



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### Use of Social Media

As a school, we have an open door policy so that parents can arrange to meet with your child's teacher to chat about matters relating to them, a member of the leadership team about school-wide issues or our Parent Support Advisor to chat about family matters that may be affecting your child's learning or well-being.

It has been brought to my attention by several parents and staff that unhelpful comments are being shared on social media platforms that stir up discontent between parents and make assumptions about what happens at school. If anyone has a concern, please make contact with your child's teacher or myself to resolve any queries first hand rather than allow them to escalate out of control and not reflect the truth of a matter. Your help will enable us to continue to build on the ways we best communicate with you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great weekend,  
John M Stephens  
Headteacher

### Chickens return to Goosewell

If you would like to 'chicken-sit' our chickens at the weekends, please let the school office know on 482960 if you can help. You can keep the eggs you collect!



### Dates for your diaries

#### OCTOBER

##### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Walk in the Woods

##### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Barbican visit  
6.30pm PTA meeting in Foundation Stage

##### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

4.00pm Cross Country at Coombe Dean School

##### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 Roald Dahl Day  
2.30-3.00pm 2KW Family Assembly  
3.20-4.00pm Scholastic Book Fair in Drama Hall

##### Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

3.20-4.00pm Scholastic Book Fair in Drama Hall

##### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

9.00-12.00pm Foundation Stage pop-in  
3.20-4.00pm Scholastic Book Fair in Drama Hall

##### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

3.30-5.00pm Y1-Y6 parent/carers/child/teacher learning share  
3.20-4.00pm Scholastic Book Fair in Drama Hall (last day)

##### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

End of Term 1  
9.00-12.00pm Foundation Stage pop-in  
12.30-3.30pm Cross Country at Staddiscombe Fields

### Harvest Donations

For this year's Harvest Festival, we are collecting for Plymouth Foodbank. If you are able to donate, we would be grateful for donations of **tins of fruit, sweetcorn and carrots** - please bring these to school on **Thursday 11th October** for our Harvest assembly. Thank you.

**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 Meeting next Wednesday: We Need You!**

The PTA will be holding their first meeting of the year next  
**Wednesday 10th October at 6.30 p.m.** in the Foundation Stage building, next to the school carpark.

Every year, the PTA raise thousands of pounds to help provide resources and subsidised visits for your children's education at Goosewell. Now more than ever before, additional funding is essential to maintain and develop the school's learning equipment including that to promote outdoor learning, reading and library books, art materials, maths resources, Foundation Stage provision, sports equipment and so on.

It would be great to see many people at the meeting to have a coffee and share ideas, offer help - little or lots that suits your circumstances - and to help make new friends as well as funds. Why not come along with another parent if you are too shy to make it on your own? The work of the PTA is so much easier, rewarding and more fun when there are lots of people sharing out the work to be done.

  
**YOUR  
PTA  
NEEDS  
YOU**

**Year 6 Prefects 2018/19**

Well done to the following Year 6 children who have been elected as prefects by their classmates:

Jayden 6S  
Jake 6S  
Oliver 6C  
Tyler 6R  
Luke 6R  
Ellis 6R  
Emily 6S  
Katie 6S  
Jazzmin 6C  
Amber 6C  
Esme 6R  
Eloise 6R



**USING EVERYONE'S TALENTS**





### Plymouth Schools FA Under 11s

Congratulations to Aidan, Luca, Luke, Harry and Archie who were all chosen at the end of last term to represent Goosewell in this year's Under 11 Plymouth Schools football trials. We were delighted when we received invitations for 4 of our players to go back into the second round of trials. Just brilliant!

Aidan, Luca, Harry and Luke battled with brilliant sunshine and intense heat (remember that?!) at Marjons, playing some amazing football and showing wonderful sportsmanship. Parents commented how impressed they were with the boys and how proud they felt. Goosewell Academy thanks you for representing the school so brilliantly. Luke received the fantastic news that he had made it through to the final trials and after playing brilliantly, there was a tense wait to hear if he had made it onto the team. Finally, the news arrived and we are delighted that Luke was selected to represent the Plymouth School FA Under 11s team for the 2018/19 season. Well done Luke!

