The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge congratulations to all of the children in Year 6. This week saw the combination of months of hard work coming to fruition in two forms. Firstly, the children received their SATs results, with a large increase in the number Y6 children passing their reading, writing and maths compared to previous years. Secondly,

this week saw the Year 6 children perform their own unique version of Grease! 90 children performed and participated in a variety of roles, all to a very high standard and all with beaming smiles. Not that it slows down for Year 6 as it is camp next week! Enjoy.

Best wishes.

James Gentile

Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank you all for the support you have offered the school and I during the time I have been here. I joined Goosewell in September 1992 as a newly qualified teacher. The school at that time amalgamated from an Infant school and Junior school on separate sites to a Primary School, eventually to the building we have now on one site. I am sure they won't mind me telling you, but in my very first class, Year 5 at Goosewell, I taught Mr Daniel's eldest daughter Katy and Rachel Snelling, whose children are at Goosewell now. This has been one of the things I have loved about working in one school for so long, I have taught children, they have grown up, had their own children and I have taught these as well or got to know them as they pass through our school. The oldest of the children's children is Leo Millman, now aged 19. His mum and her brother were two more of my earlier pupils.

I have particularly enjoyed watching children's interest and talents in music grow and watching them perform in public.

As I leave Goosewell at the end of this term to pursue my other interests; teaching violin and piano, playing the church organ, farming and tutoring, I wish you and your families well for the future. I always tell Year 6 that I look forward to bumping into them in the future and hearing about their lives and interests and feeling proud that they attended Goosewell. I look forward to meeting many of you in the future and wish you and your children well.

Mry Sharon Soper
Deputy Headteacher



Year Group News

Foundation Stage

In this, the penultimate week for our Foundation children 2018-2019, we will be having a lot of fun exploring ideas stimulated by the book, 'Whatever Next?'. The children will be encouraged to do junk modelling of rockets, use every day items as props for role-play and story telling and explore the concept of forces and making things move. They will use number lines to count on and back and may consider other adventures for the main character of the story in response to the question, 'whatever next?' Phonics will build on sentence writing skills and including 'wow' words.

Year 1

Next week in Year 1 we will be revising all of our Year 1 SPaG rules, including adding es and s to make plurals and using the suffixes ing, -ed, -er and -est. In Maths, we will be looking at fractions and how to find 1/2 and 1/4 of amounts. Children will be making African jewellery in D.T and carrying on with African drumming in Music.

Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we are comparing a school day of a Zimbabwean child with that of ourselves in the Plymstock. In maths we will be using all the mathematical skills we have learnt over the year to solve problems and calculations. We are continuing to learn African dance and music using drums and percussion instruments. The children have really enjoyed sewing their African tribal cuffs and we are all very proud of their hard work. Next week they will be evaluating their sewing skills and creating their own wrapping paper to wrap our fantastic tribal cuffs.

Year 3

Next week Year 3 will continue to use their understanding of reading scales and apply it to measuring volume and capacity. They will be reading a variety of autobiographies and then they will write their own. Their new Y4 teacher, Mrs Dowling, will enjoy reading them. We are really looking forward to our Greek day on Tuesday.

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will be looking at the human geography of London and Plymouth and comparing the cost of living in each city. In maths, we will be plotting coordinates on a grid and exploring how to translate shapes. In literacy, we will use the skills we have learnt this week to write the story that we have been planning based on 'The London Eye Mystery,' and will be preparing for our London assembly on Friday afternoon. We hope to see you there!

Year 5

In this final week of maths, Year 5 will understand that volume is the amount of space 1 something takes up. They look at how this is different to capacity as capacity is related to the amount a container can hold. We will use cubes to make solids of different volumes and will directly compare two or more shapes. Children will estimate and calculate the volume of increasingly complex solids. In Literacy, the children will approach the challenging subject of the Holocaust that took place during World War 2. They will collaborate as a group to research what took place using the internet and then answer comprehension questions. The children will demonstrate their understanding by creating a 'news report' on the Holocaust. We look forward to welcoming all those people attending our World War 2 Tea Dance this Thursday – don't forget you will need a ticket to get in! See you there...

Year 6

Next week, year 6 will be camping under the stars on the Year 6 residential trip. We will also be designing, building and racing motorised cars. Congratulations to all year 6 children on their recent SAT results and the end of year production. We are very proud of all their efforts.

Next week's virtue is......**Preparedness**The quality or state of being prepared.

Pupil Successes and News

Well done to Charlotte 3T who recently took part in her first show with Top Hat & Tails Theatre Company at the Devonport Playhouse.





Well done too to Freddy 6C who recently came 1st and 3rd in a Jiu Jitsu competition.

Congratulations to these super swimmers - Freya 1NH for achieving her 25m Rainbow Distance award and to Holly 1NH for achieving her Stage 5 Learn to Swim award.





Well done to Krystal 2KW for achieving her level 6 British Gymnastics trampoline proficiency award.

