



LITTLE GONERBY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear families,

We are approaching the end of term 3, which signals that we are half way through the academic year! The year is flying by but we are delighted with the progress the children are continuing to make.

One particular highlight this term was a Boccia competition that we went to at the King's School. This was the first time we have played Boccia and, out of 16 teams, we came second! The children who attended were fantastic ambassadors for our school and, although the final against Dudley House was certainly a challenge, they showed resilience and perseverance. Well done!



There have been lots of other successes this term, including the recent Valentine's Disco organised by the PTA – thank you to all involved. The PTA is continuing to go from strength to strength and we look forward to formalising the roles over the next few terms. If you are interested in supporting the PTA, please contact Mrs Gallaher. You do not have to commit to every meeting or supporting at every event, but any support is appreciated.

Infinity Academies Trust

Over the term, we have had multiple visits from colleagues across Infinity Academies Trust. Some of these visits include a Science audit, where colleagues looked at our Science curriculum in depth, met with teachers, spoke to children and looked at our classrooms. This was a very positive visit and highlighted the strengths of our curriculum. The children showed lots of engagement and excitement for their Science lessons too.



At the start of February we were visited by Mr Gavin Booth (CEO) and our Chair of Trustees, Sir Steve Lancashire. They were in awe of how our school is continuing to go from strength to strength and they recognised the hard work of the staff and children.

We have had some visits from our Academy Champions too – this is a role that is similar to how governors operate in schools, and they are responsible for monitoring specific areas. Whilst we have a full Academy Monitoring Committee, we are keen to gather interest if any parents would like to 'shadow' any roles. Please contact the school office if so and visit our website: <https://www.little-gonerby.co.uk/academy-champions/>

P.E

As you are aware from a recent ParentMail, we are delighted to have cricket lessons being delivered in school next term by Lincolnshire Cricket for Years 1 - 4. Every Friday, a cricket coach will be teaching classes with the Class Teacher and developing the children's cricketing skills. This does mean however that P.E days are changing for some classes. The children will therefore need to be wearing their P.E kits on the following days:



Reception	Wednesdays
Year 1	Mondays and Fridays
Year 2	Tuesdays and Fridays
Year 3	Wednesdays (Swimming) and Fridays
Year 4	Wednesdays and Fridays

We also have a **free** cricket club after school every Friday next term for year 3 and 4 children, led by the Lincolnshire Cricket coach. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office as we have some spaces remaining.

Other news

We are delighted to share that we have three trainee teachers joining our school for their second placement next term. We have been asked to host the trainee teachers due to our excellent reputation in Grantham and the high-quality of our school & Trust. It is important for successful schools like ours to support the development of trainee teachers, whilst also maintaining high standards of education. The trainees joining us for next term will work alongside the Class Teachers – all lessons will be planned and taught alongside the teacher.

We are pleased to welcome:

Miss Katie Tupper to Year 1 to work alongside Mrs Rattigan.

Miss Amy Rose to Year 2 to work alongside Miss Parker.

Miss Rheece Sutton to Year 4 to work alongside Mrs Reynolds.

We would like to wish all of our families a lovely break. The term ends tomorrow at 3:15pm - we look forward to seeing everyone back in school **at 8:35am on Monday 24th February.**

With the very best of wishes,

Mr Hawkins and the Little Gonerby team