

Goodrich Community Primary School

Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to this week's newsletter.



The children have had a really exciting week with some good learning experiences. They have been working very hard on our broad and balanced curriculum developing key skills. But:-

Our BIG Focus – Spelling

This year at Goodrich, we are focusing on improving spelling skills.



Struggling to find a way to make learning those dreaded spellings fun? Some children find it difficult to remember their spelling words and, let's face it, learning lists of spellings may not always be the most enjoyable way to pass the time for you or them even if it is necessary. If you are looking for some fun spelling ideas, these games will help your child to learn those spelling words and enjoy it in the process.

Spelling bingo

The old ones are the best! Playing games that help them to recognise the spelling words on sight can really help. The more they see a word the more familiar it becomes and the more likely they are to remember it; if they can visualise it, they are more likely to spell it correctly.

Print and cut out the words your child has to learn. Draw out a bingo board and write some of the spellings in the boxes. This works best with more than one player, so see if you can rope in someone else to play. Every time your child 'gets' a spelling word, go through the spelling together and then cover it and ask them to spell it again.

Spelling pairs

This classic memory game is a great way to get them recognising and remembering words. Draw

or print a word grid and write each spelling word in a new box. You will need to write each word twice (each in a separate box). Cut them out, making sure you have two of each spelling word. Then turn them over and mix them up, ensuring they are organised randomly. Challenge your child to turn over two pieces of paper and then read each word. Are they a pair? If not, turn them back over and repeat this until they find matching pairs. Once they have found a pair, look at the spelling together and then ask your child to spell the word without looking.

Mnemonic – that's a memory device to you and me

There is a classic mnemonic to help children remember how to spell 'because': *big elephants can always understand small elephants*. Make up your own silly mnemonics together to help your child remember tricky words they struggle with.

Play it back

Record your child spelling out each word on your smartphone or tablet. When you practice them, ask your child to write down each spelling word and then play their own voice reading it back to them. It's amazing how much this amuses and motivates them.

Race against the clock

If your child is competitive, see if you can motivate them by introducing an element of challenge to the world of practising spellings. Using your stopwatch on your phone, time your child as you call out the spelling words and they write them. Make a note of their time and score and then on the following day, challenge them to smash their personal best.

Parents' Evening

Letters about our first Parent and Guardians' Evening went out this week so please remember

to book your slot. Humara (our specialist literacy tutor) will be available to see parent/guardians on the Monday evening from 4-7pm. Emma Corrigan (Speech & Language Therapist) will be available on the Monday from 4-6pm. Please make appointments via the office.
 Dates: Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th of Oct.
 Please be aware class 26 have different days.

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council



Student Council 2018 – '19

Year 6		
Class 17	Class 26	Class 27
Andreas Coultart Miliaore Baiden	Kawayne Martin Maia Simons-Wall	Henry Bissett Tia Ayoub-Richards
Year 5		
Class 16	Class 18	Class 19
Samuel Rahim Melina Gueraud	Junior Kaba Kayde Johnson	Ella Lloyd-Watts Tosin Ewuola
Year 4		
Class 13	Class 14	Class 15
Sophie George Elliot Howard	Eve Grayston Arthur Cornwell	Hanifah Obeng Maxim Alexandre
Year 3		
Class 6	Class 7	Class 9
Emilia Scott Arthur Waters	Agnes Chmielowska Adam Kirabira	Jake Rahim Dania Matari

Huge congratulations goes to our newly formed Student Council which includes representatives from each class from Year 3 and up, voted for by their classmates. Here at Goodrich, the student council has a very important role; they are the voice of all of the students in our care and ambassadors for our school. These ambassadors share with the teachers and leadership team the views and opinions of our students and discuss how we can make our school even better! Through this role, the children will have the opportunity to acquire the sort of communication, planning and organisational skills which will be of benefit to them in their future lives. It enables students to take responsibility for projects, and to demonstrate that they can manage and bring such projects to a successful conclusion. Our student council are young leaders in our school and as such are excellent role models for our school community. This week they all took part in the first council meeting of the Year, where the children were given the opportunity to discuss how we as a school can make morning and lunchtime breaks even better. The children

shared some excellent suggestions which will be discussed further and then presented to Mr Voller for further consideration.
 We wish the Student Council lots of luck in their new role.
 Ms Goguel & Ms Mincher.

Have a great weekend!

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Volunteer help

We're still looking for people to organise our Winter and Summer Fairs. This works really well with a group of people organising the events. We also need someone to help organise the Raffle for each fair. Please email friendsofgoodrich@gmail.com if you can help. Both fairs and raffles raise thousands of pounds for the school so they're hugely important events. Thanks

Macmillan coffee morning

Don't forget the next annual Macmillan coffee morning at school in the Lower Hall between **9 and 10am on Friday 28 September**. Any donations of homemade or shop-bought cakes are most welcome – please drop them off on the day. See you there.

FoG AGM

Do come to our AGM on **Tuesday 2 October in the Lower Hall from 7.30pm for an 8pm start**. Come along to meet us, have a drink and find out what FoG has been doing the last year and what is planned for next year.

Ride your bike for Goodrich

A group of Goodrich parents are planning a two-day bike ride in 2019 to help raise money for the school. To find out more email matthew.chiles@googlemail.com

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER Macmillan coffee morning, Lower Hall, 9am

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER FoG AGM, 7.30 for 8pm, Lower Hall, Goodrich