

Goodrich Community Primary School

Friday 21st December 2018

New Chair of Governors

After 17 years of involvement with the school Richard Cottrell, our Chair of Governors, has retired (his three boys have all left for secondary schools). He has been such a force for good in the school, and we had a brief goodbye with staff earlier this week. He has kindly agreed to stay on the Premises committee to help.

The new Chair of Governors is Mr Ryan Sales (father of Nancy in year 6 and Agnes who is now at secondary school).

Vanessa Mincher, Lead Learning Mentor.

Congratulations to Vanessa Mincher who has been appointed to the senior management team at St John's. Sadly, this means she will be leaving us. Vanessa has worked here for twenty years and her three boys came to the school. She has lead Sunshine corner, working with children and families to resolve problems and barriers to learning, and to create circles of friends for children. She will be missed but we wish her good luck in her new role.

Vanessa writes: To all parents, carers and children, I would like to wish you all a fond farewell as today is my last day at Goodrich.

Goodrich has been a significant part of my life for a very long time. My three sons all went here and then I joined in 2001, starting initially as a volunteer. Over the years I have seen many changes, but, the one constant factor has been the knowledge that it is all about the relationships we make and the impact we have on each other as human beings. It is the theme that runs through all the work we have done at 'Sunshine Corner' and is implicit in the ethos we have tried to promote, to place the highest importance on giving love and showing empathy. Thank you for all the kindness and support you have shown me. I wish you all happiness and success for the future.

Vanessa Mincher

Concerts

We would like to thank all of you for your help with the costumes and helping the children to learn their lines for their performances. We are sure that those of you who attended the Christmas performances will agree that the children were amazing and the singing was fabulous.

Before School clubs

Just a reminder that Mr Dennis will be running his sports clubs before school again next term.

Children will need to sign up to attend even if they were attending this term. Letters should have come home this week. If your child is interested in attending please return the form to the office in the first week of term. Clubs start in the second week.

Mr Paul Ward class 26

As you may know Ms Sutton is expecting a baby.

We have interviewed and appointed Mr Paul Ward to cover her maternity leave.

However, Ms Sutton has not been well, and we have therefore decided to bring forward Mr Ward's start date to January so he will take the class from after the Christmas holiday.

Ms Sutton will work with groups and one to one from class 26 so as to help raise standards and prepare the children for secondary school. She will also be continuing in her role as phase leader. All other arrangements will remain the same.

Arethusa

Some of our year 3 children will be going to Arethusa on January the 7th for a week of adventure and fun. They will be taking part in many activities such as archery, wall climbing, swimming and braving the high ropes. They will also enjoy an evening bonfire and lots of country walks. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

Watch out for more news in the future.

Arethusa children return a day early to leave for 8.30 on Monday 7th January.

Choir sing for veterans

The choir visited Millwall last week to entertain the veterans and Chelsea pensioners with Christmas Carols at their annual Christmas lunch. They performed superbly, spread much good cheer and had a tour of the Millwall facilities and heard a first hand account of the D- day landings from Fred, who served in the Parachute Regiment in WW2.





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In This Week's News - Week Ending Dec. 21st

Your last newsletter of the term!

And what a term it has been, a huge thank you to all the parents, carers, children, committee members and staff who volunteered, came, enjoyed, drank and danced at all of our events this term. It's been a BLAST!

And man have we all been busy! Check out just some of the events we've done this year...
Cake sale's, Children's Bingo, Christmas cards, Winter Fair, Halloween treasure hunt and Children's Disco.
And all the ongoing Easy fundraising, Payroll giving and Personal contributions.

With everyone's contributions we've made over £10,000. WOW. And over £7k of this was from the winter fair, that is some serious cash!

But what good is money if you don't spend it And so far we've spent some of ours on:
£1900 - repair & refurbishment of the astroturf
£260 - Xmas trees & decorations

Money has also been pledged for nursery to enhance their outside space and to create a mini garden area. The majority for the remaining money will be put toward the playground project (wooo-hoo!). More information on this project will be coming forward next term.

Tokens, got any? If you have any left over tokens from the winter fair, there's a box in the office to collect them, and we currently have approx 600 fewer than we had before the Winter Fair, yikes! That's cold, hard cash out of our pocket so please so return any you find banging about.

End of term bonanza! What better way to roll into the holidays than with a brass band, choir, mulled wine, hot choc, mince pies, fruit and a second hand book & uniform sale, all happening afterschool on Friday Dec. 21st. Plus get your Burns ticket here too. And don't forget school is ending at 2:30pm on the 21st giving you plenty of time to guzzle down some mulled wine

before you head home. If you have any spare mince pies banging around or any cakes we are taking donations! Please bring any of these to the office or on the day. What would a school event be without us asking for cakes!

And if you're looking for something to keep the little ones busy over the holidays look no further than the **Winter Treasure Hunt**. It'll keep bored hands and minds busy for hours. So have a hunt, bring it back after break and possibly win a prize. The treasure hunt came home in your children's book bags this week.

Well that's all from us this week, have a WONDERFUL break and see everyone back re-energized and relaxed (as if!) in 2019!

Dates for the diary

Friday Dec 21st – afterschool end of term festivities

Wednesday Jan. 16th – FoG meeting at the Herne Tavern 8pm, all are welcome

Friday Jan. 18th - Bags 2 School

Friday 25th January 8pm – Come along to our first Burns night - a traditional Celtic evening - eat, drink, laugh & dance with our brilliant live band booked for the event. And then take a breather with a well-earned wee dram or drink. Don't miss this hilarious evening at Goodrich's ceilidh!

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School returns on Tuesday 8th January 2019. Start time is 8.55 as usual (Monday is an Inset day). We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all of your support this year. Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and have fun. We wish you all a prosperous and Happy 2019 and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.