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**5th May 2023**

Dear Families,

There is an extra Bank Holiday, for the Coronation, this weekend therefore school is closed on Monday and open again, as normal on Tuesday 9th.

We celebrated the King's Coronation this week, with the children dressed as royalty or in red /white/blue. We had a coronation lunch on the field and sang the official Coronation song. In the afternoon our pupils learned about different aspects of royal life.

Mementos have been given to every child: bookmarks detailing the Coronation from the PTA and mugs from the Parish Council. Thank you to both organisations for these.

Our youngest children went to Holmes Chapel to officially 'crown' the T Rex at Miola—please see page 2 for lots more detail. The Knutsford Guardian has also written a lovely piece about this visit.

There is a report on page 3 about our latest cricket tournament at Holmes Chapel High School.

**Next week is KS2 SATS—good luck to all our Y6 pupils who I know will do their very best.**

### 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)

**KEY DATES FOR THE REST FOR THIS TERM ARE ON PAGE 7**

***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.

## King Charles III Dinosaur project in Holmes Chapel

The school was approached by the owners of Miola Cafe in Holmes Chapel to decorate the dinosaur on the café patio. Mrs Raven took charge and came up with lots of ideas to be inline with the values that King Charles holds on nature and sustainability.

All the children were involved and the handprints on the cape were made using recycled banners. The crown is made from willow branches from school and the fir cones were collected on many walks around the village. The cones were decorated by many of the children.

### Reception trip to Holmes Chapel to visit the library and see the regal dinosaur

What a super trip to Holmes Chapel on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. The children were beautifully behaved and I could not have been a prouder teacher. They did a lot of walking and with no complaints.

They loved the train journey and it was lovely to see the other passengers seeing their excitement. At the library they got to listen to three stories and then choose their books. The librarians showed them how to use the machine to register their books and then get the print out which should be in the bag.

We then walked to see "King Charles" at the church. Wow that display is awesome! We looked at the graves too.

Next was lunch at the cafe and to see the dinosaur in all his spender! The children sat down and as soon as their packed lunch was given to them the silence that descended was incredible.

The press were due to arrive at 12 but phoned to say they couldn't make it so we set the photo up ourselves. The owners of the cafe will send it to the local Guardian.

After lunch we set off to the train but we were too early so an about turn was made and we settled the children under a tree and had ice lollies. Just what the doctor ordered!

The trip home on the train was as exciting as the outgoing trip but the walk back to school was a lot slower. It was a lovely day out and one to be remembered.



# Year 5 and 6 Cricket at HCCS



The first match was played against Lower Peover. Beau took 2 wickets with power hitting and Cole displayed strong bowling. Fabulous team work with an outcome of a loss but at a very close margin. Lower Peover 247 V Goostrey 246

The second match was against Peover Superior and a super battle of a game. The team batted against tough bowling and fielding. The final score was Goostrey 228 v Peover Superior 242

The afternoon showed super effort, team work and attitude from all of our players with fantastic support for one another throughout.

Our team come third in our group. Well done team!!



**Iona Bradley** (Year 3) has gained her Stage 3 swimming certificate.

**William Jones** (Year 2) had the biggest catch of the day when fishing in Macclesfield Canal at Fools Nook - a bream!

This was an organized event via the Canal and River Trust, no fish were harmed and the bream was placed back in the water and swam safely away



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.



## **East v West Football Match** to help raise funds for the purchase of new goalposts for the village playing fields



Sunday 21st May at the Booth Bed Lane Playing Fields. Midday kick-off.

The Goostrey Friendly Football Club will host this event which pits the east of the village against the west. The winner receives the Simon Weston Trophy.

Everybody is welcome to watch this event for which the teams have already been selected. Admission is free but donations will go towards the purchase of a new set of goalposts for the Goostrey Playing Fields.

*There will also be two **PENALTY SHOOT-OUT COMPETITIONS**. One for children aged 11 and under, and one for Mums and Grandmas! £1 entry fee on the day.*

*After the match there will be a **CROSSBAR CHALLENGE COMPETITION** for children aged 12 and over. £1 entry fee on the day.*

Hot and cold drinks and cakes will be available for purchase.

**Press Release**  
**Goostrey Open Gardens 2023**  
**Sunday 11th June 11am- 5pm**  
**15 Open Gardens Open on behalf of East Cheshire Hospice**

After last year's inaugural event where we sold over 600 tickets and raised over £10,000, we are delighted to announce that tickets for our second year's Goostrey Open Gardens are now on sale.

Of the fifteen gardens, there will be thirteen brand new gardens of all sizes and styles, all located via a pleasant walk around Goostrey village. In addition, we will be repeating our highly successful plant sale in one of the gardens where over £1,000 was raised in 2022.

Refreshments will also be available in many of the gardens, so please bring along some old-fashioned cash on the day to help us raise further vitally needed funds for the East Cheshire Hospice in Macclesfield.

Early bird tickets at £10 per Adult will be available until 21st May when the ticket price will rise to £12 per Adult. Accompanied children can view the gardens this year free of charge.

Tickets are available on line via the Goostrey Gardens and East Cheshire Hospice website. Alternatively you can purchase (cash only) a limited amount of printed tickets and accompanying brochures from The Trading Post in Goostrey or Goostrey Mini Market.

Please visit [www.goostreyopengardens.com](http://www.goostreyopengardens.com) for more information or follow us on Facebook or Instagram for latest news and the stories behind the gardens.



**A glorious rose arch in one of the 2023 gardens**



**Visitors enjoying a fantastic day out at our 2022 event.**



Sunday 11th June 2023

11am-5pm

# Visit fifteen glorious gardens around Goostrey

Standard entry £12 - early bird tickets £10 until 21st May.  
Children u16 FREE (must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets available from:

- [www.echospice.org.uk/goostrey-open-gardens](http://www.echospice.org.uk/goostrey-open-gardens)
- The Trading Post Goostrey
- Goostrey Mini Market



  [goostreygardens](https://www.instagram.com/goostreygardens)  
[www.goostreyopengardens.com](http://www.goostreyopengardens.com)



**Key dates this term:**

WB 15th and 22nd May	Swimming Pool on site
Friday 19th May	Y1 cake sale
Wednesday 7th June	Class photos
Friday June 9th	Film Night
WB June 12th	Father's Day Shop
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
Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July	Y6 performance 7pm
Thursday 20th July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
Thursday 20th July break and pupils return Wednesday 6th September	School finishes for the summer

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>