



Dear Parents / Carers

As you know, this week Ofsted inspected Goosewell Academy over a period of two days with three inspectors. The inspectors were in the school each day from 8am finishing at 6pm. The report is not published however until around 30 working days after the inspection, which will take us into the new year. In the meantime, I am not able to comment further. I would however, like to take the opportunity to thank all the families who have supported the school during the process. I would also like to thank the children and the staff of Goosewell Academy for their commitment and dedication during this period.

Have a restful weekend. *James Gentile, Headteacher*

Year Group News

Foundation Stage We will go full on festive next week with an abundance of Christmas fun. Our focus text will be 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and we will be making Christmas cards and writing letters to post. We will be trying our hand at wrapping presents of various shapes and sizes and talking about a range of 3D shapes as we work. Alongside this, we will be putting up and decorating our Christmas tree. Our Nativity will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am. We would like your child to come in festive mufti on this day and we will provide costumes for those who need them in the cast. Are you getting excited? We are!

Year 1 Year 1 loved performing their Mince Pie Sing-a-long this week. Thank you to all the parents/carers and families who were able to attend our performance! In Maths next week, we will be starting our new unit of learning on shape. We will be exploring 2D and 3D shapes and completing lots of practical activities to help us learn the names. In English, we will be continuing our letter writing by planning a letter to Father Christmas. What questions might you ask him? We are all very excited for our KS1 Christmas party on Thursday!

Year 2 We will be continuing our writing block on newspaper reporting, and will be researching and writing a newspaper article on the discoveries made by Mary Anning. We will be learning about number families and number facts in Maths. Our spelling focus rule for the week will be 'il', where we will be generating words with this spelling pattern and identifying and matching words with the spelling rule in them. We will be busy rehearsing for our big Christmas production to be held on Wednesday, 11th December. A letter has been sent home with updated information about ticket allocation and arrangements, please make sure that you have seen and read this and returned the slip to your child's teacher

Year 3 We had a fantastic time celebrating the lighting of the Goosewell Christmas tree this week and thank you for your support with this. It has been a very busy week in Year 3 we have completed our Non-chronological reports about our own dragon and even created some beautiful water colour art to go with them. Next week in English, we will begin looking at different poems linked to predators. Our reading focus will be comprehension skills where we focus on how to answer comprehension questions. In Maths, we will be focussing on practicing the 8 times table we will be representing our calculations using pictures and the bar model. We will also be dividing by 8.

Year 4 Thank you to everybody who joined us for the tree lighting on Monday and a special thank you to Mr Daniels for organising the lights. Next week in year 4, we will be combining English and our Playlist topic to look at different traditional songs and the different features of both songs and poetry. By the end of the week, we hope to have created our own for performance poetry about the ear! In Maths, we will be looking at multiplying and dividing by 12, factors and multiplying by 3 numbers.

Year 5 Year 5 have been incredibly busy this week! In English, the children have been writing a non-chronological report about an imaginary planet. They have used a range of sentence openers and ambitious vocabulary to write detailed paragraphs about their planet. What can your child tell you about the planet they created? In Maths, they have been calculating the perimeter of shapes and next week we will build on this by calculating area. Our reading sessions have initiated a lot of discussion about the similarities between 'How to Catch a Star' and 'The Way Back Home', both written by Oliver Jeffers. Look out for some of our book reviews, which will be available to view on our website soon. We are really looking forward to preparing for our Christmas Carol Concert, which you will have the opportunity to watch in the final week of term – more details about this will be coming home soon.

Year 6 Next week, in Maths, Year 6 will begin to look at position and direction. They will learn about reading and plotting co-ordinates on a 4 quadrant grid and will begin to look at translation and reflection within co-ordinate grids. In English, we will begin our poetry unit where we will study a variety of Haiku poems and build up to writing our own 'Frozen Kingdom' related Haiku poems. Our topic work will reach the innovation stage of our learning, where the children will be immersed in challenges related to our topic learning this term. Throughout the week, we will continue to prepare for our Christmas Carol Concert.

