



## Year Group News

**Foundation Stage** We are enjoying our exploration of all things Autumn and have made some wonderful and varied examples of stick families as well as becoming very skilled at mixing of colours. In the coming week we will be exploring water and how it moves and developing our vocabulary with words linked to capacity. We will be very excited as we start to plan and prepare for a new arrival in the Home corner. We have already started to make a list of what our baby might need based on our own experiences. The number 5 will be our focus in Maths and in Read Write Inc we will continue to learn how to sound and form a new letter every day as well as using 'Fred talk' to build and blend words. If you have any spare recycling materials at home, could we ask you to pass them to us as your children are extremely creative and love to invent and make all manner of things from such materials. Many thanks!

**Year 1** In Year 1 next week, we will be starting a new story called 'Don't Hog the Hedge'. We will use this story as a stimulus for our non-fiction writing about woodland animals. We will also be exploring rhyming words and writing our own silly rhyming sentences. In Maths, children will be exploring how we order numbers and groups of objects and will complete their first arithmetic task. We will all be designing and making woodland crowns in D.T and continuing our keyboard skills practise in Computing.

**Year 2** Next week, in Year 2, the children will be starting a three week English unit on non-fiction texts based on our Enchanted Woodland topic. They will be learning about non-fiction features and writing their own captions for photos and labelling diagrams. In Maths, the children will be focusing on addition and subtraction skills, using their number bonds knowledge to 20. We will be enjoying a new reading block based on the story book *Deep in the Woods* by Christopher Corr. Over the next two weeks, the children will be predicting events, noting new vocabulary and answering retrieval questions about the story. Could we also ask all Year 2 children to bring in washed and clean yoghurt pots (single variety, not split!) to plant their sunflower seeds in as part of our science learning? If children can pass these to their class teacher over the next week, it would be appreciated.

**Year 3** This week we have thoroughly enjoyed creating our own versions of *The Wind in the Willows* - Ratty, Mole and Mr Toad have been having some very interesting adventures! We have also been looking at comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols in our Maths lessons. Next week we will be using our knowledge of number to count in 50s and to order numbers to 1000. As part of our learning around our topic 'Flow' we will begin to think about how we use rivers in our every day lives.

**Year 4** Over half way through Term 1 already! The children are settling well into their classes and next week; Year 4 are aiming for place value perfection! In Maths, they will be connecting their understanding within place value to enable them to confidently round to the nearest thousand, compare and order numbers in the thousands as well as count on in 25s. We will introduce the concept of negative numbers. In English, the children will commence a mini-project on a research paper which highlights the global issue of plastics in the World's oceans. This will be completed with specific case studies around the regions of Plymouth and Mombasa. The completed papers will be shared with our link school in the Kenyan city of Mombasa. Finally, apologies for any misleading information on the website - our topic this term is *The Blue Abyss* and our deep sea learning is nothing to do with *The Victorians*! The up to date information that was shared at the recent 'Welcome Meeting' will be available on the web site from next week.

**Year 5** In English this week, the children have written historical fiction stories, which link to our Pharaohs topic and our learning about Ancient Egypt. It was great to see the children pairing up on Friday to enjoy reading each other's stories. In addition, the children have enjoyed preparing for 'Egypt's Got Talent', which has involved them working in groups to create a character profile about a pharaoh, in order to prove that their pharaoh was the most talented in Egypt. In Maths, we have continued our place value learning by ordering and comparing numbers and rounding numbers to 100,000. It is great to see that the children in Year 5 have been taking lots of quizzes. To date, your children have read 432,784 words!! Well done to 5S, who are in the lead so far.

**Year 6** Next week, Year 6 will begin to look at Autobiographies by analysing the grammatical features of this text type. This unit of English will be linked to our ID topic with the children building up to writing their own autobiography. In Maths, we will continue to develop our understanding of multiplication and division and begin to consolidate using the standard written methods for calculating. Our ID topic will see the children create their own avatars during their ICT time and they will also analyse their personal musical choices. 6WT look forward to welcoming the parents to their family assembly to share more of their learning.

