



Dear Parents and Carers

Incredibly, we have arrived at the end of another half-term and, as you will appreciate it has been a busy few weeks. Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who have continued to work so hard, this is especially true for our Year 6 and Year 2 children who completed their SATs. On a personal note, I was genuinely impressed with the level of calmness, resilience and confidence the children projected during this period and I am in no doubt they have done their best. I would also like to thank all of the staff who supported the children during the SATs process; a great team effort.

SATs aside there has been a real buzz throughout the school over the past few weeks with lots of children discussing how many Dojo points they had received and the reasons for their points. Remember, Dojos can be received for children demonstrating Visible Learning Behaviours as well as following the new school rules. We were very much hoping to finalise which Houses the children are in, however, the scale of the job and shortness of the term have meant that we will now do this on the first day back. I'm sure you'll understand that as we aim to ensure equality in the Houses combined with ensuring siblings remain in the same House it is a big job and we want to get it right!

I am pleased to let you know that Accelerated Reader (our new library system) is going from strength to strength. More quizzes are being undertaken by more children than ever before and it is a joy to watch the children go to the library independently to choose a new book, especially if they have done well in their quiz. Our next development with Accelerated Reader is to ensure all of the books in KS1 are scanned and put on the system and we aim to achieve this by the end of the summer term. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for support from families by donating books that we can add to the system. All we ask is that the books are in good condition and that they are on the AR system. To do this, type the name of the book into this website <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx> and it will say if there is a quiz attached to that book. All donated books can be dropped off at the school office. We need lots! Thank you.

I would also like to thank you for your patience as the fence slowly starts to enclose the school. Speaking to the fence team we believe that phase 1 should be completed in around 4 weeks. Phase 2 will begin shortly afterwards where we will see the main playing field enclosed.

It is that time of year when we start to look ahead to the next academic year. I was hoping to be in a position to inform parents of which classes children will be in next year. Unfortunately, I am not in a position to do so but as soon as I can inform you I will – this is a priority for me. Part of planning for next year is also taking on-board the views of the children. Over this half term we have provided children with the opportunity to answer questions about the school. Answers were collated into different groups, Year 2, Year 3&4, Year 5&6. In total we had responses from 376 children. The results are on the school Facebook page. As you will see children generally have a positive view of the school but, as with any school, there are areas for us to reflect on and see how we can improve. I hope to run the same survey at another time to compare the results.

The final half term before we break up for the summer holiday is looking action packed including a visit to London, an outdoor activity week for the Year 6, the circus, a trip to Paignton zoo for Years 1 and 2 and the thing I'm most looking forward to is the performance of Grease by Year 6.

In the meantime, have a restful break and we look forward to welcoming you all back after half term and as always, please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions.

Best wishes.

*James Gentile*  
Headteacher

# Year Group News

## Foundation Stage

After half term we are hoping that there will be some exciting news and our chicks will hatch. They have been kept warm in an incubator and we can't wait to meet them. In phonics we will continue using our sound knowledge to word build and write simple sentences. Our number task will be to create simple subtraction calculations using chicks and eggs. Outside the children will be hunting for mini-beasts and drawing what they find whilst in the shared area the children will be creating their own fluffy chicks and thinking of chick words to describe what they can see. Have a fantastic week and fingers crossed it will be lovely weather for getting out and about. Make sure that you read regularly and it would be lovely to see what you are up to on Tapestry. Don't forget to have a go at the colouring competition from the PTA to win two tickets to the Happy Circus!



## Year 1

After the half term break, the children in Year 1 will begin their new topic – Amazing Africa! The children will find Africa on the map of the world, brain storm what they already know and what they would want to find out about this country. We will then focus on the African country of Kenya and make comparisons with the UK. We will continue to make a big push in phonics and revise all the sounds. A phonic revision booklet is coming home with your child today, so please make sure that you spend time over the week's holiday completing it – every little helps! In maths, the children will be counting forwards and backwards within 100.

## Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we will be beginning our exciting topic about Africa! We will be studying African animals and writing fact files about them. We will be continuing to apply our understanding to reasoning problems in maths. In art, we are going to explore the use of colour, line and shape when creating African sunset pictures. We wish all our fabulous children a restful and fun-filled holiday and are so proud of how each and every one of them focused and showed their talents in their special booklets this month - well done all!

## Year 3

After the term break, the children will be continuing their learning about time and duration. They will be completing a 'Big Write' in Literacy. In Science they will be finding out all about magnets. Finally, our new topic will be Ancient Greece and the year group are looking forward to experiencing a day of learning about the Greek Olympics and Greek food (date to be confirmed).

