

The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Reception In this, our final week before half term, we will be building on our super number skills and creating autumn mobiles, which demonstrate different ways to make 5 - will it be 3 yellow leaves and 2 red, or will it be 4 brown leaves and 1 orange? We will decide. These will be displayed in our classroom to make it look beautifully autumnal. In the rainbow den, our cosy reading area will be made even more inviting as we wear the slippers we will be making in the Workshop and we will also help to make and drink delicious hot chocolate! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the way in which you have responded to TAPESTRY. Your input is an invaluable tool, which serves to help us build an even more wonderful profile of the enriched and happy learning experiences of your child.

Year 1 Year 1 will be ending their Enchanted Woodland topic with an exciting woodland themed day on Thursday. Children will be baking 'Gruffalo' biscuits, making woodland animal masks and creating woodland decorations using items from nature. We will also be learning songs about woodland animals and looking at the artist Andy Goldsworthy. In Literacy, children will be writing 'Guess the Animal' clues and seeing if their friends can discover what their woodland creature is. Children will be learning how to use ordinal numbers in Maths (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc). Due to the non-pupil day, children will be tested on their spellings on Thursday - please make sure they have their orange Homework Book in school on this day.

Year 2 Year 2 will be completing their non-fiction chronological reports on their chosen British woodland animal next week. They will be recording and presenting the facts they have researched on an A3 interactive fact file poster. Next week, will also see the completion of our Enchanted Woodland topic, which will see a grand finale of events taking place (weather permitting!) out on the field. The children will take part in woodland art, nest building, camp fire (supervised by our Outdoor Learning team) make autumn crowns and go on a sensory walk. They will also be completing their science learning to see how their cress seeds have grown, plus the four pots placed under different growing conditions. Next week, your child will be coming home with a Knoweldge Organiser for Term 2's topic which is Dinosaurs. Please make the time to read and share this with your child over the half term holiday. Please do not forget that we have the school disco on Thursday, we look forward to seeing many of the children there!

Year 3 This week we have enjoyed continuing our learning around pollution in rivers and oceans. We have begun writing our own reports to explain why we think people should stop water pollution and what we can do to make a difference. We have also been reading a book called 'A River' and using our imagination to think about the journey of a river. Next week in our spelling lesson, we will be reviewing all of the spellings we have learnt so far so your children will need to be practicing them all at home for our test of 6 random words from the list on Friday. We are very excited about Dartmoor Zoo bringing lots of animals to visit us next term. Please ensure you have returned the consent slip and paid for the experience via School Money.

Year 4 Children in Year 4 will be taking their concerns of plastic pollution to Government this week as they complete a letter outlining the issue. Their powerful writing will require the information from their previous reports to build a cohesive argument. In maths, children will build on Year 3, using their knowledge of subtracting using the formal column method to subtract 2 four digit numbers. They will be focusing on no exchange and will be concentrating on the correct place value, moving onto trying calculations that involve exchanging. During our Blue Abyss project, the children will be creating a model based on their understanding on bioluminescent creatures! A busy final week in Term 1.

Year 5 This week, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed finishing our current reading text 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. Some of the children were initially dubious about reading a 'wordless' book, but we have had a great 2 weeks using this text in our reading sessions. The children were disappointed when the story came to an end, so we are currently ordering the sequel for the children to find out where the characters' journey takes them next. We also had a great spelling session this week, in which we were separating words from the Year 5 & 6 word list in to syllables to help us learn the spellings. Did you notice your child using this strategy whilst learning spellings at home? We would like to remind you that topic homework for Term 1 is due in by next Thursday. We are expecting to see at least one piece of recorded learning in your child's Homework Book. Thank you for your support throughout our first term.

Year 6 Next week, Year 6 will continue to complete their design and technology projects. They will sew their felt and buttons on to their bags. In Maths, we will begin to look at the order of operations and common factors. In English, we will be writing poems linked to our ID topic. The end of the week will see the children immersed in a forensic crime scene where they will use all of their knowledge throughout the topic to solve the crime. They will be required to analyse finger prints and foot prints and they will need to write a police report detailing the incident. We look forward to reading their reports.

School Photos Individual and Goosewell Siblings

Bring your best smiles and brushed hair on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th as Perfect Pictures will be here in school taking our school photos.





Please enter the Book Fair via the **Drama Hall external doors**



Mufti Day - Thursday 17th October

Reading is a big focus for the school and we are keen to increase the size of our school library. We would like to augment what we can offer our children in the way of reading material and therefore, next Thursday 17th October, children may come to school in mufti (or disco clothes) in exchange for the donation of one children's book for our school library All that we ask is that books donated are in a good condition and are checked to ensure that they are an Accelerated Reader title, which can be done at the click of a button when following this link Accelerated Reader Bookfinder. Thank you!



