



Year Group News

Foundation Stage An exciting week looms for us in Reception as we take the wonderful story of 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson to inspire and drive our learning. Our teacher led activity will be simple sentence writing with the children choosing characters from the story to describe. We will look at the words 'the' and 'is' and will learn about starting with a capital letter and ending with a full stop. Our creativity will be tested as we make shadow puppets to retell the story and explore using black paper and white crayons and pencils to create monochrome, wintery scenes. We will also investigate and explore different animals and their environments and have a go at creating a camouflaged zone for a minibeast. In the home corner, we will be thinking about household rules so that we don't make the same mistakes that the Gruffalo's child did when she didn't listen to her Daddy!

Year 1 Year 1 children will be continuing their writing based on 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. They will be writing instructions on how to wash a dinosaur. In Maths, children will be learning how to subtract using practical objects. They will also be recording subtraction number sentences in their books. In D.T. we will be continuing to build our dinosaur worlds by adding some textured effects to the background. We are also very excited to start learning our songs for the 'Mince Pie Sing-a-long'. Don't forget Children in Need day on Friday!

Year 3 Year 3 have enjoyed a busy week where we have begun looking at our new reading text 'Tell Me a Dragon'. The children have been amazed by the beautiful illustrations and enjoyed reading about different types of dragon. Over the next week, we will think about our own dragons and use different language features, such as similes, to describe them. During our Maths lessons, we have moved on to using the column method for addition, including calculations involving exchanging. Now we are moving on to using column subtraction. Our predators learning has involved looking at meat eating plants. We enjoyed watching clips of the plants eating small insects and even frogs! We thought about how they catch their prey and why they have adapted to other creatures. We are looking forward to raising money for Children in Need next week.

Year 4 After studying fables this week, all the children in Year 4 will be writing their own which we hope to share with some younger children in KS1. We need to make them as exciting as possible! For reading, we will continue to study 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' and look at how we can infer a character's thoughts and feelings from their actions. In Maths we will be multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and solving problems involving these skills. During our Playlist topic, we will be sharing our musical preferences and examining how sounds are transferred through the ear to the brain.

Year 5 The fun has continued in Year 5 this week as we have been using pieces of fruit (and a pea) to create a virtual solar system on the playground. The children who held the fruits, which represented the planets, had to take a certain number of steps from the Sun in order to reflect their distance from the Sun in space. In Reading, we have started to read 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers and the children have empathised with the character's thoughts and feelings as well as predicted how they believe the character plans to catch a star. Year 5 are very excited about Children in Need next week because it is their first opportunity to organise their own stalls. The children have some fantastic ideas and we would appreciate it if you could ensure that your child is prepared to raise lots of money on Friday.

Year 6 Next week, Year 6 will continue their fraction work where they will add and subtract fractions. In English, they will build up to writing their 'Rags to Riches' story by exploring the grammar features. In Science, we will look at food chains of animals in polar regions. It is Assessment Week next week for Year 6, so they will complete assessments in reading, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Next week's virtue is.....
Respect:
Due regard for the feelings,
wishes or rights of others.

The Brown family have asked us to save the date for Oliver's Celebration of Life which will be held on Saturday 30th November at 10.30am. This will take place at The Minster Church of St Andrew, Royal Parade, Plymouth. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.



★ Pupil Successes

★ Well done to Eli S 1/2KH for coming 3rd in the Under 8s Wild Night Run Race Series last Saturday. An especially big well done as this race took place in the dark at Burrator!



★ School Clubs

Thank you for the clubs survey responses submitted so far. If you haven't done so already, please remember to submit your views on clubs provision at Goosewell Academy - it takes just a few minutes to complete an online survey via the website. All responses are anonymous and the survey will close on Friday 15th November.

[School Clubs Survey](#)

The clubs timetable is also available on the school website, and children have received information in their classes and assemblies regarding the clubs available to them.

[School Clubs Timetable](#)



★ Poppy Appeal Collection at Drake Circus

If you have any time to spare at the weekend, the Poppy Appeal will be collecting in Drake Circus on Saturday between 10.00am and 4.00pm, close to Yo Sushi. Families will be very welcome to help out, particularly MKC Heroes. Thank you.



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](#)

NS FPS Community Support FFE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT JUMP 1730 - 1930hrs

JUMP!
1730-1930hrs Christmas Hill Business Park, Owerhill, PL2 5DR



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY AT JUMP
SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

SERVED FAMILIES ONLY

2 HOURS EXCLUSIVE USE OF JUMP

DISCOUNT FOR KIDS AND COMPLIMENTARY DRINK FOR PARENTS

CLOSING DATE 6TH DECEMBER LIMITED AVAILABILITY

To book email: NAVYFPSPEOPLE@FPSWEST@MOD.GOV.UK

£5 voluntary contribution per family



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★ Children in Need 2019

Once again, Goosewell Academy will be 'getting together' to raise money for Children in Need. Please see separate letter for further details [Children in Need letter](#).

- ★ On Children in Need day, we would like all children and adults in school to donate £1 and wear mufti. You may choose to wear spotty clothing like Pudsey's eye patch, or simply come in your own clothes.
- ★ Jack and Jills, Reception and Key Stage 1 children have the opportunity to buy teddy bear biscuits from the school kitchen for 50p each. Please see separate letter for further details.
- ★ The children in Years 5 and 6 would like to invite children from Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 to come along to their fundraising event, during the school day, where they will be able to take part in 10p and 20p stalls and games.

