



## Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to Theo FHB and Reuben 5DH who have recently joined us at Goosewell. I look forward to you and your families being part of our Goosewell family.

We have almost made it to the end of Term 1 and what a busy term it has been!

Well done to our Foundation Stage children who have settled really well into their early school days. The class teachers have been very impressed with the way they have made new friends, enjoyed learning and adapted to new routines. It has been great to see many of the Foundation Stage parents experience the children's learning this week.

Thank you everyone for your £1 mufti donations today which will be used to help increase our maths learning equipment in classes.

Remember that tomorrow is a staff training day so we look forward to seeing you all rested and raring to go for Term 2 on Monday 29th October

Have a great term break week,

John M Stephens  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diaries

### OCTOBER

#### Thursday 18th

End of Term 1

Foundation Stage pop-in 9.00-12.00pm

Cross Country at Staddiscombe Fields  
12.30-3.30pm

#### Friday 19th

Non pupil-day for staff training

### Term Break

#### Monday 29th October

Start of Term 2

### 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

Nasal Flu Immunisations Foundation-  
Year 5

PTA School Discos:

4.30-5.30pm Foundation and Key Stage 1

5.45-7.00pm Key Stage 2

## Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generous harvest donations for the Plymouth Foodbank. The gifts weighed over 100kg and were gratefully received yesterday.

## 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.



### **A message from the Chair of Governors**

Following on from my announcement just before the summer holidays, I wanted to provide you all with some further information regarding the recruitment of the new Headteacher for Goosewell Primary Academy.

The Governing Body are very pleased to inform you that a worthy successor to Mr Stephens has been appointed and Mr James Gentile will take up the post as Headteacher of Goosewell Primary Academy from 1st January 2019.

Mr Gentile has significant experience, having previously been Head of School of two schools. He also demonstrated a clear vision of core values for Goosewell Primary Academy which will enable the school to make the required improvements towards Ofsted 'Good' and 'Outstanding' and continue its excellent reputation.

Mr Gentile will be visiting the school during next term on a number of occasions to further familiarise himself with the school and to receive a formal handover from Mr Stephens.

The Governing Body are looking forward to working with Mr Gentile and feel sure you will wish to join us in welcoming him to Goosewell Primary Academy.

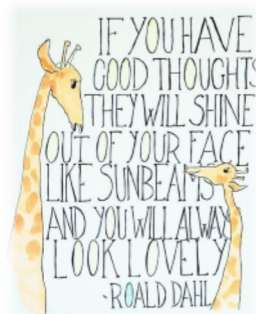
### **Handwriting Certificates**

Well done to the following Key Stage 2 children who were awarded certificates for their beautiful handwriting in today's assembly:

3O	Faith
3T	Saskia
3Y	Poppy
4JG	Sienna
4LG	Brooklyn
4M	Lilah
5DH	Bonnie
5MT	Lilli
5L	Summer
6C	Daniel
6R	Daisy
6C	Daniel

### Year 3 Roald Dahl

Year 3 enjoyed Roald Dahl Day last Friday where they took part in lots of magical activities including making happy jars, dream catchers and marbling! The children dressed up as their Roald Dahl favourite characters and even the adults got fully involved! A great day was had by all and it was a fantastic way of celebrating an incredible author.



### Wall of Fame

We have some wonderful pieces of writing on our Wall of Fame in the Main Hall from the following talented writers:

FWH	Ocean	3O	Isabelle
FHB	Emily	3T	Jack
1B	Noah	3Y	Xander
1NH	Holly	4JG	Elise
1/2K	Daisy	4LG	Lewis
2BH	Francesca	4M	Lauren
2KW	Ella	5DH	Levy-Jade
		5MT	Brooke
		5L	Annabel
		6C	Maisie
		6R	Daisy
		6S	Hollie

### Key Stage 2 Reading Draw Winners for Term 1

Well done to Dexter, Year 3, Joshua Yr 4, Myleigh Yr 5, Isabelle Yr 6 who were our Key Stage 2 winners for Term 1. All Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to be entered into the reading draw to win a gift card by reading at home and completing their reading diaries each week.

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## **Even More Cross Country News... a tale of determination, tears, talent and numbers!**

The final of three warm up autumn inter-schools cross country races across took place at Coombe Dean School last Thursday. Throughout the past three weeks, we have entered over 75 children in the races. It has been thrilling to see several exceptional individual performances, great team results and outstanding determination and pride from runners who finish the races, no matter what their position. Over the past three weeks, exceptional performances have come from Oliver, 6C who secured a gold medal and a 4th, Rebecca, 4M who won a gold medal and Kai 4M who has won the silver medals. We are so proud of all the runners who amazed us in running in the top half of their field and inspired us when running in the second half.