Next week's virtue is.....

**Assertiveness:** disposed to or characterised by bold or confident statements and behaviour

## Year 4

After half term, we will be looking at time, converting analogue to digital and investigating years, months, weeks and days. To prepare for this, over the break please check that your child is able to read the time accurately on a digital and analogue clock. In literacy we will be reading two texts based on London and an information text about our capital city. In science, we will be looking at solids, liquids and gases and our geography topic will explore changes in London over the past 100 years. Your child will also bring home their London landmark model homework project this week.

## Year 5

Next term, we will be focusing much of our work on our history topic: World War Two. In Literacy, we will begin by reading Michael Morpugo's Friend or Foe, discovering what life would have been like for a wartime evacuee, and predicting events throughout the story. In Maths, we will be testing the accuracy of the children's ability to measure and draw straight lines and angles. We will continue to focus on angles through the week but this time with an emphasis on calculating (and not measuring with protractors) the sizes of angles on a line and around a point. Sharp pencils and quick brains required!

## Year 6

This week, we have been carrying out our own 'Goosewell Has Talent' auditions and searching for the next stars of the show. We have roles for everyone including singing, dancing, technical support and prop design. We have announced the main roles, so the children have the opportunity to digest the script over Half Term. **A reminder that swimming starts after half term on Monday 3rd June. Please ensure that your child has handed in their permission slip and comes to school on the first day back with kit, towel, hat and goggles! We leave just after 9am.**

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## Attendance Update

I am delighted to report that 1/2K, 4M and 5L have achieved the best attendance in their key stage for week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> May and INH, 3T and 6R for the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The attendance orangutan has enjoyed celebrating their great attendance in class.

| Week Beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 |       | Week Beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 |       |
|---|-------|--|-------|
| 1/2K                                    | 100%  | 1NH                                      | 99.7% |
| 4M                                      | 99.1% | 3T                                       | 97.1% |
| 5L                                      | 99.2% | 6R                                       | 98.8% |

## Golden Book for week ending Friday 17th May 2019

**FHB Connor** for great work in phonics and trying really hard to write the sentence 'I can see a pig'.

**FWH Nathaniel** for working hard in all of his learning and consistently making good choices.

**1B Adalena** for working hard with her sharing into equal groups in maths.

**1NH Max** for always rising to the challenge in all his learning.

**1/2K Holly** for great perseverance in all her learning.

**2BH James** for a fantastic attitude towards all of his learning and really impressing his teachers.

**2KW Olivia R** for amazing effort in all her SATs.

### Politeness Award

**FWH Olivia L** for lovely manners during our fruit circle.



## 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](#)

Have a look at what [On Course South West](#) has to offer to improve your IT skills or why not try a language course for your holiday?



Thank you to all the families who joined us for the start of 'Walk To School Week' supported by Radio Plymouth and GA Solicitors, who have donated 20 high-vis vests for our school events. Find out more about the benefits of walking to school by following the campaign by @livingstreets via Twitter or Facebook.

### TEA DANCE WITH A TWIST!

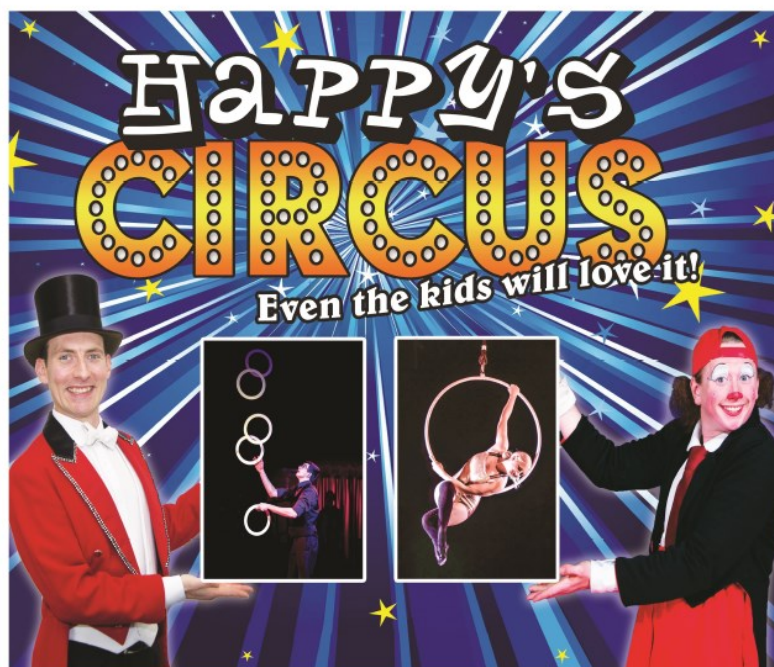
"The people of Plymouth have danced during the darkest days of war. They will dance here again in peace on a Hoe which overlooks a city which has been planned for them; for a wider, freer, healthier and more prosperous life." Waldorf Astor.

