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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Your child's current attendance data from the start of term until today has been sent home in a sealed envelope. Good attendance is important because:

- regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically;
- regular attenders settle into school more easily and find learning more satisfying; •
- regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with; and •
- statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.

As a parent or carer you can help us by:

- ensuring your child attends school regularly;
- telephoning on the first morning of any absence to give us the reason and to tell us when your child is likely to return to school;
- arranging all non-emergency medical appointments out of school hours or during school holidays;
- keeping us updated if your child has any extended period of absence;
- sending in a note confirming the reason for your child's absence when he/she returns to school; and
- making sure your emergency contact details are up to date.

We shall always strive to ensure contact with parents or carers of absent pupils on a daily basis, following up unexplained absences by phone calls or in writing as necessary, and supporting children and parents/carers who are having difficulties with attendance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Early Years Foundation Stage, 'The Runaway Pea' Book, The Book Trust

The Reception children have received a free 'Your Time to Read' gift pack from the Book Trust to inspire a love of reading. We hope that you enjoy sharing these with your child.

Wednesday 7th October Tempest Photography

Tempest Photography will be taking individual photos and in-school sibling photos on Wednesday. Due to current restrictions, it is not possible to take family photographs with siblings that do not attend Goodleigh C of E Primary School.

Thursday 8th October, Year One Forest School

Due to school photographs Year One will have Forest School on Thursday 8th October.

Forest School

Please can you ensure that your child has plenty of warm layers in their Forest School kit and a spare carrier bag with their name on to put any muddy items in. In cold weather they will need a long sleeve t-shirt, warm jumper/sweatshirt, long trousers/joggers, a warm coat, a warm hat, gloves, spare socks and wellington boots. Please note no scarves as they can be a potential hazard.

Flu Immunisation

We have been made aware that some parents/carers of children eligible for the nasal flu vaccination may have received a letter from the NHS about registering their child for the vaccination. Please be reassured that as long as you have completed the consent link below then your child will be vaccinated on 8th December 2020.

https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA) on 0300 247 0082 or vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Year Six, Secondary School Admissions Deadline

The deadline for applications is 31st October, parents and carers can apply online: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline. If you cannot apply online, please contact the education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you. Please note that it is not possible to make an application by email.

Parental Consent Forms (SOE3a)

Please complete and return any outstanding forms as soon as possible. If you require another form please email the office on <u>admingoodleigh@goodilf.org.uk</u>.

Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, water bottle and their PE kit in school every day. Please also clearly label all of your child's clothing.

Kind regards,

Claire Grant Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 th October	Individual Photographs with Tempest Photography
Wednesday 14 th October	Class 1/2, Boo to a Goose Theatre, "Space Cats"
Thursday 15 th October	Year 6 Sports Leader Training
Friday 16 th October	Year 5 Sports Leader Training
Friday 23 rd October	Non Pupil Day
Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term