

# Gooderstone Gazette

## Collective Worship Story:

### Passover

So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new term.

## Stars & Wows

### Owls & Goslings

Star of the Week is **George**, for always being polite, kind and well mannered.

Wow of the Week is **Rosie F**, for excellent independent writing.

Writer of the week is **Teddy**, for showing a great improvement in his fine motor skills.

### Skylarks

Star of the Week is **George**, for always being honest and dependable.

Wow of the Week is **Samantha**, for challenging herself in PE.

Writer of the week is **Amelia**, for amazing letter formation.

### Kestrels

Star of the Week is **Eliza** for always being a supportive and kind friend.

Wow of the Week is **Ruby** for imaginative and interesting writing.

Writer of the week is **Paloma** for super effort with her handwriting!

### Owls & Goslings

This week, Owls & Goslings made fabulous wreaths in Woodland Wildlings and have enjoyed lots of Christmas themed activities, to bring home at the end of term. We were also very proud of how they all performed during the Christmas nativity.

### Skylarks

This week, we have been practicing our carols on the handbells and have also explored Christmas traditions in other countries as part of our RE. We learnt that Iceland have trolls instead of elves, but that they are just as cheeky as our elves!

### Kestrels

This week, we have finished our book Shackleton's Journey and we began writing up our newspaper reports to share the news of his incredible expedition to Antarctica. The children are working hard to make sure that their intended audience really feel for the explorers, are proud of them and are excited for their return.



## Team Points

1. Einstein 58
2. Newton 46
3. Curie 21

Congratulations

**EINSTEIN**

you have a non uniform day

**Monday 18th December!**

What have we been up to?



# Gooderstone Nativity 'It's a Baby!'

Well done to all the children for taking part in this year's Gooderstone COFE Primary Academy Nativity, 'It's a Baby!'

We hope you all enjoyed it and thank you to all parents and carers for coming to watch & support.



## Christmas Dinner!

We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas dinner in our Christmas jumpers! We made our own festive placemats and hygge hats. Special thanks to Mrs Clarke, part of the Friends of Gooderstone, for providing a lovely hygge bauble for each child.



The Friends  
OF  
Gooderstone

## Christmas Party - Monday 18th December

The Friends will be hosting a Christmas Party for the children of Gooderstone Primary!

**Monday 18th December 5pm-7pm.**

Please return the form completed with the child's name to the office latest **Monday morning.**

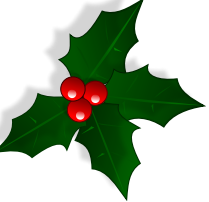
**We strongly advise that children, especially KS1 and Early Years, are accompanied by a responsible adult for the party.**

If you would like to volunteer for the party, please speak with Mrs O'Rourke or email

**[friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com](mailto:friends.of.gooderstone@gmail.com)**







# Information



## Music Lessons!

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

## Class Email Addresses

Parents & Carers can contact their child/ren's teacher via the class email.

**Owls & Goslings:** [owls@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:owls@gooderstone.dneat.org)

**Skylarks:** [skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:skylarks@gooderstone.dneat.org)

**Kestrels:** [kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org](mailto:kestrels@gooderstone.dneat.org)

## Parent Volunteers - Swimming!

After Christmas we will be doing swimming lessons from January - July, for YRs 1,2,3,4, & YR5s who have not completed 25 metres. We require parent volunteers to assist the teachers with general support-if you would like to help please see the office.

## Gooderstone Community Foodbank!

Reverend Linda Lubbe has very kindly said we can place the community food bank in the foyer of the church. This means it can reach the wider community & if you would like to donate or take any item please do so there.

## Owls & Goslings

Please can we politely remind parents / carers to come down the playground to the classroom to pick up their children from Owls & Goslings, this is for their safety. Please can we ask that children do not bring any precious toys from home into class as they can cause arguments and may get broken or lost.

## The Big Ambition - Closing date extended 19/01/2024

'The Big Ambition' provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell policy makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Let's make sure that the children and young people of Norfolk are represented in the results.

Click the link below to have your say!

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the\\_big\\_ambition/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/)

## 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 the yellow lines, driveways or the gravel area opposite the church, these are private residential and pub property spaces.

## Morning Drop Offs

Please can parents for the morning drop offs be reminded that teachers will be with all students settling them in. If you need to speak with your child's teacher urgently, or have a general query, please contact the front office or the class email address.



# Upcoming Events

**18th December 9am:** Christmas Carol Concert in the Church.

**18th December 9.30am:** Tea with Mrs G!

**18th December 5pm-7pm:** Friends of Gooderstone Christmas Disco

**19th December:** Aspens Christmas Colouring Competition (Lunchtime)

**19th December:** Rudolph Run for the Norfolk Hospice Tapping House

**20th December:** Last day of term.

**4th January:** Return to school 2024!

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.

Do you need health advice for your child aged 0-19? **NHS**

**Visit:**  
JustoneNorfolk.nhs.uk  
Norfolk's online NHS resource for families

**Call:**  
Just one Number  
0300 300 0123  
Mon - Fri: 8am - 6pm  
Sat: 9am - 1pm

**Text: Parentline**  
07520 631590

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Information for parents and carers

If you have any concerns or just need some advice about eating, sleeping, speech and language, mental health and child development this site has so much information to support you

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

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

**Katie Tinkley-SENDCo**

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**Book Club Corner**

**Ruby recommends...**



I recommend this book since it is an adventure story that fans of Roald Dahl will enjoy. The story revolves around a girl named Lucy, who has been left distraught after her parents suddenly go missing. Lucy soon finds that all of the parents have disappeared as well. Consequently, the children embark on a rampage, causing havoc in houses and on the street creating a mess everywhere. Lucy is a natural-born leader and an instinctive problem solver. Amid the chaos, Lucy takes it upon herself to investigate the missing parents. In her quest for answers, she discovers a mysterious creature called Woleb from the world of Creakers. She soon finds out that the creakers were responsible for the parents' disappearance.

Lucy teams up with Norman Quirk, a smart and organised boy to formulate a plan to rescue their parents.

*Let Every Light Shine*