



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all had a good term break and had a chance to enjoy the fantastic autumn weather.

Before we think about the weeks ahead, the teachers and I would like to thank parents and families for a very high turn-out and positive experience before the term break when children shared their learning with their parents/carers. Teachers also had a chance to share how children had settled into their new classes; I hope you feel more informed about how your children are learning.

With only 33 school days before we break up for Christmas, there will be so much happening over the next seven weeks, so please check the website, texts and emails for any updates on what is happening for your child's class and the whole school.

This term is always marked by our continuous broad curriculum experiences in and out of the classroom as well as the festive events which will be upon us before we can blink!

Please read the PTA information in this newsletter as they are in need of as much help, at school or even at home if it's easier, to help run the events to raise important funds for your child's education.

Have a good weekend,  
John M. Stephens, Headteacher

## Dates for your diaries

### NOVEMBER

#### Friday 2nd

Class 5L family assembly in Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

#### Tuesday 6th

Year 6 family school lunch 12.30pm

#### Wednesday 7th

3.30-6.00pm Foundation Stage parent/carer consultations

#### Friday 9th

Remembrance Day 2 minutes silence.  
Nasal Flu Immunisations Foundation-Year 5

9.45-11.45am Primary Indoor Athletics Festival at Plymstock School

Class FWH family assembly in Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

PTA School Discos:

4.30-5.30pm Foundation and Key Stage 1

5.45-7.00pm Key Stage 2

#### Wednesday 14th

2.00pm Hub Parents/Carers Coffee and Chat

#### Thursday 15th

9.30-10.45am Open Day for prospective Foundation Stage parents

#### Friday 16th

Children in Need Day

#### Monday 19th

Clubs end this week

#### Friday 23rd

Class 1B family assembly in Main Hall 2.30-3.00pm

#### Sunday 25th

PTA Christmas Craft Fair 10.00-14.00pm

## Open Day for prospective Foundation Stage parents

If your child is due to start school in September 2019, you are invited to our Open Day on:

**Thursday 15th November - 9.30am-10.45am**

No need to book - we look forward to seeing you on the day.

## PTA Christmas Craft Fayre - Sunday 25th November 2018

10.00am - 2.00pm

The PTA are busy preparing for the annual Christmas Craft Fayre - Sunday 25th November 2018, 10.00am - 2.00pm. We would appreciate some donations to help raise vital funds for the school and all of our children. We would be grateful for donations of any (or all) of the following items:

- ✿ **Filled jars of sweets or small toys.** Children can decorate the jar in a Christmas theme which must be labelled on the bottom with their name and class. The best decorated jars will receive a small prize
  - ✿ **Unwanted teddies or soft toys**
  - ✿ **Bric a Brac**
- ✿ **Any new or unwanted gifts and toiletries for the secret wrapping room.**
  - We especially need gifts for men
  - ✿ **Tombola treats ~ festive items ~ chocolate**
  - ✿ **Any sealed Christmas wrapping paper**
- ✿ **Any Christmas themed colouring books or colouring pages to keep younger children occupied whilst grown ups have a well deserved cuppa.**
- ✿ **We are usually supported by some wonderful knitted and crocheted items. These type of donations are always appreciated and prove very popular.**

Please pass any donations to your class teacher or bring into reception.

Many thanks for your continued support!

## PTA Volunteers - can you help? Even better if you come with a friend!

Events like the disco - Friday 9th November and Christmas Craft Fayre - Sunday 25th November need the goodwill of volunteers to put them together. The Christmas Craft Fayre is one of our biggest and most popular events, which does take a lot of organising and volunteers' time. There are many jobs that need to be done, big and small, not all on the day.

If you would like to volunteer, even just for a small amount of time, please leave your name and number at reception, or email [pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk)

Volunteers for the disco are needed to help supervise in the hall during the disco or for general clean up afterwards.

Volunteers are also needed on Friday 23rd November, straight after school pick up for about 1 hour to set up tables and/or decorating Santa's grotto, ready for the Christmas Craft Fayre on Sunday 25th November.