I apologise for omitting Alfie result in the Plym Valley race last week when he finished 48th in the Year 5 and 6 Boys race.

The Coombe Dean races had the biggest field (numerically and literally, including the woods!) with between 101 and 120 children and 59 teams took part in each race, which tells a great story of immense enthusiasm for running in Plymouth schools. This year, the standard has been higher than ever, and we are proud that our children have been using their talents so successfully.

The Coombe Dean races results are as follows:

**Years 3 and 4 Girls:** 1st Rebecca, 32nd Maisie, 46th Willow, 55th Lilah, 60<sup>th</sup> Phoebe and 64th Isabelle.

The team finished in 8th place and 5th place in the series of races.

**Years 3 and 4 Boys:** 4th Finley, 9th Kai, 10th Joseph, 18th Max, 25th William, 27th Fraser, 56th Justin, 70th Ollie, 72nd Riley, 81st Jayden and 83rd Harry.

The team finished in 2nd place and 2nd place in the series of races.

**Years 5 and 6 Girls:** 7th Kacie, 24th Julia, 28th Esme, 32nd Imogen, 34th Hollie, 35th Summer, 48th Daisy, 50th Summer finished in 5th place and 4th place in the series of races.

**Years 5 and 6 Boys:** 4th Oliver, 5th Harry, 10th Sammy, 19th Luca, 20th Rory, 24th Billy, 25th Hugo, 30th Frankie, 34th Max, 51st Tom, 69th Callum, 70th Ellis, 71st Will, 73rd Alfie, 78th Oliver, 80th Kitso, 87th Leo, 88th Harry, 93rd Ashdon, 94th Edward, 98th Jake and 103rd Lyle.

The team finished in 1st and in 1st place in the series of races.

This afternoon, four teams will have represented Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 boys and girls at the Plymouth Schools Cross Country Championships at Staddiscombe Fields. These teams are limited to our six fastest runners in each category - we will let you know how our amazing children got on after the term break.

## 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.

### 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](#)

If you are a Service or Veterans' family, please have a look at this consultation and survey from Plymouth City Council on Early Years and Targeted Support <https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/commissioning/earlyhelptargetedsupportofferfamilies>



**Did your partner leave the Armed Forces in the last 5 years, or are they leaving in the next year or two?**

We're conducting research to understand what it is like for families of serving personnel when they leave the Forces, and we would love to hear about your experience.

**What will it involve?**  
We'd like to interview spouses or partners of serving personnel or veterans for about 40 minutes. We can do it over the phone or we can come and meet you face-to-face. Either way, your participation and everything you say will be anonymous.

**Who are we?**  
We're the Behavioural Insights Team, an independent research organisation. You can find more about our work at [www.bit.team](http://www.bit.team)

**What is the research for?**  
This work is being funded by the Forces in Mind Trust. It's part of a project to understand the role that families play during transition out of the Armed Forces, and how they can be supported.

**How do I find out more or get involved?**  
Email Jessica at [Jessica.Heal@bit.team](mailto:Jessica.Heal@bit.team) or text 07917 868 454  
Or email Lauren [Lauren.Crouch@bit.team](mailto:Lauren.Crouch@bit.team)

We know your time is precious, so as a thank you we'll give you a £30 voucher for the supermarket of your choice.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE PLYMPTON HUB

#### Plymouth DYSLEXIA Network Group

For information & advice on the signs & symptoms of dyslexia, & the positive support that's available contact specialist dyslexia teacher Sarah Baines of Exceed [sarah.exceed@icloud.com](mailto:sarah.exceed@icloud.com)

#### FASDDAC Support Group

For all those affected by Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as sufferers, carers and loved ones. Discuss problems, exchange tips and raise awareness. For info' contact Lee Harvey-Heath [lh.h.fasdd@gmail.com](mailto:lh.h.fasdd@gmail.com)

#### AUTISM Ideas Exchange

Alternate Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00am

Meet with fellow parents & carers of children with ASC in a relaxed, friendly & informal environment. Share experiences, information & ideas. Facilitated by Caroline Snell, Autism Specialist Teacher.

#### EQUAL MINDS Carers Ideas Exchange

Every 3rd Monday of the month 6:00 - 7:30pm

An inclusive, supportive group for friends, family members and partners of people with a mental health condition.

#### Free 1:1 & Couples COUNSELLING

Sessions Available on Thursdays

Free counselling sessions provided by our qualified counsellor Naomi. By appointment only.

#### EMOTIONAL LOGIC Sessions

Sessions Available Every Wednesday

Emotional Logic is a well-proven lifelong-learning approach to resolving issues and handling emotions. Sessions are suitable for families, groups and individuals. By appointment only.

For all general enquiries please call: 07533 747 794

or email: [charlotte@plymptonhub.org](mailto:charlotte@plymptonhub.org)



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