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3rd March 2023

Dear Families,

AUCTION OF PROMISES IS NOW OPEN—

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 went live on Thursday 2 March.

There are more than 40 promises to choose from, 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 + many more.

Just log on to <https://auctionofpromises.com/2023GoostreyAuction> and make your bid.

The auction closes at 10pm on Saturday 11th March and the promise will go to the person who has made the highest bid at that time.

Key dates for the rest of this term

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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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Just before half term **Elle Howson and Amy Bayes**, both year 4, successfully finished their stage 2 swimming course at Sandbach Sharkies. Both of the girls enthusiastically took swimming lessons together despite starting to learn how to swim late, due to covid restrictions and lack of swimming facilities. Only a few months in and they're speeding through the stages catching up with their friends. Well done Elle and Amy! We're super proud of you and your achievement ☐

Goostrey Rose Day Infant party

On Saturday 11th March the Rose Day infant children's party and the selection of the 2023 Rose Queen and Rosebud Queen will take place in the village hall.

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.

There is no need to book, children can just turn up on the day.

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.

Mother's Day



Shop



Shopping days start
Monday 13th March

We have some great gifts on sale starting
from £1 to £5

Please bring your money in a named purse
and don't forget your bag for life to bring
your gifts home!

**CHOOSE THE WORLD
YOU WANT**



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT February 27th – March 12th 2023
True or false quiz!

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| 1. Chocolate bars are made from beans | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 2. Cocoa trees grow in the desert | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 3. Chimpanzees love the taste of cocoa | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 4. Cocoa trees grow best in freezing temperatures | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 5. All humans need healthy food to live | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 6. All humans need a car to live | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 7. Farming is always very harmful to the planet | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 8. Most of the world's cocoa is grown in West Africa | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 9. If you weighed all the chocolate that we eat
in the UK in a year, it would weigh the same as
4000 blue whales | TRUE OR FALSE? |
| 10. The choices we make can change the world | TRUE OR FALSE? |

Please give your answers to one of the Year 6 Eco team by Friday March 10th.

If we have lots of correct entries, then your answer to this question below will be considered.

Can you think of a choice you've made, or are making, to help change our world?
You can draw a little picture or write a short sentence on your answer sheet if you wish.

Winner:30 Housepoints, 2nd:20 Housepoints 3rd:10 Housepoints

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

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Holiday Club

Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April 2023

9am to 6 pm

Goostrey Community Primary School

Monday to Friday

For more information email:

bookings@goostreyallstars.co.uk

NEW LOCAL AUTHOR—Laura Hemming.

Available in shops and on Amazon from March 3rd priced at £9.99

If you prefer you can order directly from Laura:

People can either email Laura directly lauragoostrey@yahoo.co.uk with child's name and class or phone 07936 483323.

Laura will then sort payment directly with you and drop book to school.



Bluebell Cottage just looked like any ordinary rural, village cottage, but it had a hidden secret. It was the home of Seth Speller and his younger sister Maisy. The hidden secret to this house was that at the bottom of the garden there was a fairy village. Seth and Maisy were the only humans to know this magical village existed. Both children had many adventures with the fairies, most of which often involved helping injured wild animals back to full health.



**The
Goostrey
Friendly
Football
Club is
looking for
new
members.**

We meet at 7pm every Monday night to play football on the all-weather tennis courts on Booth Bed Lane in Goostrey. We need at least ten players for a game but sometimes have as many as twenty.

Membership is by subscription although guests can play up to six times before deciding whether to join. We are affiliated to the Village Hall Playing Fields Foundation.

All ages and genders welcome.

You can find us on Facebook under Goostrey Friendly Football Club, or email davidhext@me.com



SPRING BREAK 23

FREE to Attend Events -

Multi Activity Days for ages 8-15

Where/When?

- Tues 4th April - Crewe Alex in the Community, Shavington—10:00—16:00
- Thurs 6th April - Sandbach High School, Sandbach—10:00—16:00

For more information please email: Salt.Wars@Cheshire.Police.uk

Fully qualified coaches, free lunch, varying sports activities and all for FREE!



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



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/>



The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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>