introduced Woodland Wildings through our talented forest specialist Mrs Cross. Over the course of this year we have had a variety of Trust visits, visitors and audits. All of these have been hugely positive in their outcome, showing we are a small village school that has much to celebrate.

Goodbyes.

On Friday we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. The children will be missed by us all, we know they will go on to do great things and wish them all the best of luck as they start their new chapter in High school.

Mr Brotherhood.

You may have seen in our newsletter that Mr Brotherhood will be offering an after school fitness session for adults on Monday evening at Mundford. Mr Brotherhood worked in the police originally and after leaving a long career with them has been working as a HLTA at a specialist provision in Norfolk. He also coaches athletics at East Harling, runs fitness classes around the locality and is personal trainer for both children and adults. He will be delivering high quality sports for the children on Monday and Thursday mornings at Gooderstone and afternoons at Mundford. With his help we hope to start Inter-Federation games as well as really develop our skills and team sports throughout the next academic year.

Hygge (pronounce hoo-gah) Approach.

Over the next year you will hear this word mentioned a lot. We are going to be working our way towards making the school more of a cosy environment for the children and developing the Danish Hygge approach into our practise. This Danish concept cannot be translated to one single word but encompasses a feeling of cosy contentment and well-being through enjoying the simple things in life. If you've ever enjoyed reading a book indoors on a rainy Sunday or a cup of hot cocoa on a snow day, you've experienced *hygge* without even knowing it. This national obsession with all things cosy is credited as one of the reasons why Denmark is always at the top of the list of the world's happiest countries, despite their infamously miserable winters. And recently, the rest of the world has begun to catch on to this wonderful way of life. We began this journey this year in Owls' Class, adding natural materials, neutral tones and fairy lights. The results have been amazing and the environment is filled with a sense of cosy calm. We will be spreading this feeling to the main school and the teachers will be sending out wish lists later in the week for items to make their classrooms cosy places of calm.



Redeveloping.

Over the summer holidays we will be saying goodbye to our old dilapidated mobile building in the Owls' garden. We will also be putting a canopy on the back of Owls' classroom to give the children outdoor access whatever the weather. Once this work has been done we will be re-developing the outdoor area for our youngest children to give them a wonderful outdoor learning space. We are currently in talks with our Trust about a log cabin or similar style building to give us another classroom and get us closer to our goal of four classes. We will keep you updated when we know more.

From all the staff at Gooderstone we wish you a wonderful summer full of magical Hygge moments. We can't wait to hear all about them when you return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Godbold'.

Mrs Godbold