

Gooderstone Gazette

Stars & Wows



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP
THEME:

CREATION

TEAM POINTS

1. Newton 61
2. Einstein 51
3. Curie 41

Owls

Star of the Week is **Darci**, for settling into the new term fantastically.

Wow of the Week is **Lily**, for being a kind and considerate member of Owls.

Skylarks

Star of the Week is **Ben**, for always showing kindness and respect.

Wow of the Week is **Eva**, for her amazing, independent writing.

Kestrels

Star of the Week is **Hattie**, for being a superb role model.

Wow of the Week is **Priyah**, for doing some beautiful shading in art.

WHAT HAVE
WE BEEN UP
TO?

Owls & Goslings

This week, we have continued with our story about the Wild Things and enjoyed thinking of our own version of the story. The children also loved Woodland Wildlings this week as they got to make a fire and toast, yummy marshmallows.

Skylarks

This week, Skylarks have been learning about the classification of animals and expanded noun phrases.

Kestrels

This week in Kestrels, we had our gathering and would like to thank all parents who attended, it was a great gathering. We looked at Leonardo Da Vincis Art and studied his use of shading, having a go ourselves!

Blue Peter Badges

There are so many fantastic Blue Peter Badges to apply for, it is engaging and creative for the children to take part in - but also there are over 200 attractions in the UK that give you free entry as a Blue Peter badge holder.

Apply for a Book Badge!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

Introducing the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn your badge, just share your love of books with us by answering the questions below! You can apply using their online form or by post.

If you would like a hard copy, please speak with Mrs O'Rourke.

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The Blue badge is the most iconic badge in the UK! We can't be entirely sure how many have been awarded since launching in 1963, but we reckon the number is in the millions. Everyone who appears on the show gets a badge, but here's a step by step guide for how you can get your hands on one!

Applying for your Blue Badge couldn't be simpler. There's no online application to complete or form to print off... all you need to do is follow the guide online!

Apply for a Green Badge!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-green-badge?collection=blue-peter-badges>

Are you passionate about nature and the environment? Have you done something to help protect our planet, or encouraged other to help? Then maybe it's time to earn your Blue Peter Green badge. There's no online application to complete or form to print off... all you need to do is follow the guide online!

Bikeability!

**Congratulations to
Kestrels for their
Bikeability Training!**

**Eliza
Max
Billy
Larry
Ruby
&
William**

**All passed with flying colours
and have completed their
Level 3 Cycle Safety
Training!**

Harvest!

Harvest Festival is soon approaching and we politely would like to ask for some donations for **Meadow House Care Home in Swaffham**.

These can include foods, like cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/pasta, sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk and fruit juice. Please bring them to the school and they can be stored with us until the festival.

Our **Harvest Festival** will take place on **Wednesday 11th October** with Reverend Linda Lubbe, we warmly invite all parents & carers to attend for this celebration.

Thank you in advance.

Gooderstone Eco Council!

Do you love our planet?
Are you passionate about the environment?
If so, get involved and join
Gooderstone's Eco Council Today!

Please write a short letter about why you would like to be an ECO Councillor or make an ECO poster/picture and give to Mrs Groom by Friday 6th October.

We look forward to seeing your applications.

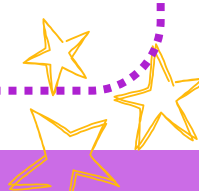
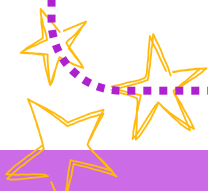
First meeting will be held: Tuesday 17th October 3pm School Hall / Kitchen

BBC 500 Words 2023!

Calling all 5-11 yr olds!
Can you write an amazing story of 500 words or under?

Your story could be read on TV!
Competition opens 26th September- 10th November.

Head to <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> to submit your application!





FRIENDS OF GOODERSTONE



It's the time of year again when The Friends of Gooderstone School call their **Annual General Meeting!** This year it will be held on:
Monday 9th October at 3:30pm in Owls Classroom.

Everyone is invited and we hope to see as many of you there as possible! Attending is a great way to find out more about The Friends, meet other parents and find out how you can help us to raise more money and support the school.

This year, Amy Haslam is stepping down as Chair and therefore the role of Chairperson, as well as other committee roles, will be available to acquire. It is really important that a new Chair is appointed and all committee roles are filled so that The Friends can carry on; without a full committee we will have to close the charity. We are really hopeful that this won't happen and that other parents or friends of the school will come on board.

