



Dear Parents & Guardians

I am writing to you today to inform you of some upcoming staff changes from September. After 27 years of dedicated service at Goosewell Academy, Mrs Soper has made the decision to step down from her role as Deputy Headteacher to focus on her passions, music, mentoring and farming. Mrs Soper, as you are probably aware, has gone above and beyond to support the children and local community over the years. I am in no doubt Mrs Soper will be missed by staff and children alike. On a personal note, Mrs Soper has been hugely supportive to me in my new role as Headteacher and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her; I wish her all the very best on her new path.

Also, after 21 years of service to Goosewell we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs King who has achieved a promotion and will be moving to Oreston Primary School as part of the Senior Leadership Team. Again, Mrs King has been a committed member of staff and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the exceptional work she has done with her class and especially with the Y2 team since January. We wish Mrs King all the very best in your new role

Finally, we will also be saying thank you and goodbye to Mr Griggs. Mr Griggs joined Goosewell as an NQT and has had a brilliant year. Mr Griggs has now secured a permanent position at Manadon Vale Primary School and I am in no doubt he will go on to do great things as his career develops.

These positions are now advertised and as soon as they are filled I will be letting you know.

With very best wishes

James Gentile
Headteacher

Year Group News

Foundation Stage

Doesn't time fly? Our little chicks have flown the nest and been taken to the farm to grow into chickens. Talking of growing, our other little chicks, the boys and girls in FHB and FWH are also growing and impressing us as all of the time with their progress in terms of confidence and ability. Over the next couple of weeks we will be looking at growth, change and moving on. We will be reflecting on how we have changed this year, considering what we might like to tell a new teacher in Year 1 about ourselves and, on a more scientific level, we will be looking at changes over time and life cycles. If you are wiping away a little tear as you remember our chicks, don't worry...some more little visitors are on their way. Watch this space.

Year 1

Next week's learning for Year 1 will include asking questions and finding out facts about African elephants as an introduction to our next class text, Elmer. With the Phonics Screen Check over, Year 1 children will be concentrating on improving their comprehension skills through whole class shared texts. In maths, the children will be comparing and ordering numbers and finding the most and least of a set amount. The children will be discussing what makes them unique during a PHSE session and singing an Elmer inspired song and completing Elmer art.

Year 2

Next week in Year 2 we will be continuing our African topic learning. We will be creating our African animal fact file posters. Our maths learning will be all about direction and shape patterns. Music and dance this week will be based on the rhythms and dances of Africa. We will be finishing our landscape art work adding our silhouettes. We will be consulting with the children to plan our Year 2 fun afternoon, details to follow.

Year 3

Year 3 have another busy week ahead of them. In Maths they will be investigating the properties of shape. They will be reading several Greek myths and will follow this up by writing their own. In Computing they will begin to create a Power Point presentation about our Science topic of 'Light'. Finally they will be locating modern Greece using an atlas and Google Earth. They will then label a map of the Ancient Greek Empire.

Year 4

Next week, Year 4 will begin looking at journalistic writing in English. We will be using the book 'The London Eye Mystery' as a stimulus for this unit of work. The children will develop their understanding of the features of journalistic writing building up to creating their own newspaper article. In Maths, we will complete our learning about time by converting between the 12 and 24 hour clock. We will also begin to look at statistics. In Science, the children will develop their understanding of gases and consolidate their knowledge of the structure of the three states of matter.

Year 5

Next week in Year 5, the children will continue to read Friend or Foe, and reflect on the lives of children who were evacuated, with a view to writing their own guides to evacuation in leaflet form. In Maths, children will identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation of a shape using the appropriate language and know that the shape hasn't changed.

Year 6

Next week, we will be practising very hard for our end of year production and continuing to study The Stone Age. We will be focusing on the types of homes prehistoric man lived in and their diet. For homework, we will be sending home suggestions for costumes and a copy of the song lyrics. We would like to remove scripts soon and therefore those children who have lines need to be learning them! We will also be sending home a Record of Achievement form for those children attending Plymstock. These forms must be completed carefully and taken with their 'best piece of work' on transition day.

Next week's virtue is.....

Enthusiasm

Strong excitement about something, a strong feeling of active interest in something that you like or enjoy.

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YEAR 6 HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

Calling all Year 5 pupils interested in becoming House Captains next academic year. You will need your speech prepared for our elections next week: **FRIDAY 21st JUNE 2019.**

And a reminder to all prospective Head Boys and Girls in Year 5. Mr Gentile is ready and waiting for your letters of application. Your letters outlining the personal qualities you have to offer should reach the Headteacher by no later than **FRIDAY 28th June 2019.** Good luck...

Clubs

The last week for clubs will be week commencing 24th June 2019. All clubs will have finished by Friday 28th June.

Class Photos for Foundation Stage and Year 6

Perfect Pictures will be here to take class photos of our Foundation Stage and Year 6 children next Wednesday 19th June. Remember to brush hair and bring big smiles!



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. Click [here](#) for further details of events at the Routeways Devonport Park Activity Centre and the Beckly Centre in June and July. For further details of more activities and support for families, please click here [PSA](#)



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