

# Goodrich Church of England Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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12th Edition – 11<sup>th</sup> December  
2015

Dear Parents and Friends,

This will be the last newsletter of this term.

I have to start with sad news about a lady who has volunteered in the school for many years. Nicky Gort helped the Juniors, always with a big smile and ready to give a hand with anything. Sadly she recently became very ill and passed away. We are so grateful for the time she gave our children and the support she selflessly gave the staff and the school. Mrs Gort will be missed and we send our sincere condolences to her husband Ken and their loved ones.

Well done to all of the Infants for a fabulous performance of Ralph the Reindeer. It was lovely to see so many of them enjoying performing with such confidence. My thanks go to all the staff for making it happen!

Next week we say our fond farewells to Miss Rice and Mr Edwards. Thank you so much for your commitment to Goodrich children over the years. So many have benefitted from the care and knowledge you consistently demonstrated. You will be greatly missed.

The Carol Service, next Wednesday morning will be at the church. We would be grateful if anyone could offer to accompany classes as you walk up to the church. Please let a teacher know if you can offer help. Marshalls are useful too, who remain at key points along our route, until all children have passed.

Please read to the end of this newsletter as there is also a letter from the PTFA with information about party day.

Congratulations Blue house, Housepoints champions of the term. Your reward mufti day will be on Friday 8th January.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all you do to support us through the year. I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful family Christmas and a great start to the new year! We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Merry Christmas

*Miles*

Karen Miles  
Head teacher

|                     |   | Attendance        | This Week    |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Wrens</b>        | The Wrens and Robins had a fantastic time at Clearwell Caves. The children were all very excited to see Santa and choose a special gift. It was a real pleasure to take them out as they all behaved exceptionally well!  | <b>Reception</b>  | <b>95.8%</b> |
| <b>Robins</b>       |   | <b>Year One</b>   | <b>92.6%</b> |
| <b>Wood-peckers</b> | This week we have reinforced our understanding of symmetry with a Christmas twist. The children have finished their periscopes whilst beginning to prepare something special for Christmas too!<br>In Forest School, the children had a go at constructing emergency stretchers. Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Lafford were very impressed with their work.   | <b>Year Two</b>   | <b>96.9%</b> |
| <b>Owls</b>         |   | <b>Year Three</b> | <b>97.8%</b> |
| <b>Peregrines</b>   | This week we have been learning about how coded messages were used in World War 2 and how instrumental the code breakers were in saving lives and bringing an end to the war. We attempted to decipher codes and create our own written codes. In science, we make electrical circuits and used them to develop our own visual codes to send messages to each other. This afternoon we had a lively debate with Woodpeckers and Peregrines to discuss 'What is the point of war?' | <b>Year Four</b>  | <b>97.4%</b> |
|                     |   | <b>Year Five</b>  | <b>99.5%</b> |
|                     |   | <b>Year Six</b>   | <b>91.0%</b> |
|                     |   | <b>Total</b>      | <b>95.9%</b> |

## Class Superstars

|                             |                            |                                  |                |                        |  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--|
| Wrens                       |                            | Robins                           |                | Woodpeckers            |  |
| All of The Wrens            |                            | Alan<br>Erin<br>Jacob<br>Vaughan |                | Ted<br>Pippa<br>Hannah |  |
| Owls                        |                            | Peregrines                       |                |                        |  |
| Skye<br>Connor<br>Annabelle | Caleb<br>Charlotte<br>Jack | Seb<br>Annabel<br>Abbie          | Iwan<br>Olivia |                        |  |

### Notices

[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) is a great way to raise money for charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra.

Have a look at the link  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/goodrichptfa/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/goodrichptfa/)  
 Why not give it a try when you are purchasing online for Christmas.

*Please return all forms to school by the deadline specified.*

### Prayer

#### Christmas Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gifts to us and to people everywhere this Christmas time. And may the blessing of the Christ-child be upon us always.

Amen



### Housepoints



### Individual Liberty

#### Diary Dates

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|--|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | <b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (Except SMILES which runs every term day)</b> |  | Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | <b>Party Day- Non-School Uniform</b><br>Please read below<br>Autumn Term Ends |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec                            | 13:30   | Choir to sing at the Village Hall        | Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan                             | Spring Term Begins  |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec                             | 09:30   | Carol Service                            | <b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> | <b>NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (Except SMILES which runs every term day)</b>           |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                           | TBC   | Pantomime Company "Beauty and the Beast" | Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan                              | BLUE HOUSE MUFTI DAY  |



## Christmas Party Day!

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

The last day of term is the Children's Christmas Party! Traditionally the kitchen staff have the day off from cooking (they deep clean the kitchen instead!) and we all bring in the food for a picnic feast.

It has worked well in the past having a structure to what each class brings in to school and it minimises the waste. Therefore we would be most grateful if you follow this plan:

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| <b>Wrens – Fruit and vegetables</b>                      | <b>Robins – Small cakes</b>                        | <b>Woodpeckers – Savouries</b>                               |
| Strawberries, grapes, carrot sticks, cucumber sticks etc | Homemade fairy cakes, mini rolls, mini muffins etc | Mini sausages, sausage rolls, cheese straws, breadsticks etc |
| <b>Owls – Biscuits</b>                                   | <b>Peregrines – Crisps</b>                         | The PTFA will provide sandwiches and drinks.                 |
| Party rings, chocolate fingers, jammy dodgers etc.       | Individual packets of crisps                       |  |

Please ensure any containers are clearly named for easy retrieval.

Pupils may come into school in non-uniform for the party day.