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17th February 2023

Dear Families,

School finishes today for the half term break. Our pupils return on Monday 27th February. We expect school to be fully open on Tuesday 28th February (teachers' second day of strike action).

House point totals are on page 2—who has free dress day next?

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Book Fair** please see page 2 for more details

World Book Day 2nd March—please see page 3 for more information.

Silent Auction and Quiz night

The on-line auction of promises to help raise funds for Rose Day and the visit of children from the Elizabethfontein School in South Africa to Goostrey this Summer goes live on Thursday 2 March.

There are more than 30 promises to choose from and so there is almost certainly something for everyone. Amongst the items are: someone to babysit, a meal locally, a weekend away in Anglesey, a trip to a copper mine, an historic tour of Burslem, a children's party and front row tickets for the Goostrey School Nativity play.

Just log on to <https://auctionofpromises.com/2023GoostreyAuction> and make your bid. The auction closes at 10pm on Saturday 11 March and the promise will go to the person who has made the highest bid at that time.

That evening a quiz will be held in Goostrey Village Hall, again to help raise funds for Rose Day and the South African visit. The quiz, involving teams of no more than six, starts at 7.30pm and the bar opens from 7pm. Tickets cost £5 per person and are available from Peter Gomes: Tel 07867 798848, treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk

This is the same day as the infant children's party and the selection of the 2023 Rose Queen and Rosebud Queen.

The party, from 2.30-4pm, is for pre-school children, aged 3 and over, reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Pre-school and reception class children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The cost is £2 per child and parents are asked to bring along a prize which can be used on the tombola stall on Rose Day. There will be a pop-up café for parents. After the party, at approx. 4.15pm, the name of the Rosebud Queen, a girl from Year 2, will be drawn from a hat.

Term dates for 22 23 and 23 24 are on our website

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The PTA have Facebook, class pages for information.**

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

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****BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR****

Thank you so much to all who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair 2023.

It's fabulous to know that there are so many new books in children's bags, bedrooms, cupboards, shelves and cars that are being shared and enjoyed. Overall, YOU have helped to spend a record amount of over £1,7,70 on superb new books. In turn, this has raised a commission for the school of just over £1,060, so there are soon to be lots of new books in our classrooms too.

Mrs. Timmins J

THANK YOU ** THANK YOU ** THANK YOU ** THANK YOU **

End of Half Term House Points

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 7,396 house points this term!

27 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 19 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. In addition, 7 Gold certificates were awarded for achieving 150 house points and 2 children have achieved their Platinum certificate. Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were as follows:

Harding: 2108

Lovell: 1874

Mallory: 1709

Garner: 1705

Well done Harding and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Harding will be awarded a free dress day on Wednesday 1st March

Thank you

Mrs Beardsworth

Get ready to celebrate World Book Day 2023 at Goostrey!

What is “World Book Day”?

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. We will next be celebrating World Book Day on **2 March 2023**.

This year, their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child’s future success. WBD (and Goostrey School) want to see all children develop a life-long habit of **reading for pleasure**.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.



As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebeck, recalls “We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives.”

Goostrey Gets Ready to “Read for Pleasure”

This year, Goostrey is focusing on the habit of “**Reading for Pleasure**” and so we have decided to invite pupils to bring in their favourite book to share with the adults and friends in school and.....to come to school dressed in their comfiest clothes they prefer to wear when reading for pleasure. Let’s see what cosy, comfy, clothing you can all find!

All pupils will be issued with a £1 Book Voucher which can be exchanged in book shops either for a special £1 book, or towards the cost of another title. Vouchers will be issued when pupils return to school after half term.

Stanley (year 1) with his Stage 1 swimming certificate and badge that he achieved this week. We are super proud of all the effort he has put in over the past year to earn this. Well done Stanley



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

We're supporting
World Down Syndrome Day

Tuesday 21st March 2023

gingerbread
socks!



£1

**Helping our amazing
Down Syndrome
community to live the
life they choose**

On Tuesday 21st March 2023 we will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day.

Please wear your odd socks in support.

We will also be selling gingerbread sock biscuits by the infant main door and in the junior playground straight after school.

£1 per biscuit



WDSO 2023

#Ichoose

Year 2 & Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the **end of June 2023. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.**

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.

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

Key dates—spring term:

Year 4 residential to Fox Howl Thursday 9th March (one night)

Parents' evenings will be in March

Film Night Friday 17th March

Year 2 Cake Sale Friday 24th March

Year 5 residential to Burwardsley Wednesday 29th March (two nights)



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>