

Goodrich Church of England Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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12th Edition - December

Dear Parents and Friends,

This will be the last Newsletter of the year and it comes with sincere thanks for your support during my first term at Goodrich. As I reflect on my first fourteen school weeks working with you all, I look forward to many more. The school is packed with children, staff, parents and governors who are committed to the future of Goodrich Church of England Primary School and are prepared to give their time and energy in order to bring plans to fruition.

This week we have been very encouraged to compare our schools KS2 results with others on the Performance Tables which were released this week. <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/> Whilst we know that we are in the business of developing young people with a love for learning and life as a whole. We are enthusiastic to see that our philosophy also provides results that put them on an equal footing or better with their peers. Great motivation as we continue to develop areas of the curriculum and provision as a whole.

Class Four have been working hard on a behaviour system with a clear hierarchy of consequence. In the new year they will be consulting with Classes 1, 2 & 3 and then presenting it to parents. We hope that it will make systems for dealing with negative behaviour transparent for all. Every class shares house points as a main reward system but we value the unique aspect of different systems in different classes. We believe that it then ensures that children remain motivated and that the system suits the dynamic of the particular group of children.

A huge well done to our Class 1 & 2 actors. My thanks go to the brilliant performers, costume providers and 'production team' that worked so hard. Beautiful singing, fluent narration and a seamless performance. Magnifico! Please can I remind everyone that took photos/video images, that they are for personal use only and not for uploading to social networking sites.

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful Christmas time filled with laughter and precious time with loved ones. I look forward to seeing you back refreshed on the 7th January. Merry Christmas.

Best Wishes

Karen Miles
Head teacher



News from the classes		Attendance	This Week
Class One	Have had a very busy week performing "A Little Bird Told Me" –they were GREAT!	Reception	93.9%
Class Two	Have also had a very busy week performing "A Little Bird Told Me" –they were GREAT!	Year One	95.6%
Class Three	Some of us have been practising being ace reporters, wandering through the school, looking for a Christmas scoop.	Year Two	97.4%
Class Four	Have been busy choosing a real Christmas tree for the hall. Christmas is coming! Santa is nearly on his way!	Year Three	96.3%
		Year Four	99%
		Year Five	96.8%
		Year Six	95.6%
		Total	96.4%

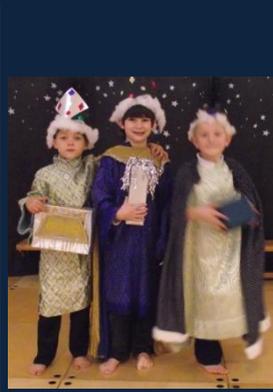
Notices

Wednesday 18th December – Carol service at St Giles' at 9:30am

Party Day- It is traditional at Goodrich School for children to give a toy to our special visitor on Christmas Party Day. I think that this is a powerful way to reinforce that it is better to give than to receive. It can be a toy from home that is in nearly new condition or a small new gift. The PTFA will pass all gifts on to a worthwhile cause.

No Celebration Assembly on Friday 20th (Party Day)

Club letter for next half term should be with you now.



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

Citizen of the Week

Laura Snell for being caring and full of great ideas



Class One

Jordan George Dyllan Prew
Ailsa Whitehead

Class Three

Rory Gunter Joseph Urding
Emma Chinn Sophie Davies
Joe Fraser Rees Matthews
Charlie Pope

Class Two

Maisy Davies Sam Carver
George Fraczak-Kay
Calvert Rees

Class Four

Tom Fraczak-Kay Laura Snell
Oliver Cronshaw Joe Miles
Callum Strout

Cloakroom of the week

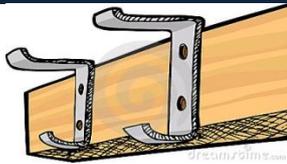


The Giving Cup

Housepoints

Green House Non-School Uniform Day Award= Friday 10th January

Junior Boys

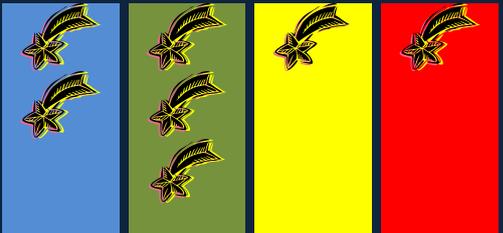


Evie Jarvis

School Council Award



Mrs Hughes



Diary Dates

Advent & Christmas Humility- Jesus, God's gift to humanity

Weds 18th December

9:30

Carol Service

Fri 20th December

All day

Party Day



A message from West Mercia Police

There is a 'safe festival' personal safety campaign being carried out by West Mercia Police and partners in Herefordshire from the 16th to the 27th of Dec (Excluding Christmas day and Boxing day). Each day has a particular focus and we will be using local newspapers, radio and social media to promulgate the daily key message.

We are particularly keen to bring to your attention one key message which we are using in a competition aimed at primary school children. We will have 5 POLICE BEARS in 5 shop windows in Hereford City Centre, all of which will have part of an internet safety message. The 5 stores are WILKINSON's, The ENTERTAINER, Hunky Dorey -Church street, Marks and Spencer's and Phillip Morris & Co, entry forms in the stores. The children or parent/guardians are to fill in the whole message and hand the entry form in to a Police Stall in the Butter market, this will then be entered into a prize draw to win a police bear as below.

We hope to raise awareness of internet safety and create an opportunity to meet with uniformed officers to improve community contact and trust. If we are able to protect ONE child by using this competition we will be 100% successful.

In addition any adult who receives safety advice from the Stall at the butter market will be entered into a prize draw for a KINDLE FIRE tablet; kindly donated by TESCO BELMONT. All prizes will be presented on Christmas Eve.

Finally, there is a Fun cake decorating competition at the police stall on Saturday the 21st, £10 Wilkinson Vouchers for 5 lucky decorators.



Hope you can support this

Festive Greetings