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19th May 2023

Dear Families,

School finishes next Friday, 26th May for one week. We all return on Monday 5th June.

Please check key dates for the rest of the term on page 7.

The older children have been loving the swimming pool this week. It is already booked for next year as well.

Rounders team are joint champions—report is on page 2

Y1 Cake Sale today

Please see page 11 for details of Mid-Day Assistant vacancies.

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

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The PTA have Facebook for information.

At a Governors meeting last night we discussed the number of pupils arriving at school late. Governors felt it was important to set out the disruption this causes to classes, as registers are closed and school meal choices are dealt with prior to teaching starting. When pupils arrive late, teachers have to reopen registers, record number of minutes late and reason given, and then inform either reception or the school kitchen of lunch choices. This disrupts the whole class teaching, not just the late arrival. Arriving 5 minutes late each day equates to missing almost 16 hours of teaching which is over 3 days of school.

We hope you understand why governors have raised this concern

Our attendance time are:

Infants 8 55 AM – 3 15 PM

Juniors 8 50 AM - 3 25 PM

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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Year 5 and 6 Rounders Tournament

On Monday, a team of Year 5 and 6 rounders players took part in a rounders tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive. They played absolutely brilliantly, winning their three group games, before going into a play-off match at the end. The final result was that we were joint winners of the tournament!

The children were an absolute pleasure to take, with impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done to Kacey, Tippi, Beau, Hugo, Rose, Chloe, Thomas and Finlay

On Saturday **Chloe Walker** (year 6) completed the Muddy Dog Challenge, tackling a 5km course with 12 obstacles in the water and mud all for Battersea's Cats and Dogs Home. Chloe completed the course with her mum and dog Max and raised a fantastic £300! Well Done Chloe!!



Alan completed a fun run on Sunday in Middlewich - he completed 3 circuits of the local cricket pitch in an amazing 6min 19secs!



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.

Out of 100 Stations across the UK, 48 have been shortlisted by British railway historian and television presenter Tim Dunn.

These stations will compete in the **World Cup of Stations** between **22 and 26 May 2023** during Community Rail Week.

We are very proud that Goostrey is one of the stations in the running!

Please vote for Goostrey Railway Station!



You can vote repeatedly between 22 and 26 May 2023 by either:

- ▶ Following @raildeliverygrp on Twitter or searching for the hashtag #WorldCupOfStations.
- ▶ Visiting: <https://www.raildeliverygroup.com/uk-rail-industry/campaigns/world-cup-of-stations.html> or scanning this QR code:



Please support Goostrey Station in voting for us in the World Cup of Stations the link to the video is here. The vote for our station between the 22-26th May <https://twitter.com/raildeliverygrp/status/1658839920335548417/mediaviewer>

Charity Sleepover on 19 May for Shelter Box

Hello Goostrey Community Primary School,
Pantelis Noutsos and Emily Invernon in Year 5 will be participating in a charity sleepover organised by the 1st Holmes Chapel Scouts Croc and Danes Cubs sections.

The aim is to raise funds for Shelter Box (<https://shelterbox.org/#>). This is a very worthwhile charity raising money for those displaced by disaster and conflict.

The sleepover event will have the Cubs sleeping outside with only makeshift shelters, so they get a small insight to what it must be like for some of these families forced to leave their homes.

If you would like to support Pantelis, Emily and their Cubs section, then please use the JustGiving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/1stholmeschapel-shelterbox-2023>

Thank you in advance!

Karen Noutsos and
Luke Invernon



Residents of Goostrey are being invited to create a scarecrow for display in their gardens this summer! Whether it's a traditional scarecrow or something more inventive, it's another opportunity to get your garden ready for the upcoming Rose Day celebrations! Why not tag a friend or neighbour who might want to take part. We can't wait to see your creations!



GOOSTREY
SCARECROW
DISPLAY

BRIGHTEN UP THE VILLAGE
THIS JUNE!

CREATE YOUR OWN SPECIAL SCARECROW
AND DISPLAY IT
IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN.

GOOSTREY
ROSE
FESTIVAL This is **NOT** a competition, it is simply an addition to celebrating Goostrey Rose Festival 2023





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
- The Trading Post Goostrey
- Goostrey Mini Market



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



**East Cheshire
Hospice**

Key dates this term:

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

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/>



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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>