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7th July 2023

Dear Families,

July Evening today and the weather looks lovely—thank you for supporting this event and especially to Mrs Timmins who has organised and co-ordinated this once again.

House point totals for the year are on page 3—children have you got a free dress day?

*The message below is from Mariette, the headteacher of Elizabethfontein School to the host families.*

*Thank you to everyone who supported this visit—it had a massive impact on both us and Elizabethfontein.*

Hello everyone,

I hope your lives are back to normal again after the hectic 2 weeks. I need to tell you that our kids do miss you all. It really was a life changing experience for them and they are so thankful. During our trip to the festival on Saturday, back home, all they could talk about was their host families and what they miss and how they enjoyed it and they realised that the time there did fly.

It brings them close as a team because on Saturday they were at their best performing.

Thanks again for all your love and ongoing support. You really touched their hearts and their families are so thankful for what you did.

**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](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)

# TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Monday evening, four children from year 5 went to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School to take part in a tennis tournament. Unfortunately it rained heavily earlier in the day so it was decided that the games would take place indoors. The organisers had made sure that every child played the same amount of matches and for the same time - no mean feat! The children coped really well with the complicated arrangements, playing for different amounts of time and on different courts.

It took a little time to get used to the courts and, as well as playing, the children had to keep their own scores. There were 3 junior judges from the High School who supervised some of the matches and teachers and some parents also helped to keep score. The matches were fast and furious and there was some wonderful tennis. Wimbledon is nothing compared to this!

Everyone enjoyed the evening and the children's behaviour and manners were exemplary. This resulted in a fantastic achievement of second place with a very small margin between gold and silver.

Many thanks to Benjamin, Tippi, Rose and Harry G and their parents and carers who came to support them. It was a pleasure to be part of this evening and to watch these excellent budding tennis players - they will be an asset to any team they care to join!  
Mrs Cooper

Well done to Rose, Tippi, Harry and Ben from Yr5 who played amazingly at a tournament at HCCS on Monday. Playing against yr 6 kids could have been intimidating but that did fantastic and scooped a silver for Goostrey Primary, we're all so proud of you



**Poppy Warren** in Year 4 decided to have her hair cut short so she could donate 9 inches to the Little Princess Trust! We are very proud of 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.

## Eco News

Money raised from the sale of recycled tags this year have allowed the Eco committee to adopt a polar bear (WWF) and also to support Lower Moss Wood by adopting Shimba the barn owl.

Well done to all the children involved and thank you to everyone who bought tags.



### **End of the Year House Points**

Wow! What a year for house points. The children have worked so hard and achieved a whopping 47,932 house points! Truly amazing – well done each and everyone of you.

The overall results for the year were as follows:

**Harding:** 12,763  
**Garner:** 12,161  
**Mallory:** 11,714  
**Lovell:** 11,294

A particular well done to Amy Bayes (Year 4) achieved the highest number of house points throughout the year.

**Harding you have earned a free dress day on Wednesday 12th July.**

Well done everyone for all your hard work.

# Summer holiday tennis and fitness fun for children



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TENNIS COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL ABILITIES



'Camps' are run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held at Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey, from 9.30am to 1.30pm each day

**CAMP 1: MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY - FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**CAMP 2: MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY - FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**CAMP 3: MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST - FRIDAY  
25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

**CAMP 4: TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPT.**

EMAIL [play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07885 804246 for details

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# SUMMER SLAM

## FREE!!

Multi-Activity Days for Young People Aged 8-15

### Where/When?

- Weds 2nd Aug - Crewe Alex in the Community, Shavington—10:00—16:00
- Weds 9th Aug - Alsager Sports Hub, Hassall Road, Alsager—10:00—16:00
- Tues 15th Aug—Sandbach High School (**FEMALE ONLY EVENT**) —10:00—16:00
- Weds 16th Aug - Congleton High School, Congleton—10:00—16:00
- Weds 23rd Aug - Sandbach Boys School. Sandbach—10:00—16:00

Applications via online link

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





# Future Minds

HOLIDAY CLUB

## MAKE MEMORIES WITH US THIS SUMMER

Ofsted Registered, Run by QUALIFIED TEACHERS ✓

We look after children as our job, but lets get out of the classroom for a summer of making memories. All the fun bits of school with no work!!!



### Fun for ages 3-11 Years

Our Holiday Club offers workshops and sessions on a range of topics to suit every taste and interest.

### Activities to suit every taste

- Zoo2U
- Street Dance
- Mini Olympics
- LEGO Creations
- Film Fiesta
- + MANY MANY MORE

### Structured but still fun!

As well as structured sessions, we've made sure to factor in enough time for the children to let their imaginations run wild and have some fun with the diverse resources on offer.

### BOOK NOW BY

SENDING US A MESSAGE ON FACEBOOK

FUTURE MINDS HOLIDAY CLUB

[WWW.FUTURE-MINDS.CO.UK](http://WWW.FUTURE-MINDS.CO.UK)



**Key dates this term:**

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

School finishes for the summer

break and pupils return Wednesday 6th September



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 [educationwelfare@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:educationwelfare@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](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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.**

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## **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>