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](#)

Service Family Online Survey

Thank you for your responses to our recent online Service Family Survey.

The survey will remain open for the rest of the term, after which feedback will be collated. Jo Penk will then make contact with parents/carers to look at some of the suggestions and feedback.

If you are a service family and you haven't already completed the online survey. Please click on the link below to complete

[Service Families Survey](#)

Plymstock Children & Young People's Community Forum

Please find a link to this new forum which has been set up to discuss our community and how Plymstock can be made an even better place to live. Children from local schools, including Goosewell, attended the very first forum meeting.

[Plymstock Children's Forum](#)

[Plymstock Community Forum](#)

Growing Together's Christmas at The Clipper

65 Union Street,
Plymouth
PL1 3LU

We're so excited to be taking over the Clipper Inn for our Christmas Pop Up Shop and Cafe.

Full of lovely things to buy, we'll be showing off all our creative and culinary talents.

Story telling

The Salvation Army will be joining us at 2:30. for carols.

Any queries, call us on
01752 856719

Sunday
8th December
11am - 3pm



The Reindeer with the Big Idea

Routeways are lighting up the garden again for Christmas! We'd love you to join us.

Devonport Park Activity Centre

Quiet hour 4:30 - 5:30

Centre Monday 9th December

General opening 5:30 - 7:30

£5 per child includes visit to and present from Santa

Must be pre booked

Catch up with Frosty the Snowman and Percy the Penguin

Refreshments including hot turkey baps and veggie alternatives to buy

Christmas activities

Meet Anna and Elsa in their castle

Check out the pocket money presents on offer from our Growing Together Group's Stall.

Aerial dancer fairy

Face painting

Quiet room

Seasonal songs

SOMETHING NEW IN PLYMSTOCK

FOR SERVICE OR EX SERVICE VETERAN FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS

MONDAY MONTAGE

Jenn Collings is a pastoral worker with Aggies and ex-service wife of 35 years she will be setting up a group just for service families - in the community within Cafe Vision on three Monday afternoons a month.

This group will be starting on the following Monday's in January 13th, 20th & 27th from 12.30pm to 2.00pm

This is a free session (you can purchase a meal or coffee within the cafe separately) we may ask for a small donation to cover any craft items or activity but we would rather have you than your money!

You don't need a child to attend

13th January meet & greet craft session for adults with a play table for little ones

20th January storybook waves book club with your children under 5

27th Monday jewellery making - play table for little ones

Aggies will be based within the premises at Cafe Vision, Plymstock United Church, Plymouth Road, PL1 7PB, for more info contact jenn.arkcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk or check out our Facebook page The Ark Community Project Ltd - Plymouth

PIC-COLLAGE

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Christmas comes to Goosewell



Thank you to our wonderful Year 3 and Year 4 singers and narrators and of course our tuneful Key Stage 1 Song Club who gave a wonderful performance at the Christmas tree lighting on Monday evening. It is lovely to see our Christmas tree, our community beacon, sparkling and shining in all of its finery.

Thank you too to everyone who joined us, and to the PTA who kept us warm with hot drinks and mince pies!



Christmas Countdown Calendar

Mon 2nd December 5.00pm Year 3/Year 4 Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration (All welcome)	Tues 3rd December	Wed 4th December 9.30-10.30am Year 1 Mince Pie Sing-a-Long In the main hall (for parents/carers)	Thurs 5th December	Fri 6th December 9.30-10.30am Jack 'n' Jills Nativity in the Main Hall
Mon 9th December	Tues 10th December	Wed 11th December 9.30-10.30am Reception Nativity in the main hall (for parents/carers) 2.00pm Year 2 Christmas Around the World performance 5.00pm Year 2 Christmas Around the World performance	Thurs 12th December Reception & Key Stage 1 Christmas Party	Fri 13th December Christmas Jumper Day in support of Little Harbour & Children's Hospice South West
Mon 16th December Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Party	Tues 17th December 2.00-3.00pm Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Service at Plymstock Church 6.00-7.00pm Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Service at Plymstock Church	Wed 18th December Year 5 Christmas Party	Thurs 19th December Christmas Dinner Year 6 Christmas Party	Fri 20th December Whole school (free) mufti for end of term