Holiday Club

The Gosling Trust Summer Holiday Club is a terrific way for children to have fun, exercise and meet new friends during the school holidays. We provide parents with an excellent value, high quality child care. Your child's enjoyment is the main focus of our club and whether your child is creative or sporty, we have a huge variety of activities on offer. Our daily activities programme is carefully structured to include high energy action games with calmer fun based activities like arts, crafts and cooking. It is designed to keep children of all ages and abilities constantly amused and entertained, giving them the opportunity to try new activities they may not have experienced before. Please note that the Holiday Club will be available on the last afternoon of term when school finishes at 1.45pm. Please contact The Gosling Trust to book.

Do remember to take a look at The Gosling Trust Facebook page to see what the children have been up to at After School and Breakfast Club.

The Gosling Trust Summer Holiday Club at Goosewell Academy Session dates: Thursday 25th July and Friday 26th July w/c 29th July w/c 5th August w/c 12th August w/c 19th August Full Day 7.45 ~ 6.00 p.m. £23.00 1 Child, £21.00 siblings or Half Day 7.45 - 1.00 p.m. and 1.00 - 6.00 £12.00 first child £11.00 siblings For bookings, prices and further details please email the goslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk Or telephone: 01752 482960 All bookings to be made in advance. Childcare Voucher and Tax Free Childcare payments accepted

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Parent Support Adviser News from Jo Penk

Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on clubs, support and activities for families throughout the year. You can find further details by clicking here PSA. Please also see below links to online safety advice for your children over the summer holidays:

Gaming: what parents and carers need to know

Sharing pictures of your child online

Keeping your under 53 safe online

Live streaming: responding to the risks

Using parental controls



From 15th—27th July

The work of The Breakaways Art Group, Oreston

will be displayed on the meeting room walls during normal Library opening hours.

Everyone welcome to come and browse. Free Admission.











Plymouth CAMHS would like to invite you and your family to come along and enjoy some time together with us at

Hamoaze House Devonport On Saturday 27th July 2019 From 10 am

We have loads of activities for all to join in with, information stands from community support services and even have some very tasty snacks!

We are looking forward to spending time with you all - see you



For children aged 5 to 18 and their families

If you're worried about something that's happening in your life, need some space to talk or want some advice on how you're feeling, drop in and have a chat to a trained professional.

You can come on your own or with someone else; you will always be made to feel welcome

Tuesday 6th August 1-3 Friday 23rd August 10-12

Upstairs in The Pig, Armada Way, PL1 1HX

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Entry System

Thank you for your patience during the installation of the new fencing and gates around the school. During the school day, access to the site is restricted to the newly formed entrance in front of Jack and Jills Nursery, which will lead you to the security gate at the top of the ramp (close to the Year 4 doors). An entry system is now in place by means of a speaker system directly to Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Walker in the office. As this gate will be open at the start and end of the school days, would you please discourage children from pressing the buzzer when the gate is open as it rings guite loudly in the office!!

Dates for your diaries

Monday 15th

Year 6 Residential Class 6C Mon-Wed

Tuesday 16th

Year 6 Residential Class 6C Mon-Wed

Year 6 Residential Class 6R Tues-Thurs

Year 3 Greek Day

Wednesday 17th

Year 6 Residential Class 6C Mon-Wed

Year 6 Residential Class 6R Tues-Thurs

Year 6 Residential Class 6S Wed-Friday

Transition Morning 2 for new Foundation Stage 2019/20 only

Thursday 18th

Year 6 Residential Class 6R Tues-Thurs

Year 6 Residential Class 6S Wed-Friday

Year 5 World War II Day - tea dance for Y5 families at 2.00pm

Friday 19th

Year 6 Residential Class 6S Wed-Friday

Year 4 London Assembly at 2.30pm in Main Hall

Monday 22nd

Rocksteady concert for parents/carers at 10.00am in Main Hall

Tuesday 23rd

Transition Morning 2 for whole school (Transition Morning 3 for new Foundation Stage 2019/20) Achievements Evening at 6pm-7pm

Wednesday 24th July

Last Day of Term 6 for children — 1.45pm finish

Term Dates 2019-2020

Term 1

Thursday 5th September 2019 to Thursday 17th October 2019 REACH training day – Friday 20th September 2019

Term 2

Monday 28th October 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3

Wednesday 8th January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020

Term 4

Monday 24th February 2020 to Friday 27th March 2020

Term 5

Tuesday 14th April 2020 to Friday 22nd May 2020

Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020 Term 6

Monday 1st June 2020 to Thursday 23rd July 2020 REACH training day – Friday 3rd July 2020

REACH South Multi Academy Trust schools training - Non Pupil Days:

Tuesday 3rd September 2019, Wednesday 4th September 2019, Friday 20th September 2019, Friday 18th October 2019, Monday 6th January 2020, Tuesday 7th January 2020, Friday 3rd July 2020

Nationally, there is a change of date for May Day 2020 from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.