

We're so pleased
you're all here.



We are loving all the chats, the laughter, playing on the field, learning in lessons and of course the dancing. So much fun having you with us and getting to know each other.

Thank you



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16th June 2023

Dear Families,

CUP U LIKE STALL FOR ROSE DAY.

The PTA is having a Cup U Like stall on Rose Day and we need lots of sweets to put in the cups. As always one cup will have a £5 note and there will be £1 and £2 coins in some of the others. The children love this stall and it always sells out really quickly.

Monday 19th June is free dress day for every child who brings in some sweets for the cups. No chocolate please as it melts really quickly. Hoping we can fill lots of cups and make a good amount of money for the PTA funds.

Please see pages 3 and 4 for lots of important information about July Evening on Friday 7th July

Please do not stop on the road, by the ramp to drop children off. There have been several occasions when a parent has done this and the child has run straight out across the road. Concerned drivers are also telling us that some families are crossing before the end of the ramp and the children are then walking on the very narrow strip of pavement which is potentially very dangerous.

Please check key dates for the rest of the term on page 8.

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

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

SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk



JULY EVENING IS BACK FOR 2023. HURRAH!

When: Friday 7th July 2023

Where: Junior Site

Times: 3:30 - 5:00pm

Admission: £1.00 per adult - thank you (please bring lots of change with you to help the children with their stalls as they may have limited amounts of change!)

What is July Evening?

July Evening is an annual event, organised and run by the junior pupils of our school. They take time to organise themselves into small groups and devise exciting and enthralling mini-stalls such as "Hook-a-Duck" or "Guess the Name of the Rabbit" or even "Find the Treasure" tasks. You - our families and friends of Goostrey - are all invited to join us during the event and we hope you will enjoy participating and supporting the children with their games and stalls.

The idea is that the children raise their own money, which they then decide how to spend, on behalf of all the pupils - infants and juniors - so that each child from Reception to Year 6 will benefit. They have - in the past - raised approximately £600 which they then decide (via the school council) to spend on items such as playground equipment, toys for indoor break times, or resources to help them in classes.

To support the children's hard work, we are also having the following stalls, for which we would require donations (please): good-quality second-hand toys, games, books (children's and grown ups'), bottles and donations for both raffle and tombola stalls (food items, unwanted gifts, bubble baths, etc....). Refreshments will also be served on the day by our wonderful PTA.

Please could donations be brought to the Year 6 classroom from Monday 3rd July.

Thank you all for your participation. We hope the weather is kind to us and we look forward to seeing you all enjoying yourselves, supporting the school at such a fun event.

All children who are participating will require a signed permission slip - these will be issued later this week. Please see below for some questions and answers you may have. The children are already "buzzing" with ideas - they are so excited!

How long will my child be at school for?

The event runs until 5:00pm. Once the children have cleared up their own stalls, they may be released by their teachers.

Do I need to attend?

YES PLEASE! July Evening runs best when parents and families attend to support all of the children by having a "go" on their stalls. Otherwise, it would just be the junior children and no customers! So, YES PLEASE! Come along and spend time, and a little bit of money, enjoying yourselves.

Do I need to supervise my child during the event?

Generally, the answer is "no". Children will be in their classrooms with school staff to supervise. However, should your child need to be in the playground, you will need to supervise these activities as staff will be indoors. Thank you

Some stalls may require a risk assessment, or may be weather dependent. School will consider carefully all ideas from the pupils and where this may be necessary, we will speak with those children and families next week - thank you for your understanding with this.

What stalls do they have?

The children decide themselves. In previous years, we've held all sorts of games. Anything from "Guess the name of the teddy" to "Hook-a-Duck" to "Beat the 'Keeper". The games are up to groups of children who are tasked with designing how these will work and what they will need.

Do I have to provide prizes and a float?

Prizes - children opt to sometimes hand out sweets such as Haribo for taking part, others have one item for a prize. Pupils might choose to offer a toy as a prize, or just stickers for taking part - again, the choice is up to them.

Float - children should provide their own float using a mixture of coins. We suggest a starting float of around £5:00. At the end of the event, they may choose to take the float back, out of their money pot, or they may donate this to the overall fund.

Do we need to provide equipment?

Our advice is to keep the games simple. Homemade boards, signs, etc work really well. We will provide tables and chairs. Occasionally, we may be able to provide equipment - children would be best to talk to Mrs Timmins in Year 6 to see what we do.

What happens at the end?

Pupils will need to clear up their own areas and leave the classrooms ready for use again on Monday morning. At 5:00, they MUST see their teachers and be released directly to the adult who is collecting them, unless parental permission has been given for them to walk home on their own. A permission slip will be issued later in the week and must be completed and returned before Wednesday 15th July.

I've still got questions that aren't covered above - who do I need to talk to?

Contact Mrs Timmins in Year 6. You can leave a message via Mrs Carroll, or email on mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Iona Bradley in Year 3 sent a letter and a picture to King Charles last year after Queen Elizabeth passed away. This week she received a card from King Charles to thank her.



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.

Key dates this term:

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| 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 | | |
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| 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>