**Come to The Hoe on 26th May from 1-4pm! Bring your flask and picnic and dance again in peace time.**

Everyone welcome, tickets by donation here - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/lady-astor-statue-100-campaign>

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**A fun packed comedy show for all the family  
supported by amazing International Circus Artists**  
[www.happyscircus.co.uk](http://www.happyscircus.co.uk)

## Goosewell Academy

Happy's Circus and Inflatables - Friday 7th June 2019, 4-8pm

**Last remaining tickets available every morning  
9am School Reception  
£8.00 each or 4 for £30**



Goosewell PTA

### SILENT AUCTION

Goosewell PTA has been donated a wonderful prize from  
Fort Stamford Health and Fitness.

It is a Summer Sizzler membership for one adult worth £65,  
to be used between 7/6/19 and 31/8/19.

We will be holding a silent auction for this fabulous prize.

#### The rules

If you wish to bid on this prize:

- ✦ please put the amount you wish to bid along with your contact details in a sealed envelope with Fort Stamford silent auction clearly marked on the front
- ✦ hand in to reception at school
- ✦ all bids **must** be received by Thursday 6th June 2019, by end of school day. No bids will be accepted after this
- ✦ all envelopes will be opened Friday 7th June 2019
- ✦ highest bidder will win and will be contacted that day
- ✦ PTA decision is final.

Good luck!!

This is in addition to the usual raffle which will be held on the day of the circus.



## Goosewell Academy Lego Competition

Dear Parent/Carers,

This year we will be holding a Lego competition, with the final taking place at the Circus and Big 'n' Bouncy event on Friday 7th June 2019.

If your child would like to take part, please build an imaginative model at home and bring into school on Monday 3rd June 2019. Please only bring models in on this day.

The model needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. On Monday 3rd June, please bring your model with your child to the drama hall. We will open the external doors so the models can be dropped off from 8.30am.

During the day, children will have the chance to view everyone's models and then a winner from each class will be chosen to receive a certificate. An overall winner from each year group will then be chosen. The overall winners will have their model showcased at the Circus and Big 'n' Bouncy.

Have fun being master builders! We can't wait to see what your imaginations build.

Many Thanks  
Goosewell PTA and Staff


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*The Gosling Trust Summer Holiday Club  
at Goosewell Academy*

*Session dates:*

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July*

*w/c 29<sup>th</sup> July*

*w/c 5<sup>th</sup> August*

*w/c 12<sup>th</sup> August*

*w/c 19<sup>th</sup> August*

*Full Day 7.45 - 6.00 p.m. £23.00 1<sup>st</sup> Child, £21.00 siblings*

*or Half Day 7.45 - 1.00 p.m. and 1.00 - 6.00 £12.00 first child £11.00 siblings*

*For bookings, prices and further details please email*

*[thegoslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:thegoslingtrust@goosewell.plymouth.sch.uk) Or telephone: 01752 482960*

*All bookings to be made in advance. Childcare Voucher and Tax Free Childcare payments accepted.*



## Dates for your diaries

### JUNE

#### Monday 3rd

First day of Term 6

Year 6 swimming week 1/2

Year 4 London Residential Final pre-visit meeting at 5.00pm in the Main Hall

#### Tuesday 4th

Year 6 swimming week 1/2

#### Wednesday 5th

Year 6 swimming week 1/2

#### Thursday 6th

Year 6 swimming week 1/2

#### Friday 7th/Saturday 8th

Junior Ten Tors event

#### Friday 7th

Year 6 swimming week 1/2

PTA Mufti Day - wear mufti in return for tombola donations, more details to follow

Happy's Circus 4-8pm

#### Tuesday 11th

PSSP Primary Athletics competition at Brickfields.

#### Thursday 13th/Friday 14th

Year 4 London Residential

#### Friday 14th

1/2K Family Assembly at 2.30pm in the Main Hall

#### Wednesday 19th

Key Stage 1 Paignton Zoo trip

Foundation Stage and Year 6 class photos

#### Friday 20th

3T Family Assembly at 2.30pm in the Main Hall.

### Future dates:

#### Monday 3rd June

First day of Term 6

#### Wednesday 24th July

Last Day of Term 6 for children

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