



Goodnestone Church of England Primary School
An Inclusive Learning Community, rooted in God.
From the Head's Desk ~ Autumn Term Week 1

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

What a wonderful first week back we have had! I do hope that your children have enjoyed their return to school – they have certainly looked settled and happy as I have been visiting classes and talking to them. I am particularly impressed with how well our new EYFS children have settled into school; it has been lovely to spend time with them as they explore their new classroom.

We are revising the way that we send our newsletters out to you. Each week, we will send a summary newsletter with a celebration of the week and a look to the week ahead. We will then send a more detailed letter via sway at the end of each term with a more detailed look back on the term.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy this mini-heatwave we are currently experiencing. I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Vicky Solly,
Executive Headteacher

Celebrations

A big well done to all of the children who have received certificates this week. Parents are welcome to join us at our weekly celebration worship which takes place in the church every Friday at 2:45pm.

Achievement Awards

Rabbit Class

Kieron

Lily

Sienna D

Emilio

Greatest Showman

Isabelle

Sports Star

Oscar

Polite reminders

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that the children arrive at school in their uniform. A polite reminder that children

Attendance

Children can be dropped off from 08:45 in the morning and should be in school by 09:00. Members of staff are

should come to school in full school uniform. For boys, this consists of black school shoes, grey trousers or shorts, white polo shirt and purple jumper. For girls, this consists of black school shoes, grey skirt or pinafore, white polo shirt and purple jumper or cardigan. Summer dresses can also be worn. Long hair should be tied back. Earrings should be studs and must be removed for PE.

PE kits must be brought into school in a gym bag and consist of black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt in their house colour and black tracksuit top. (we will be reminding everyone of their houses next week).

Should any families be experiencing difficulties in obtaining uniform, please speak to the school office as we do carry spares and second-hand uniform.

on the playground to welcome children into school. Registration closes at 09:10. Any arrival after 09:10 is considered late. The end of the school day is 3:15pm and classes are brought out onto the playground for parents to collect them.

Holidays taken during term time are unauthorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances. At the Headteachers discretion, fines may be issued for holidays.

It is imperative that children are in school during statutory testing periods – the dates for these are contained within the attached diary dates.

As you are all aware, the Government are continuing to ensure that schools address poor attendance. It is imperative that children attend school every day and on time. Our attendance is reviewed on a termly basis by the local authority and any attendance below 90% is closely monitored, with actions taken in accordance with our Attendance Policy. This may include letters home, fines or referrals into the local authority.

Clubs

Clubs will be beginning on Monday. Please ensure that you have signed up via the school office. Numbers for club will be capped at 15 per club and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Parents will be notified of club allocation via email. Any club may be subject to change depending on the weather.

Monday – Archery

Tuesday – Hockey

Wednesday – Dodgeball

Thursday – Basketball

Friday – Running/Athletics



PARENT SURVEY

We are currently seeking the views of parents to better understand the needs of our school community in terms of before and after school provision. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire available at the following link (or by scanning the QR code).

<https://forms.office.com/e/jQbVckPPxL>

Breakfast club will continue to operate from the village hall.

School Dinners

Please ensure that you have read the communication sent from the office regarding the new school meal ordering system. This has been sent out again today. It is imperative that any child having a school meal (even those who qualify for free school meals or are in years R – 2 and have Universal Infant Free School Meals) is registered on the new system being used by CH&Co and that meals are booked via this method. Any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Accelerated Reader

Children have now completed their star reading assessments and books have been allocated. Please encourage your child to read at home with you as often as possible as there are class targets and every word counts! Please look out for information about a parent reading workshop in the coming weeks.



Goodnestone CE Primary School

Key Dates 2023 – 2024



September 2023		
	Friday 1 st	INSET – School Closed to children Applications open for Secondary Transfer – further information will be sent to parents of Year 6 children
Autumn Term 1 Week 1	Monday 4 th Thursday 7 th	Autumn Term 1 Begins – Children return to school Kent Test – Year 6 children who have registered
Autumn Term 1 Week 2	TBC	Meet the Teacher Sessions/Parent Workshop – Phonics/Reading
Autumn Term 1 Week 3	TBC	Meet the Teacher Sessions/Parent Workshop – Phonics/Reading
Autumn Term 1 Week 4	Tuesday 26 th Friday 29 th	Individual Photos Harvest Festival, 2:45pm at the Church – all welcome

October 2023		
Autumn Term 1 Week 5		
Autumn Term 1 Week 6		
Autumn Term 1 Week 7	Monday 16 th Tuesday 17 th Wednesday 18 th Thursday 19 th Friday 20 th	Federation Sports Event – details to be confirmed INSET – School Closed to children INSET – School Closed to children Kent Test Assessment Decision sent to parents – Year 6 children who took the Kent Test INSET – School Closed to children INSET – School Closed to children
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 22 nd – Friday 27 th	
Autumn Term 2 Week 1	Monday 30 th Tuesday 31 st	Autumn Term 2 Begins – Children return to school National Closing Date for Applications for Secondary Transfer – Year 6

