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Dear Families,

The first recipients of the Kindness Award are Emily Invernon, Year 6 and Bethany Anderson, Year 2.

The pupils nominated Mr Moore for the Staff Kindness Award.

A huge well done to all of you—wear your badges with pride.

Easter holidays are only 2 weeks away. School closes on Thursday 28th March and we all return on Monday 15th April.

Summer Ball tickets are still on sale—see page 4 for more details.

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website
http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform official supplier - other options are available, please see the school website for more information.
www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

SENCo mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Income Related Free School Meals: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or visit website for further information
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 are on our website

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA
<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>



Benjamin Kettlewell played in and won the Lacrosse Under 12 Plate Semi Final on Saturday against Mellor. The team are now through to the final, which will be played at the Lacrosse Flags weekend at the end of April.

Congratulations to **Iris** who came 3rd in 25m Freestyle and 5th in 25m Breastroke in last Saturdays Sputniks Gala Swimming for Macclesfield Satellites (9 year old girls age group)

She was also awarded "Players- Player of the Year" for the under 9 girls at Alderley Edge Hockey Club.



Did you spot **Rose Worsley** on the telly at the weekend? She had the pleasure of taking her Great Dane 'Daisy' to Crufts with her Dad. They were featured in Saturdays intro with Interviewer Sophie Morgan. Although Daisy didn't place this time there is always next year as she is qualified for Crufts for life, having won the Scottish equivalent last year.

Pupils at Goostrey Community Primary School help Friends of Goostrey Station to win another award

The award is for the Platinum Plaque that's on permanent display at Goostrey Station.



GOOSTREY PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS...

Summer ball

Tickets
£60pp

JUNE 7TH
CRANAGE HALL

Join us for an evening of entertainment

Live band, DJ, 3 Course Meal, Raffle,
Games and Auctions

All proceeds will go towards
providing new IT equipment for the
pupils

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Email info@andrewdwood.co.uk for tickets

Tables of 10, 12, and individual available

On Thursday 21st March 2024 we will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day. Please wear your odd socks in support on this day.

We will also be selling gingerbread sock biscuits by the Infant main door and in the Junior playground straight after school.
£1 per biscuit

Thursday 21st March

We're supporting World Down Syndrome Day by selling
GINGERBREAD SOCKS!
Helping our amazing Down syndrome community to live the life they choose




St. Luke's Children's Easter Workshop



Goostrey Junior School Hall
10.00 am - 12 noon

Good Friday 29th March

All children Age 4-11 welcome
(Younger children welcome if
accompanied by an adult)



Rose Day

Registration

There has been a good response from parents and guardians to the Rose Day on line registration.

Rose Day will be held on Saturday 29 June and this year for the first-time registration of children taking part in the procession must be completed on-line via the Goostrey Rose Festival website: goostreyrosefestival.co.uk.

Registration must be completed by Friday 22 March and parents and are asked to respect the deadline in order to ensure children do not miss out.

Year 6 national tests and assessments will be ongoing throughout the summer term until the **end of June 2024**. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.

YEAR 6 SATS ARE WB 13TH MAY 2024 and the writing assessments are until the end of June.

TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

A guide for parents and carers

Frequently asked questions

Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

- No.** Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis
- The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to *“fail to secure their child’s regular attendance at the school”*
- The amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove any reference to *family holidays, extended leave and the statutory threshold of ten school days*.
- The amendments make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- The amendments give **parents no entitlement** to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time
- The Head Teacher and Governing Body will determine what the exceptional circumstances are

If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

- The parent/carer with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school
- The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence

What will the school do then?

- The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined
 - Only the Headteacher (or the Deputy) has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision the protocols and criteria laid down in the school’s attendance policy must be followed.
 - Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication; that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time
- You will receive a written response from the Headteacher (or the Deputy) letting you know if your application has been approved
- If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined the absence will be recorded as unauthorised

What will happen if the absence is unauthorised?

- The school will decide if a Penalty Notice should be issued. If the school decide that a Penalty Notice is to be issued
- You will receive a letter from the school advising that it has referred the matter to the Local Authority and that a Penalty Notice may be issued;
- The school will inform the Local Authority that a Penalty Notice needs to be issued
- A Penalty Notice will be sent to you, accompanied by an explanatory letter; the Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted in the criminal courts

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance

Payments will **not** be accepted after the 28th day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk or you can also telephone the main office.

Tel: 01270 375277

Website: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews

Other leaflets are available to support you:

- Taking action to improve attendance – explaining legal action - a guide for parents and carers
- Helping your child to attend school. The role of the EWO - a guide for parents and carers

The expression "parent", in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for him/her, or who has care of the child.

Updated guidance that will come into effect from 19 August 2024 has been published by the DfE.

The guidance, which is now statutory, outlines new absence fine rates, thresholds at which penalties must be considered, requirements to share daily data with the government and new absence codes.

The minimum fine will increase from £60 to £80 per parent, if parents fail to pay their fine within 21 days, it will be raised from £120 to £160.

Persistently absent children are defined as those who have missed at least 10 percent of school, which amounts to one month across the school year.

Headteachers will be able to maintain some discretion over which cases to report to councils for potential fines and where support is needed.

Do you have a concern about a child?

Anyone can make a call if they have concerns about a child. This call can be made confidentially.

Cheshire East Consultation Service

The Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) is the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families.

General public

Phone ChECS on **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** Callers will be directed to a Unit Coordinator who will ask if the concerns are early help or safeguarding. You will then be directed to either Practitioner Support Officer for Early Help requests for support or a Social Worker (ChECS) for safeguarding concerns. The worker will gather your information and advise you of the next steps.

If you need to contact someone out of hours and you believe it to be an emergency that can't wait, please call our Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.

If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.

The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.

We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families.

However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

Mid-Day Assistants Vacancies

We are seeking enthusiastic and caring people to join our team supervising our pupils over the lunchtime breaks.

Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs J Schurer-Lewis on 01270 918940 or via e-mail; admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk to request an application form and job description.

Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. Successful applicants will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding awareness training



Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



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Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 - available during pre-school hours only.



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Before School Club

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or collect from the reception desk. The cost is £4.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.55 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:
www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you.
Thank you

Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>