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**31st March 2023**

Dear Families,

**School finishes for the Easter holidays today and pupils return on Monday 17th April.** First Friday back is the Beetle Drive—lots of family fun. Please see page 3 for more details.

**Our Year 5 pupils are currently on their residential visit to Burwardsley and are due back later today. Thank you to Mr Campion, Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Cuttle for accompanying the children and for all the planning and preparation that goes in to a visit like this.**

### **End of Half Term House Points**

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 5,086 house points this half term!

7 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 11 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. In addition, 10 Gold certificates were awarded for achieving 150 house points and 1 child has achieved their Platinum certificate. Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were as follows:

**Lovell: 1474**  
**Harding: 1305**  
**Mallory: 1181**  
**Garner: 1149**

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

**Lovell will be awarded a free dress day on Wednesday 19th April**

Thank you

Mrs Beardsworth

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

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.

The PTA have Facebook for information.

### **Useful information**

**Before and after school clubs** : booking forms available on school website

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

SENCo [mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported World Down Syndrome Day by either wearing odd socks or buying a biscuit.**

**It was a great success, we sold all the biscuits and made an amazing £245.00. The money will be sent to Down Syndrome Cheshire to support people with Down's syndrome to live the life they choose.**



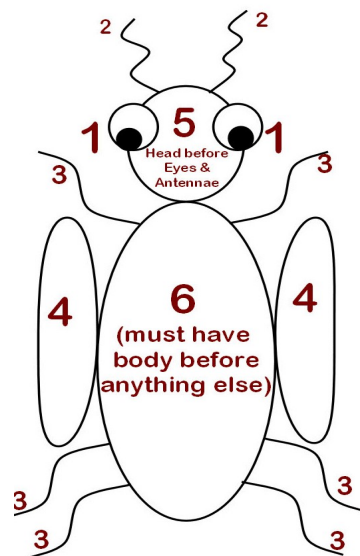
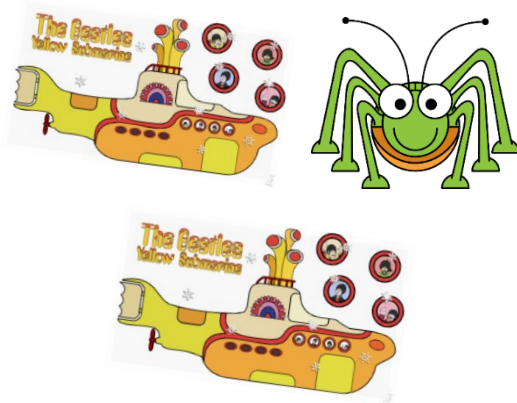
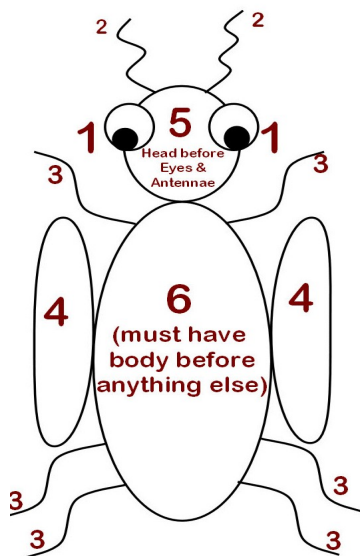
**Iris** came first in a recent gymnastics competition at Sandbach Gymnastics.

Congratulations to Iris on passing her Grade 1 acoustic guitar with a merit!



Congratulations to **Sydney** on passing his grade 4 acoustic guitar.

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.



**P.T.A**

# Beetle Drive

## Fantastic Family Fun!

Come and join in the fun

Village Hall

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

6 - 7.30 pm

£2 per person

Prizes to be won!

Refreshments available



## **Key dates until July**

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

School finishes for Easter on Friday 31st March. Pupils return on Monday 17th April.

