

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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

We've had a really exciting week ensuring all our children have exciting learning experiences. We are working very hard on our broad and balanced curriculum ensuring our children develop key skills.

We continue to have lots of visitors to our school, exploring what we offer at Goodrich; our teaching strategies and how we develop our amazing staff team.

Our visit before the Easter holidays from a range of specialists was hugely successful. The team stated that the children are getting a great experience and learning lots at Goodrich. We are certainly very proud of all our staff and children.

## **Spelling and Reading**

Just 10 minutes of reading or spelling with your child each night before bed can improve their attainment in these important areas of learning. Please take time with your child to do this as often as possible. If you would like support with strategies, please contact your class teacher.

## **Reading**



At Goodrich children are expected either to read at home every day or complete a reading activity, preferably with an adult who they can discuss their learning with.

### **Guide to Home Reading Support**

The following ideas may help you to enjoy reading activities at home with your child and may help your child to make progress in this skill.

- Find a set time for quiet reading together. Read to your child and talk about the book. Don't always expect your child to want to read to you at the end of a long day.
- Keep the session short, 20 minutes can be quite a long time if it's just reading. This should be a time to talk about books & reading.

- Read from a choice of fact and fiction books.
- If things are not going well – stop.
- Play I-spy games, scrabble and word games.
- Show your child that you value books and take care of them.
- When you are out, read signs, labels, and instructions.
- Make up words from car number plates!
- Use the subtitles that are provided on most TV programmes during children's viewing hours.
- Cook with your child and follow recipes or instructions on packets.
- Visit bookshops and discuss the books you look at.
- Visit your local Library
- Encourage your child to read in your family language.

## **Car Boot Sale**

Whether it's a high-end fashion steal or a cut-price antique, everyone loves a car-boot bargain.

Here are a few items on sale at the next car boot Sunday May 13th.



**The Red Box Project**



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A big thank you to the people, who have brought in donations of sanitary towels, tampons and pants so far for The Red Box Project. Those items are already heading around the borough to help young women locally. The project is part of a nationwide attempt to end period poverty. Its aim is to ensure that no young woman misses school because of her period.

We are still collecting donations for this ongoing problem. If you feel you are able to add an extra packet or box into your weekly shop to help, the collection box is in the front office and all items will be gratefully received.

Many thanks

### **Request from Nursery!**

With the warmer weather here, Nursery are working to revamp their outdoor area. As part of the plan they would like to incorporate more greenery to make the area more attractive, so if you have any pots, compost, seeds, seedlings or anything else you think might be useful lurking in your gardens or sheds, please send them in to the nursery, where they will be gratefully received.

Many thanks in advance, The Nursery Team

### **Year 4 Trip Eynsford**

To enhance their learning in geography Year 4 ventured to Eynsford on Wednesday.



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### **Fun Run 2018... thank you to all those who have entered!**

The deadline for entering this year's Fun Run has passed but we will order a few extra t-shirts in each size so, if you would like to participate but haven't handed in your form, do not worry! Please contact Sarah Rahim ([Sarah.rahim@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.rahim@hotmail.co.uk)) asap.

### **FoG needs you!**

Want to meet more parents and carers, or get involved in fundraising for our school? The FoG Committee is looking for a new **communications and class rep organiser** (writing FoG News each week throughout term and liaising with the class reps) and a **new secretary** (minuting committee meetings and manning FoG's email).

We're also looking for a group of reception parents to organise FoG's welcome picnic for new starters in reception and nursery. This event, which traditionally takes place the

Sunday before term starts in September, makes a big difference for new parents, carers and children to get to know each other before school starts (and it's very easy to organise!)

None of these roles is as daunting as they may sound – there's tonnes of help on hand from current committee members and volunteers, and they are a great way to get more involved at Goodrich and make new friends along the way!

### **Quiz night – 24 May**

Save the date in your diary – FoG will host its regular Quiz night for parents and carers on **Thursday 24 May**. Watch this space for more details.

### **Pop-up ice pop sale.... thanks!**

Thanks to **Louise Lauchlan** and **Nik Hood** for manning our Pop-up ice pop stall last Friday, which raised **£63**. Trips the ice cream van can end up costing a small fortune and FoG hopes to have regular sales with cheaper options for kids and adults when the hot weather returns!

### **WhatsApp group – education budget cuts**

One of our parents has established a WhatsApp group for parents to discuss the government's cuts to education budgets and how to campaign against them. If you'd like to get more involved with this, and join the group, please email us at [friendsofgoodrich@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgoodrich@gmail.com)

**Summer Fair** Goodrich's annual Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 16 June**, so now is a good time to put those jam jars to one side for our ever-popular Jolly Jam Jar stall. We'll be looking for volunteers to man stalls over the coming weeks so watch this space!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY 20 MAY** Fun Run

**THURSDAY 24 MAY** Quiz Night

**SATURDAY 16 JUNE** Summer Fair

*Have a great weekend,*

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