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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fun first few weeks we have had. This letter contains a couple of updates.

Mrs Pitchers.

We said a sad goodbye to Mrs Pitchers today as it was her final day in her role as our MSA. Mrs Pitchers has very kindly stayed on this term while we recruited her replacement, and we are extremely grateful for her commitment and support during this time. She is now moving on to a new role as a Teaching Assistant at another school.

Mrs Pitchers will be greatly missed, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Bulford, who will be taking up the MSA role from Monday. We look forward to welcoming her to the Gooderstone staff team.

No paper week.

As part of our ongoing eco drive, we held a No Paper Week, where children were encouraged to explore their learning without using paper. Instead, pupils took part in a wide range of hands-on and creative activities, including drama, design and technology, practical problem-solving, collaborative group work, and writing on tables and other reusable surfaces.

Children learn in many different ways. Some learn best by doing, others by talking things through, moving, acting, building, or working alongside their peers. No Paper Week gave pupils the chance to have fun while experiencing these different learning styles and deepening their understanding through real, meaningful experiences rather than written outcomes alone.

This approach supports creativity, communication skills, teamwork, and confidence, while also helping children to think sustainably and care for our environment by reducing paper