November 2023		
Autumn Term 2 Week 2	Wednesday 8 th Friday 10 th	Parents Evening, 1:30pm – 6:00pm Remembrance Service, 9:15am at the church – all welcome
Autumn Term 2 Week 3	Monday 13 th Friday 17 th TBC	Anti-Bullying Week – further details to follow Children in Need – further details to follow Parent Workshop - Mathematics
Autumn Term 2 Week 4	Wednesday 22 nd	Parents Evening (SEND), 1:30pm – 6:00pm
Autumn Term 2 Week 5		

December 2023		
Autumn Term 2 Week 6	Thursday 7 th Friday 8 th	Christmas Jumper Day Nativity, 2pm – venue to be confirmed Christmas Fair, 2pm – further details to follow
Autumn Term 2 Week 7	Thursday 14 th Friday 15 th	Christingle Service, 2:45pm at the church – all welcome Children’s Christmas Party – further details to follow End of Autumn Term 2

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 18 th – Monday 1 st January 2024 (Inclusive)
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January 2024		
Spring Term 1 Week 1	Tuesday 2 nd	Spring Term 1 Begins – Children return to school
Spring Term 1 Week 2		
Spring Term 1 Week 3	TBC	Parent Workshop (focus tbc)
Spring Term 1 Week 4		
Spring Term 1 Week 5		

February 2024		
Spring Term 1 Week 6	Tuesday 6 th Friday 9 th	Safer Internet Day – further details to follow End of Spring Term 1
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	
Spring Term 2 Week 1	Monday 19 th	Spring Term 2 Begins – Children return to school
Spring Term 2 Week 2	Wednesday 28 th Friday 1 st March	Parents Evening, 1:30pm – 6:00pm National Offer Day for Year 6 – Secondary transition

March 2024		
Spring Term 2 Week 3	TBC Friday 7 th	Parent Workshop (focus tbc) World Book Day – further details to follow
Spring Term 2 Week 4	Wednesday 13 th	Parents Evening (SEND), 1:30pm – 6:00pm
Spring Term 2 Week 5		
Spring Term 2 Week 6	Thursday 28 th	Easter Service, 9:15am at the Church – all welcome End of Spring Term 2
EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April 2024	

April 2024		
EASTER HOLIDAY	Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April 2024	
Summer Term 1 Week 1	Monday 15 th	Summer Term 1 Begins – Children return to school
Summer Term 1 Week 2		
Summer Term 1 Week 3	TBC	Parent Workshop (focus tbc)

May 2024		
Summer Term 1 Week 4	Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday
Summer Term 1 Week 5	Monday 13 th Tuesday 14 th Wednesday 15 th Thursday 16 th	KS2 SATS, EGPS – all year 6 children KS2 SATS, Reading – all year 6 children KS2 SATS, Maths Papers 1 & 2 – all year 6 children KS2 SATS, Maths Paper 3 – all year 6 children <i>During SATS week – all children in year 6 are expected to be in school.</i>
Summer Term 1 Week 6	Friday 24 th	End of Summer Term 1
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st	

June 2024		
Summer Term 2 Week 1	Monday 3 rd	Summer Term 2 Begins – Children return to school Multiplication Check (Weeks 1 and 2), Year 4 – all year 4 children <i>During the Multiplication Check fortnight – all children in year 4 are expected to be in school.</i>
Summer Term 2 Week 2	Monday 10 th	Multiplication Check (Weeks 1 and 2), Year 4 – all year 4 children Phonics Screening Check Week, Year 1 and 2 – all year 1 and some year 2 children

		During the Multiplication Check fortnight and Phonics Screening Check Week – all children in years 1, 2 and 4 are expected to be in school.
Summer Term 2 Week 3	Wednesday 19 th Thursday 20 th TBC	Parents Evening (SEND), 1:30pm – 6:00pm Sports Day, 1:30pm- all welcome Parent Workshop – Supporting Transition
Summer Term 2 Week 4		

July 2024		
Summer Term 2 Week 5		
Summer Term 2 Week 6		
Summer Term 2 Week 7	Wednesday 17 th Friday 19 th	Summer Production, 2pm – further details to follow School Reports sent to parents
Summer Term 2 Week 8	Tuesday 23 rd	Leavers Service, 2pm at the church – all welcome
SUMMER HOLIDAY	Wednesday 24 th July – 30 th August 2024	

The determined dates for the 2024/2025 academic year are below. We will advise you at the earliest possibility of the schools INSET days.

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Term 2	35 days	4/11/24 - 20/12/24
Term 3	30 days	06/01/25 - 14/02/25
Term 4	30 days	24/02/25 - 04/04/25
Term 5	23 days	22/04/25 - 23/05/25
Term 6	37 days	02/06/25 - 22/07/25

	School day
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