

Collective Worship Theme:

Creation

Gooderstone Gazette



Stars & Wows

Owls

Star of the Week is **Roan**, for having a fabulous week and listening well.

Wow of the Week is **Matilda**, for working hard in phonics and focusing well this week.

Skylarks

Star of the Week is **Florence**, for always being enthusiastic in all subjects.

Wow of the Week is **Oliver**, for choosing to do some excellent writing in choosing time.

Kestrels

Star of the Week is **Hattie**, for getting full marks on her SATS Spelling Test.

Wow of the Week is **Jack**, for showing respect to all staff.

Team Points

1. Newton 85
2. Curie 44
3. Einstein 32

What have we
been up to?

Owls & Goslings

This week, we have enjoyed sharing our wonderful me jars and finding out what makes us wonderful. We also finished writing our own version of where the wild things are story, using our super phonics to name our wild things.

Skylarks

This week, we have been learning to send emails in computing. We have been exploring the meaning of new words in our reading sessions and have started looking at Victorian toys ahead of making our own in history and D.T.

Kestrels

This week, we have been learning place value, using decimal places. We have been discovering the city of Atlantis & exploring tinting and shading techniques in Art.





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](#)

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

Plant Request



If you have any houseplants that you no longer want or need we would be happy to rehome them in school! No plant is too big or too small, we will happily take them all. Many studies have shown that having greenery in inside spaces can have a calming effect and help to reduce stress and anxiety. As part of our ongoing 'Hygge Approach' we would like to make our school a greener place to be.

SENDCo Kenko



Family Voice UK Norfolk September 2023
Newsletter- please click the link to view!

<https://account.epromailer.com/t/r-44AB8D1EFFDEEAE32540EF23F30FEDED>

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

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Information



Coughs & Colds

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. 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



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.

Important - End of School Day Reminder

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.

Headlice

Please check & be extra vigilant for headlice.

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

Home School Agreement + Data Collection

If you require new forms please let the office know.

We sent home both updated Home School Agreements and Data Collections. Please can you sign and return both these documents as soon as possible as it is important to make sure our contact information is up to date.

Measles

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. We have been asked to share key messages from the NHS about MMR / measles and how to get vaccinated. Please look at the [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) as well as well as the [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. We are sharing these resources with you to increase awareness and encourage you to get your children vaccinated.

Upcoming Events

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