The PTA is urgently seeking a new Chair or Co-Chairs for the 2019/20 academic year. **Without this position, Goosewell PTA is at risk of folding.**  
Please register your interest with the school office or email  
[pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:pta@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk)

## Secondary School Applications



- Applications are now live and need to be submitted by **31st October 2019** at the latest.
- Please click on the image above to access the live application page at Plymouth City Council.
- Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Arnold via the office, if you require any further information.

## Childhood Flu Immunisations

The Virgin Care NHS Immunisation Team will shortly be offering the Flu vaccination to **all Primary school children from Reception to Year 6 (and up to 18 years in Special Schools)**. Delivery of the programme will run from October - December 2019 across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.

Immunisations will be taking place for your child here at Goosewell on  
**Tuesday 26th November 2019.**

Information regarding your child's immunisation and how to register your consent has been sent home via bookbags and email this week, but you can also find the link here:

In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the secure consent portal via the following link: (<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>) and follow the online instructions.

**The closing date for receipt of electronic consent is 27th October 2019. If electronic consent is not received by this date, you will need to arrange for your child to have their immunisation at a local surgery or clinic.** If you have difficulty accessing the internet, please contact the school office.



## Is your pre-school child due to start school in September 2020?

Come and visit Goosewell Academy at one of our open events where you will be able to meet the Headteacher, our pupils and have a tour of our school. We look forward to welcoming you at any of our open events, no need to book, just bring yourselves, and your little ones to the most convenient session:

**Wednesday 16th October - 10.00am**  
**Monday 28th October - 1.45pm**  
**Thursday 28th November - 10.00am**

**USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS**

**This Thursday 3rd October is.....  
\*Fabulous Favourites Day\***

Cook will be serving  
Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding or  
Cheese Wheels  
With Roast Potatoes, Season Vegetables & Gravy

Victoria Sponge Cake  
Fruit and Yoghurts



**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](#)

**Pupil Successes**

Well done to Aria in 1/2KH who received her 400m Rainbow Swimming Distance award during the summer. Well done too to Eli in 1/2KH for his participation in the Tory Brook Trails 2019 and for winning a medal.

**Attendance**

Here is the attendance for the week of 13/9:

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
RBH	93.5%
REH	100.0%
1/2KH	96.6%
1B	87.5%
1WH	94.0%
2N	95.1%
2NB	91.8%
3M	96.5%
3MH	97.5%
3Y	99.0%
4DH	96.4%
4G	99.2%
4L	96.8%
5C	95.1%
5S	97.8%
5T	98.6%
6R	100.0%
6S	94.0%
6WT	97.6%

**Walking Bus**

Sadly, after nearly 10 years, there will no longer be a Goosewell Walking Bus as there are not enough Parent Volunteers to walk with Jo Penk and the children. The last walking bus will take place on Friday 4th October. Thank you to Jo, our PSA who has facilitated this service, in conjunction with Plymouth City Council, for so many of our children who have enjoyed their time as walking bus 'passengers'.

**Plymouth City Council -  
School Crossing Patrol**

School Crossing Patrol vacancy  
Please click on the link for further details:

[School Crossing Patroller](#)

Closing date: Tuesday 8th October 2019

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

**OCTOBER**

**Wednesday 2nd**

PSSP Cross Country at Coombe Dean School 4.00-6.00pm

**Friday 4th**

6WT Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

**Friday 11th**

3Y Family Assembly 2.30-3.00pm

**Monday 14th**

Individual School Photos

**Tuesday 15th**

Siblings (Goosewell) School Photos

**Thursday 17th**

PSSP Cross Country at Staddiscombe 12.30-3.30pm

**Changed numbers  
or phones recently?**

Please ensure that the school office has the correct mobile number and email address for you.

**Future dates:**

**Thursday 17th October**

**Friday 18th October**

**Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October**

**Monday 28th October**

**Tuesday 29th October & Wednesday 30th October**

**Wednesday 30th October**

Last day of Term 1 for children

Non Pupil Day for staff training

Term Break

Term 2 starts

Parents Evenings 3.30-6.20pm

Parent Forum 9.00-10.30am

Next week's virtue is.....

**Determination**

A quality that makes you continue trying to do or achieve something that is difficult.

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