PTA Disco - Thursday 17th October 2019

It's disco time again and your children are invited to attend the school disco next Thursday after school. Please see details below for each Key Stage:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 4.00pm until 5.00pm

£2.00 entrance (to include drink, snack and glowstick)

See separate letter for permission slip to stay after school or arrival at 4.00pm via Main School Entrance

Collection from usual classroom at 5.00pm

Year 3 and Year 4 - 5.15pm until 6.15pm

£1.00 entrance and tuck shop available

Arrival via Main School Reception

Collection via Furzehatt Villas

Year 5 and Year 6 - 6.30pm until 7.30pm

£1.00 entrance and tuck shop available

Arrival via Main School Reception

Collection via Furzehatt Villas

Poppies...poppies....

We have been asked to make some poppies to decorate the Council House in Plymouth - they are hoping to have thousands of poppies made by local schools and groups to commemorate Remembrance Day. Please can you help by bringing in poppies that you may make at home. They could be made from any material, felt/wool/paper use your imaginations. There will be a collection box at the main office. Keeping In Touch Club are working hard on their poppies but it would be great to get as many of you involved as we can. So get creative and crafty!

MKC Heroes plan to organise a 'Poppy Bake Off', as part of the Poppy Appeal, this Remembrance. We would like to hold this event based around the schools in Plymouth as the judging will take place at the Lord Mayor's Parlour on the 7th November 2019 and all Plymouth MKC Cluster schools are invited to take part. The 'Poppy Bake Off' can consist of any form of cake or biscuit, as long as there is a Poppy theme running through - it could be a large cake/ small muffins / biscuits/ fairy cakes - whatever you would like to bake; you decide! Each school may enter up to three cakes so 'Goosewell Bakers get baking', please bring any cake into school in a container (please write your name on the container so it can be returned) on **Wednesday 6th November** .

Secondary School Applications



Applications are now live and need to be submitted by **31st October 2019** at the latest. Please click on the image above to access the live application page at Plymouth City Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Arnold via the office, if you require any further information.

Childhood Flu Immunisations

The closing date for receipt of electronic consent is 27th October 2019. If electronic consent is not received by this date, you will need to arrange for your child to have their immunisation at a local surgery or clinic. If you have difficulty accessing the internet, please contact the school office.

Immunisations will be taking place for your child here at Goosewell on **Tuesday 26th November 2019**.

Information regarding your child's immunisation and how to register your consent has been sent home via bookbags today, but you can also find the link here:

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the secure consent portal via the following link: (https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon) and follow the online instructions.

Dates for your diaries - all future activities, meetings and assemblies can be found here on the school website calendar OCTOBER

Monday 14th

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 15th

Siblings (Goosewell) School Photos

Scholastic Book Fair - Drama Hall - 3.30-3.50pm

Wednesday 16th

Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families Sept 2020 10.00am

Scholastic Book Fair - Drama Hall - 3.30-3.50pm

Thursday 17th

Last day of Term 1

PSSP Cross Country at Staddiscombe 12.30-3.30pm

PTA Discos: Reception, Y1 & Y2 - 4.00pm-5.00pm; Y3 & Y4 5.15pm-6.15pm; Y5 & Y6 6.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 18th

Non Pupil Day for staff training

Monday 28th

First day of Term 2

Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception Families Sept 2020 1.45pm

Tuesday 29th

Parents Evening 3.30-6.20pm

Wednesday 30th

Parent Forum Meeting 9.00-10.30am

Parents Evening 3.30-6.20pm

Friday 1st November

1/2KH Family Assembly 2.30-3.30pm

Thursday 7th November

Reception and Year 1 Phonics workshop for families 3.30pm

Future dates:

Wednesday 16th October

Thursday 17th October Friday 18th October

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October

Monday 28th October Monday 28th October

Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October

Wednesday 30th October Tuesday 26th November

Thursday 28th November

Open Morning for Prospective Reception

Families Sept 2020 10.00am Last day of Term 1 for children Non Pupil Day for staff training

Term Break Term 2 starts

Open Afternoon for Prospective Reception

Families Sept 2020 1.45pm Parents Evenings 3.30-6.20pm Parent Forum 9.00-10.30am

NHS Flu Immunisation Programme for Whole

School

Open Morning for Prospective Reception

Families Sept 2020 10.00am

Next week's virtue is......

Cooperation

A situation in which people work together to do something.

Changed numbers, phones, email address or circumstances recently? Please ensure that the school office has the correct information for you. Thank you.

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