This is always a fantastic event at Goosewell Academy and we thank you in anticipation of your support.

USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the pupils, staff and families at Goosewell to thank Sarah Woodward, the outgoing PTA Chair and her team of volunteers for all the hard work, time and commitment that they have given to the school as members of the PTA community. The funds that you have raised have been vital to the experiences of our children here at Goosewell Academy.

PTA News

Hello and a warm welcome to all of you.

Please could I take a moment of your time to introduce myself, Emma Stanfield, and Mel Swainsbury as the newly appointed Vice-Chair and Chair of Goosewell Academy PTA. Mel is taking over from Sarah Woodward who has been Chair for the past year and for her hard work and contribution to the school, we would like to offer her our utmost thanks. She will continue to be part of the PTA but is taking a well-deserved break from the reins.

Mel and I are both extremely committed to improving the relationship between the school and the PTA by introducing new and exciting ideas for events and activities throughout the coming year and beyond. Helping us, we have a brilliant and dedicated team who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring all of these events together so that the school community has something to look forward to and enjoy.

As we value the ideas and input of our children, parents and teachers, we would very much appreciate any ideas, suggestions and feedback that you have. We would love to hear what you would like to see happening at the school in the future and we will be delighted to introduce these when we can.

From all of us on the PTA, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to meeting you all at our forthcoming events!

Emma Stanfield
Vice-Chair, Goosewell Academy PTA

Why not pop along to one of our forthcoming meetings at Plymstock Albion Oaks, where the bar and café will be open. All welcome:

Friday 29th November - 6pm
Friday 10th January 2020 - 6pm
Friday 28th February 2020 - 6pm

WHY JOIN GOOSEWELL PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA?

The PTA Needs  YOU

Who is the PTA?

We are a group of parents and teaching staff who enjoy being actively involved with fund-raising activities. You are welcome to become a part of this in whatever way you can. You don't have to be "voted in" or formally join to be a part of what we do.

What does the PTA do?

Meet regularly, exchange views, brain storm, raise valuable money for the school, provide refreshments at school events. Organise events, such as the school disco, Summer fair, Christmas Fair, Gaming events, etc.

What are the benefits?

Building positive school relations, enrich our child's school life, make life long friends and a great addition to your CV,

Do I need any special skills?

Nope not at all. You can share events on social media, share your ideas at meetings, help put event posters up, sell raffle tickets, design posters, make teas and coffees, help at events, the list is exhaustive.

Family Pass for JUMP!

(family of 4)
Be entered into a **FREE** draw! In return all we ask is for some **FEEDBACK!**
What events would you like to see? Struggle to attend meetings?
(Deadline for the draw is Monday 16th December)
Get in touch via **email**, leave us your name, and child's class.

"I Don't Have Time!"

We understand life is busy, work, kids, homework, chauffeuring to clubs, the list is endless....

The PTA appreciates any time; an hour a term and hour a week, the choice is yours!

Get involved!

Many hands make light work! Come along to a meeting or email us...

pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk

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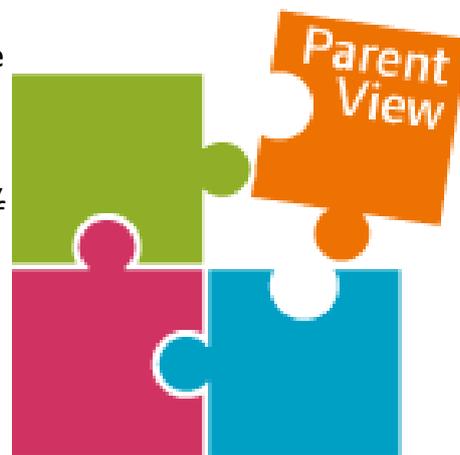
Proposed Changes at Goosewell Academy

Please follow the following link to further details on proposed changes at Goosewell Academy, or visit the Parents/Letters section of the school website:
[Proposed changes letter](#).

If you would be keen to see what is happening inside of the school, without any future commitment then I will be running school tours for current parents/carers every fortnight on a Friday. If this is something you are interested in, then please phone the school office and book a slot. The tour will be informal and an opportunity to tour the school with a few other parents to get a detailed sense of what we do.

In the meantime, your feedback is of huge importance and I kindly ask you to take five minutes to fill in the Ofsted Parent View: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As always, if you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Senior Leadership Team.



Dates for your diaries - all future activities, meetings and assemblies can be found here on the [school website calendar](#)

NOVEMBER

Friday 8th

5T Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 13th

Forces Family Lunch 12.15pm

Friday 15th

Children in Need Day - please see [link](#) to letter

REH Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

Friday 22nd

4G Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

Tuesday 26th

NHS Flu Immunisation Programme for all year groups

Thursday 28th

Open Morning for Prospective Reception Families Sept 2020 at 10.00am

Friday 29th

SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Workshop for Parents/Carers with Mrs Clarke 9-9.45am

Future dates:

Friday 20th December

Monday 23rd December — Friday 3rd January

Monday 6th January & Tuesday 7th January

Wednesday 8th January

Friday 14th February

Monday 17th February — Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February

Last day of Term 2

Christmas break

Non Pupil Day

First day of Term 3

Last day of Term 3

Term break

First day of Term 4