Key dates for next term:

Friday 21st April	PTA Beetle Drive
Friday 19th May	Y1 cake sale
Wednesday 7th June	Class photos
Friday June 9th	Film Night
Tuesday 13th June	South African children arrive
Friday 16th June	Sports Day pm
Thursday 22nd June	New Starters' Meeting V Hall 7pm
Friday 30th June	Year 6 residential (3 nights)
Friday 7th July	July Evening
Friday 14th July	Reception cake sale
Thursday 20th July	School finishes for the summer break and pupils return Wednesday 6th September



### **Holiday Club**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**9am to 6 pm**

**Goostrey Community Primary School**

**Monday to Friday**

**For more information email:**

**[bookings@goostreyallstars.co.uk](mailto:bookings@goostreyallstars.co.uk)**

**WINNER**  
LINE-UP OF THE YEAR  
UK FESTIVAL AWARDS



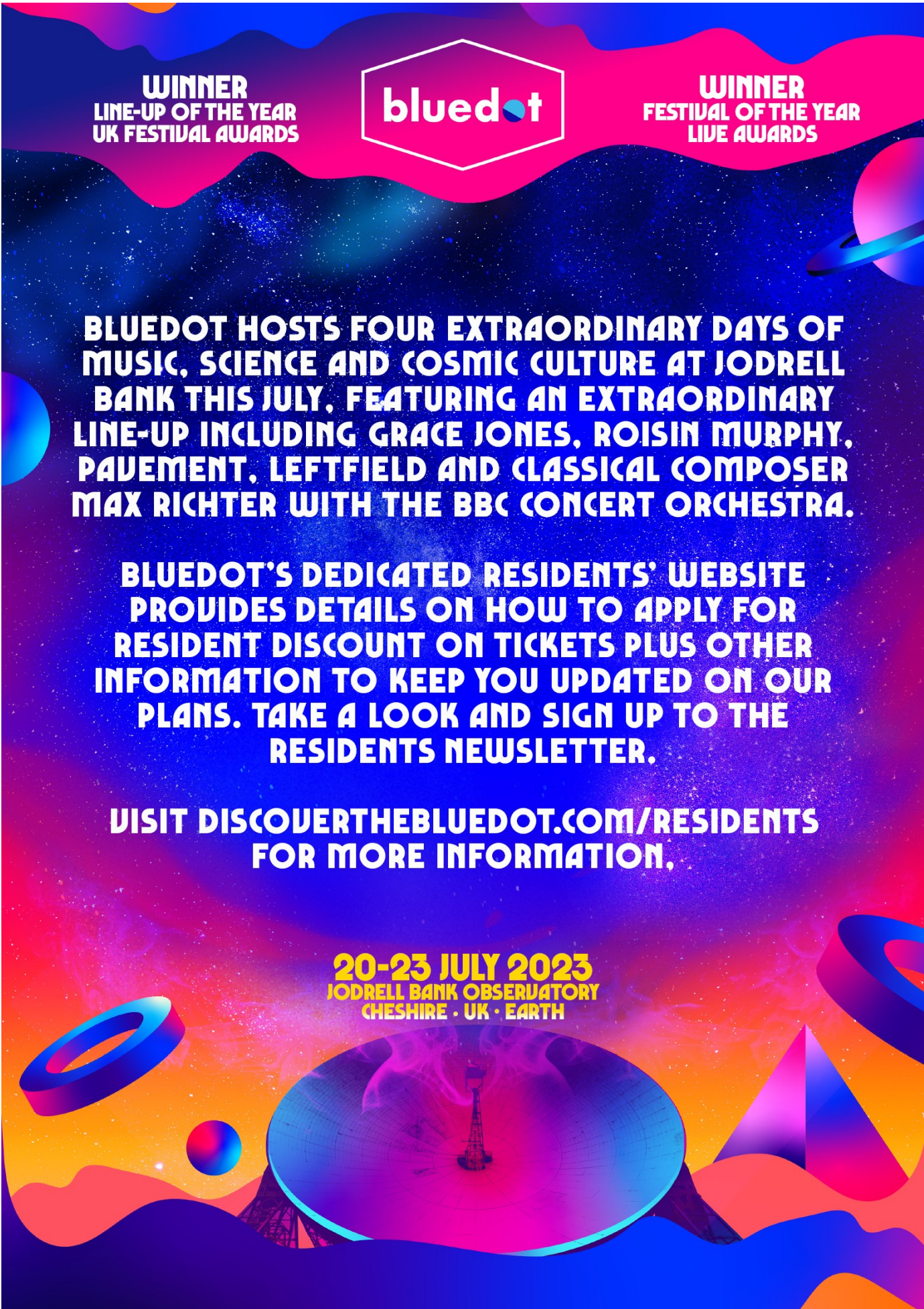
**WINNER**  
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LIVE AWARDS