Please speak with Amy Haslam or Pippa Cross for more details, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM!

Email! - friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com

Facebook!: [The Friends of Gooderstone Primary School](#) | [Facebook](#)

SENDCo Kenko

Family Voice UK Norfolk September 23023 Newsletter- please click the link to view!

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Get in touch and have a coffee and a chat if you have any concerns about your child at school

Katie Tinkley-SENDCo
Gooderstone: 01366 328280
katie.tinkley@mundford.dneat.org



Information

Coughs & Colds

As we return for the new academic year, so do the bugs! i.e coughs and colds are beginning to make their way through the school. Please encourage and politely remind all children to wash their hands regularly, cough or sneeze into their elbow/ tissue and dispose of any used tissues in the bin. If your child(ren) is poorly and cannot attend school/ nursery, please notify the office as soon as possible.

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**

Music Lessons!

Mrs Whistler teaches a variety of musical instruments. If you would like your child(s) to attend Music lessons, kindly provided by Mrs Whistler- please speak with the office for a letter or Mrs Whistler whistlermusic@yahoo.com directly for further information.

Class Email Addresses

Parents & Carers can contact their child/rens teacher via the class email.

Owls & Goslings: owls@gooderstone.dneat.org

Skylarks: skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org

Kestrels: kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org

Flu Vaccine / Immunisation - Reception to YR6

An email has been sent to Parents & Carers regarding the electronic consent link & FAQ's for this years Flu Immunisation program. Please follow the link in the email & attachment. Any queries please contact the Vaccination Team directly.



Polite Reminders



Uniform

We remind all parents & children, that correct school uniform is to be worn at all times.

Please can parents ensure for the beginning of this new term that all items of clothing/ hats/ plimsols etc are labelled with your child/ren's name and class.

Our uniform can be found on our website :

<http://www.churchsidefederation.norfolk.sch.uk/gooderstone/our-school/school-uniform/>

Please ensure a water bottle is brought in with your child/ren everyday and clearly labelled.

Parking / Arriving / Exiting School premises

Please be courteous when parking, arriving & exiting the school grounds, by doing so as quickly and quietly as possible. This will alleviate issues due to excess parking & traffic. Please do not park on driveways or the gravel area opposite the church, these are private residential and pub property /spaces.

We have had some complaints from residents about children running in and out of the road and hitting other people's property after school while parents are chatting in the bus stop. Please ensure that your children are with you being supervised at all times. The road in the village can be very busy and we want to make sure that children are safe and sound.

Play Equipment

Please can we remind parents / carers that the play equipment is not to be used by any children, outside school hours.

Headlice

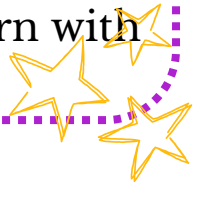

Please check & be extra vigilant against these critters!

Headlice Remover guidance can be found in a hard copy in the front office or the NHS website.

Home School Agreement + Data Collection

Thank you to those who have returned these completed.

We have sent home both updated Home School Agreements and Data Collections. Please can you sign and return both these documents as soon as possible. We upgraded systems over the summer holidays, please check the data collection and return with any amendments.



Upcoming Events

5th October: Fish Finger Thursday!

9th October 3.30pm: AGM Friends of Gooderstone Meeting - All welcome in Owls classroom.

11th October: Harvest Assembly

20th October 9am: Individual & Sibling Photos

23rd October: Half Term

3rd November 9am: October Celebration Assembly - Parents Welcome

24th November: Flu Vaccination / Immunisation

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.

Woodland Wildlings

We are still welcoming donations of items such as planks, mud kitchen items, tyres, cable reels, wool, ropes and of course, marshmallows themselves!

The children in Owls have been enjoying our woodland sessions this term and Mrs Cross is excited to be running sessions with wider school in the very near future!

Watch this space...



Reading

Reading is the key to unlocking all curriculum subjects for children. Not only do we plan our English curriculum around exciting and challenging books, we also link other areas of the curriculum to any stories or non-fiction texts which are relevant. At Gooderstone we share a love of books with the children and actively encourage the children to share their favourite stories, comics, non-fiction texts and poems with us and with their peers.

Any support from home with this would be fantastic. Reading with your child as much as possible will help to build their vocabulary, knowledge of the world and maybe, unlock new interests for them. It helps with all areas of the English curriculum and will increase their confidence in choosing books and trying out new genres. If you need any support with choosing some good books for your child, ask the class teacher.

If you would like to volunteer to read with the children at school, please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.



Let Every Light Shine