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WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

IN SUPPORT OF LITTLE HARBOUR AND CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER



Oliver Brown's favourite time of the year was Christmas and this December, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in Oliver's memory. On **Friday 13th December 2019** all children (and grown ups!) are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumpers over their uniforms. Christmas jumpers may be worn in exchange for a donation (suggested minimum £1) for Little Harbour and Children's Hospice South West. This charity has been a great support to the Brown family over recent times and we hope that you will join us in raising vital funds for this very special place.



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

DECEMBER

Wednesday 11th

Reception Nativity for families in the Main Hall 9.30am

Year 2 Christmas Around the World Performance in the Main Hall 2.00pm

Year 2 Christmas Around the World Performance in the Main Hall 5.00pm

Thursday 12th

Reception and KS1 Christmas Party

Rocksteady Concert for Parents/Carers in the Main Hall 2.30pm

Friday 13th

Christmas Jumper Day for Little Harbour and Children's Hospice South West

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 Days

First day of Term 3

Last day of Term 3

Term break

First day of Term 4

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GOOSEWELL PRIMARY — TUESDAY'S 3.30PM — 4.30PM — BOOK BY FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER



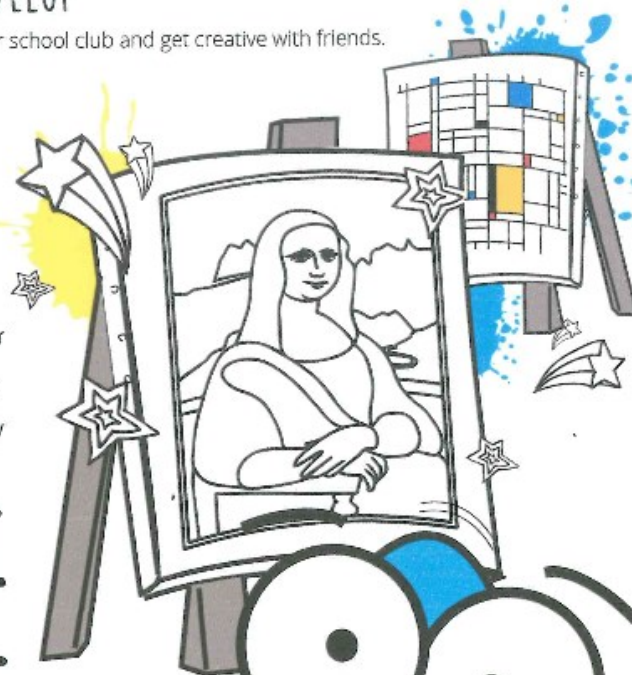
create club



EXPLORE, DISCOVER AND DEVELOP

Enjoy a fun, award winning, arts and crafts after school club and get creative with friends.

- ✦ Exploring the creative effect of Banksy...
 - ✦ Discover Paul Klee expressionism...
 - ✦ Mixed media creations inspired by Faith Ringgold...
 - ✦ and learning silhouettes styles by Kara Walker
- ...to name a few of the awesome art inspired Create Club fun activities your child will enjoy



A WESOME ARTISTS

Book by:
<https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/activities/create-club-5-11-years-tuesday1530-plympton-and-plymstock/2020-01-14>

As seen on:



All leaders are trained
DBS checked and First Aid trained.



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EVERYTHING MUST GO **SALE**

2ND HAND UNIFORM

20p

TOYS

£1.00

BOOKS

20p

NEW

WATER BOTTLES

£1.00



PLUS A CHANCE TO CLAIM

YOUR LOST PROPERTY!

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER, MAIN HALL, 3.15-4PM

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