*Mrs Boalch, School Football Coach*

### Congratulations to Mrs Soper, our Deputy

Headteacher, who has been presented with a certificate to recognise her 'high quality mentoring skills and outstanding support for trainee teachers' who participate in the Devon Primary SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training). Only four mentors from forty schools in the partnership have achieved this terrific accolade.

### Finley is Our Hero

We are very impressed by Finley in 4JG who, whilst recently having an evening rest on his Grandpa's yacht after a day's sailing, alerted his Grandpa to a fire started by an electrical fault. Finley's Grandpa is so proud of the way Finley calmly alerted him and managed the situation, saving a potentially dangerous and serious event. Finley has now been promoted from First Mate to Grandpa's Best Mate!

Well done Finley for showing such bravery and smart thinking.

### Year 6 Bikeability

*"All the children worked extremely hard and were very well mannered. It was a pleasure teaching them. I look forward to seeing you all again next year"* - Tony, Bikeability Instructor. Thank you Year 6 for showing wonderful manners this term.

### 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](#)

### Year Group Pages

Information about your child's year group is always available on the school website. Here you will find details about homework, topics, PE/Games kits and staff [click here](#)

### PE Kits

Would you please ensure that your child has their PE kit at school everyday - a list of full kit can be found on the school website or by clicking [here](#)

### Girls Only Running Club

Starts Wednesday 31st October - 12.25pm

Years 3-6

No consent required, come and join in!

## Cross Country News

The first two of the three Plymouth inter-schools cross country races took place last and this week at Plymbridge and Eggbuckland Community College respectively. Our teams ran incredibly well with great individual and team performances; the first four in each team count to a team result. We are delighted that every single child ran with determination and pride, and received great support from family supporters and their teammates at the end of their 1.2 mile runs with over 90 children running in each race and over 60 teams all together.

The **Plymbridge race results** are as follows:

**Years 3 and 4 Girls:** 9th Rebecca, 10th Summer, 24th Isla, 31st Lilah, 33rd Maisie and 35<sup>th</sup> Isabelle.  
The team finished fourth.

**Years 3 and 4 Boys:** 2nd Kye (silver medallist), 12th Fraser, 13th Joseph, 25th Max, 30th William, 32nd Justin, 58th Harry and 59th Ollie.  
The team finished fourth.

**Year 5 and 6 Girls:** 13th Kacie, 26th Julia, 27th Imogen, 28th Esme, 33rd Summer, 50th Taylor, 53rd Emily, 55th Daisy, 57th Poppy, 61st Emily and 74th Amber.  
The team finished sixth.

**Year 5 and 6 Boys:** 7th Sammy, 10th Rory, 19th Oliver, 32nd Billy, 42nd Tom, 43rd Max, 47th Frankie, 60th Oliver, 61st Ellis, 62nd Harry, 63rd Daniel, 67th Edward, 68th Joseph, 72nd Will, 85th Alex, 87th William and DNF Hugo,  
The team finished fourth.

The **Eggbuckland race results** are as follows:

**Years 3 and 4 Girls:** 9th Rebecca, 28th Maisie, 37th Phoebe and 38th Lilah.  
The team finished sixth.

**Years 3 and 4 Boys:** 2nd Kye (silver medallist), 8th Finley, 9th Joseph, 15th Fraser, 21st Max, 23rd William and 62nd Harry.  
The team finished first.

**Year 5 and 6 Girls:** 9th Kacie, 19th Julia, 25th Summer, 26th Esme, 37th Sumer, 49th Daisy, 57th Taylor, 58th Isla and 61st Isabelle.  
The team finished fifth.

**Year 5 and 6 Boys:** 1st Oliver (gold medallist), 5th Billy, 10th Sammy, 11th Hugo, 13th Frankie, 19th Rory, 20th Luca, 24th Max, 37th Tom, 42nd Ellis, 61st Will, 64th Harry, 67th Daniel, 69th Oliver, 75th Joseph and 76th Kitso.  
The team finished first.