



Gooderstone Church of England Primary Academy

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Welcome back!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow. As always we have lots of exciting news to share with you about the academic year ahead.

RAAC

I wasn't expecting my first comment of this academic year to be on the subject of concrete but you may be aware from media coverage that the government has asked some schools to close or partially close due to the presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in their school buildings. We understand that this is an unsettling news story and that it may naturally have led you to wonder about the safety of our school building. I'd like to reassure you that we have had no such communication from the Government or our Trust and therefore Gooderstone will be fully open to students from Wednesday 6th September onwards.

Hot weather.

Just in time for the new school year the nation is having a heatwave! Please ensure your children have sun cream applied, named hats and named water bottles with them over the next few weeks. As usual we will try to use the outdoor areas in the morning when it is cooler. At lunchtime we will review the temperature daily and we will have indoor play if needed.

Goodbye mobile, hello canopy.

Over the holidays lots of building work took place at Gooderstone. We have had the disused and slightly rotting mobile removed from the area behind Owls and new canopy put on the back of the classroom. The canopy allows the children to be outside whatever the weather. Over the next few months we will be developing the

outdoor area to give the children a rich and vibrant outdoor space. Eventually, as numbers grow, we will replace the mobile with another building to house our fourth class. We are currently in talks with DNEAT about this.

Mr Brotherhood

I wrote to you toward the end of term explaining that Mr Brotherhood will be with us two mornings a week working with the Skylarks and Kestrels to deliver high quality sports. He is also running a 'Totally shredded' class for parents and staff at Mundford. The cost of this £5 and will take place on a Monday. We hope to see lots of you there.

Sharing Assembly.

Sharing Assembly are getting a revamp this year. We will be doing these assemblies every week in school but will be inviting parents to them monthly rather than fortnightly. The dates for them for the entire year will be shared with you in advance, this will help our working parents to know well in advance when they are. Within these we will share lots of different work as usual, and in the parental assembly we will celebrate all the children that have received an award in that month.

We have many more exciting things planned which I will share with you over the coming weeks. Look forward to seeing you all tomorrow!

Best wishes,



Mrs Godbold