The Newsletter of Goosewell Academy

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Headteacher: Mr John M Stephens

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

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.

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

🏂 training?

USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS

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

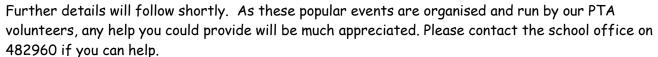
Don't forget to look at the PSA section of the Goosewell Academy website, for information on clubs, support and activities for families throughout the year. You can find further details by clicking here PSA

PTA School Discos

The rescheduled discos will now take place on:

Friday 9th November

- ☆ 17.45-19.00 Key Stage 2 Disco





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.

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