**BLUEDOT HOSTS FOUR EXTRAORDINARY DAYS OF MUSIC, SCIENCE AND COSMIC CULTURE AT JODRELL BANK THIS JULY, FEATURING AN EXTRAORDINARY LINE-UP INCLUDING GRACE JONES, ROISIN MURPHY, PAVEMENT, LEFTFIELD AND CLASSICAL COMPOSER MAX RICHTER WITH THE BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA.**

**BLUEDOT'S DEDICATED RESIDENTS' WEBSITE PROVIDES DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY FOR RESIDENT DISCOUNT ON TICKETS PLUS OTHER INFORMATION TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR PLANS. TAKE A LOOK AND SIGN UP TO THE RESIDENTS NEWSLETTER.**

**VISIT [DISCOVERTHEBLUEDOT.COM/RESIDENTS](https://discoverthebluedot.com/residents) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**20-23 JULY 2023**  
JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY  
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Are you new to the area?

# GOOSTREY TENNIS CLUB

welcome you & your family

JOIN US FOR "CLUB NIGHT" EVERY  
Wednesday - 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Friday & Saturday - 2pm to 5pm

We have both ladies & gents teams  
competing in the Mid Cheshire  
leagues & we regularly run our  
own American tournament.

A club for ALL levels,  
coaching is available & we  
want you to ENJOY  
and have FUN!

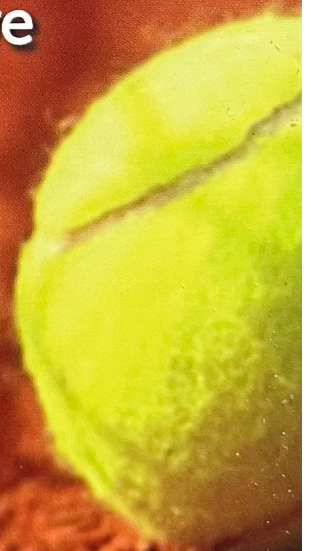
**Visit us**

Boothbed Lane, Goostrey

**Contact us**

[goostreytc@outlook.com](mailto:goostreytc@outlook.com)

[www.goostreytennisclub.com](http://www.goostreytennisclub.com)



## FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM



### PARENT WORKSHOPS

#### Helping children manage worries and anxiety.

Visyon's Families and Communities Team are pleased to offer a **7-week Parent Workshop Programme** which will provide information, advice and strategies to empower parents to effectively support their children, with their worries and anxieties.

The Programme is available for Families of **primary school age** children, in **Cheshire East** and will be held at Visyon in Congleton for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the Programme, please contact the

[FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@visyon.org.uk)

who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.



Parent Workshops – Helping children manage anxiety.

- 19/04/2023 - Parenting problems and difficult behaviors.
- 26/04/2023 - Securing the parent/child bond.
- 03/05/2023 - Understanding your child's anxiety.
- 10/05/2023 - Using praise and rewards to build confidence.
- 17/05/2023 - Setting limits on anxious children's behavior.
- 24/05/2023 - Managing children's worry.
- 31/05/2023 - Managing difficult behavior. Review and celebration.

**All 7 sessions need to be attended** consecutively to complete the course and benefit from the learning techniques.

**Each session will start at 10:30 am and finish at 12.00 pm.**

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM

## PARENT WORKSHOPS



**Parent Workshop:** Supporting children with Additional Needs.

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent Workshop**. In this workshop we will explore the different categories of Additional Need and how they can impact children's Mental Health and Wellbeing. We will examine how you can identify a child's needs, in various environments (especially at home and at school) and how you can support them. We will provide information on a child's rights and how you can ensure that they receive the appropriate support and acceptance in their various environments.



This workshop is available to families in **Cheshire East** and will be held **at Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the Workshop, please contact [FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@visyon.org.uk) who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

**Parent Workshop – Supporting children with Additional Needs**

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm.



# St. Luke's Children's Easter Workshop



**Goostrey Junior School Hall**  
**10.00 am - 12 noon**

## Good Friday 7th April

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



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

<b>Penalties for unauthorised absence</b>		
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>One child</b>	<b>Two children</b>
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 28<sup>th</sup> day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

**Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer [educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or you can also telephone the main office.**

**Tel: 01270 375277**

**Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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>