Volunteers will also be welcomed on Saturday morning 24th November for continuation of set up at some time between 8.30am-10.30am. At the Christmas Craft Fayre itself, if you are able to help run a stall, serving tea/coffee or give time to help clear up at 2.00-3.00pm, your offer of support will be much appreciated.

The PTA thanks you in advance.

**USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS**

## **Plymouth Primary Schools Cross Country Championships**

On the last day of Term 1, we entered four teams, totalling 24 children, in the above event at Staddiscombe where all team members ran brilliantly on a sunny though breezy afternoon.

Each race included at least 15 teams of 6 children meaning at least 90 runners taking part in each race. The Years 3 and 4 Boys' team and Years 5 and 6 Boys' teams won 2nd place in their team events and now go on to represent Plymouth in the Devon School cross country championship in Torbay on 28th March 2019.

Our schools results were as follows.

**Years 3 and 4 Girls:** 3rd Rebecca (bronze medallist), 21st Summer, 32nd Maisie, 37th Lilah, 40th Willow and 42nd Phoebe.

Team position: 5th

**Years 3 and 4 Boys:** 2nd Kye (silver medallist), 6th Finley, 19th Max, 26th Fraser, 28th Joseph and 35th William.

Team position: 2nd (silver medallists)

**Years 5 and 6 Girls:** 19th Kacie, 23rd Esme, 24th Julia, 27th Summer, 32nd Hollie and 34th Imogen.

Team position: 5th

**Year 5 and 6 Boys:** 4th Harry, 10th Sammy, 15th Oliver, 18th Rory, 19th Billy and 23rd Luca.

Team position: 2nd (silver medallists)

Congratulations to all our wonderful athletes and thank you so much for the enthusiastic support from families and friends.

There is a brief rest from competition for a few months before the Plymstock inter-schools races start on Friday 25th January 2019.

### **Advance Notice of sports events:**

**Plymstock Primary Schools Cross Country Championships** organised by Plymstock Road Runners Club Friday 25th January 2019 at Wembury, Friday 1st February 2019 at Oreston, Friday 15th February 2019 at Dunstone and Friday 1st March 2019 here at Goosewell. Races will start at 4.00 p.m. and will be for Years 4/5 Boys, Years 4/5 Girls, Year 6 Boys and Year 6 Girls.

Goosewell School will be aiming to defend their championship trophy for the seventh consecutive year.

A **swimming gala** for Plymouth primary schools organised by Royal Devonport Swimming Association will be held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Life Centre. A trial to select two teams each of four boys and two teams each of four girls will be organised in February for our children. If your child is able to swim 25m front crawl from a diving entry, why not start training?

Details of all these events will be given out in Term 3.



## Remembrance Day

On Friday 9th November the whole school will observe a two minute silence in respect of those service men and women who gave their lives in the wars. Children from the school choir will also be representing Goosewell Academy at the Remembrance Service at Burrow Hill with Mrs Hayman.

Our Year 6 children will be selling poppies throughout the school over the next week. We would suggest a minimum donation of 20 pence to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



## PSA News

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](#)

## PTA School Discos

The rescheduled discos will now take place on:

**Friday 9th November**

☆ **16.30-17.30 - Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Disco**

☆ **17.45-19.00 - Key Stage 2 Disco**

Further details will follow shortly. As these popular events are organised and run by our PTA volunteers, any help you could provide will be much appreciated. Please contact the school office on 482960 if you can help.



## No School Crossing Patrol

Please note that there will be no School Crossing Patrol on Furzehatt Road on the following dates:

⇒ Monday 5th November (afternoon)

⇒ Friday 9th November - Friday 16th November

Please cross safely.



## Can you help?

- We keep a small stock of spare underwear (socks, pants, tights) at school, particularly in Foundation and Key Stage 1. Our stocks are running a little low at the moment, if you are able to donate any of these items, we would be grateful. Thank you.

## Lost Property

Our lost property box is already overflowing this term. **It is very difficult to reunite clothing with owners if items are not named.** Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named and pop into school to check for any lost property in the cupboard.