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14th July 2023

Dear Families,

School finishes for the summer break next Thursday 20th July. Pupils return Wednesday 6th September. This is the last newsletter for this academic year, the next one will be on Friday 15th September.

Please check key dates on page 8—meet the teacher dates for September are on this page.

Start of Year packs have a lot of valuable information about your child's next class, including PE days, homework days and curriculum themes. They will be uploaded to class pages at the end of next week. They also include Home School Agreements for signing and returning at the start of next term.

Year 6 we say good bye to you next week and wish you all the best for the future. You have been a great year group to teach — before you go though we have your performances to look forward to next week and your Leavers' Assembly. We also want to congratulate you on your excellent SATs results.

School reports will come home on Monday — if you would like to discuss your child's report with their class teacher please email them to find a mutually convenient time.

Thank you to Mrs Sant and our school councillors for all their thoughts and suggestions for our school this year. Please read some of their comments on page 2.

Exciting News- Early in the Summer Holidays Ms Cummins is getting married. It does mean her surname will change and so from September we will have a new name to get used to: Mrs Carew.

We wish her every happiness.

Term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 are on our website

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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

Here is the feedback from our School Council about successes and highlights and things to consider for next year.

Highlights/Successes

Taking part in Rose Day - Maypole success!
Dressing up and enjoying the parade
Dancing in the evening
Scratch with the Comp helpers
The fact that July Evening is a thing - LOVED IT!
South African children and staff visit
Dance sessions, hosting and joining in with our sports day
Halle Trip
Writing Board Success
Swimming pool session -AMAZING!
TT Rockstars
Young Voices Trip and performance
Exhibition
Chester Roman Day
Burwardsley
Times Table Tests

Things to consider:

Initiative about kindness—to remind everyone how important it is
More outdoor equipment and lessons in how to use it properly
Promoting worry box or just share a thought box so don't have to wait for reflection sheet day

Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament

A team of Year 5 and 6 athletes took part in a tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive on Monday. This was rearranged from June, when the heat caused the tournament to be postponed – no such problems this time, as the rain bucketed down. Luckily, the tournament was able to take place indoors. There was a variety of events for the children to take part in – including skipping, running, long jump, shot putt and relay. Our team was super talented, they were excellent sports people and they behaved impeccably. Well done to **Zhenya, Benjamin, Emily, Louis, Chloe, Sydney, Rosa, Noah, Rose, Henry, Harriette, Hugo, Isy, Chloe and Thomas.**

Mr Campion, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Greene

We wanted to let you know about a couple of achievements for **Alice** (Year 4) over the past couple of weeks.

She has been moved up from Stage 3 to Stage 4 swimming after lots of hard work in the water and she also had lots of hair cut off which she is donating to The Little Princess Trust. We're very proud of her.



Holmes Chapel Parish Council Community Art Exhibition Village Fair 9th July

The children in Year 6 took part in a community art project, creating pieces of art of local landmarks. **Chloe** from Year 6 was a winner, with her picture of the Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank.



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.



Do you know that we recycle glue sticks and felt pens at school?

December	2022	6.8kg
April	2023	5.2kg
July	2023	7.4kg

You are welcome to add your glue sticks and felt pens from home into the school collection boxes. There is one box in the Junior building and one in the Infant entrance hall.

Eco team

Many thanks to our Eco team children who have met at lunchtime every few weeks during the school year. You have been keen and enthusiastic and have demonstrated your interest and commitment to protecting our environment.

Thank you also to Mrs Walker for your continued help and support.

We will know by September if our Eco-Schools Green Flag application has once again been successful.

Since joining the School Eco Team, Finn has become much more aware of the environment and the things we need to do to look after our planet. He has become very aware of the litter that is sadly all around us in public places - shopping precincts, parks, grassed areas, hedges, etc. As a result of this, he has bought his own litter picker and hi-vis jacket, and he does regular litter picks in the local village. He usually collects 2 (almost full) bin bags of rubbish, in a couple of hours, before heading home. He is very keen to reduce the amount of rubbish on the streets, to make it cleaner, look nicer, and also to make it safer for wildlife.



Can you sew? We need you!!!

Artist Debbie Goldsmith has been working with the children at Goostrey school and the WI volunteers to produce an amazing wall hanging featuring Goostrey Village that will go on display in the village hall - we are looking for help from parents to help us with a small part of sewing (you can sew at home instruction and help will be given).

If you can help with a small part of this amazing project please get in touch email

goostreyartstudio@yahoo.com





Rainbow Music Clubs



Lunchtime Music Clubs for Years 2 - 6

Year 2 Chimes, drums, bells, boomwhackers, ocarina, recorder & ukulele

Year 3 Chimes, drums, percussion, pBuzz, recorder & ukulele

Year 4 - 6 Guitar, ukulele, keyboard, percussion, wind, brass & strings



For details please email kate@musicwithkate.co.uk
To book please visit <https://bookwhen.com/musicwithkate>

Key dates beginning of the autumn term:

Class September meetings:

Year 5 Wednesday 6th September 4pm

Year 6 Friday 8th September 3.45pm

Year 1 Monday 11th September 5.30pm

Year 2 Tuesday 12th September 5.30pm

Year 3 Tuesday 12th September 5.30pm

Year 4 Thursday 14th September 6pm

Reception Monday 18th September 5.30pm

PTA Monday 11th September 7pm

Individual Photos Wednesday 11th October

Exhibition Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October

School finishes on Thursday 19th October and the pupils return on Monday 30th.

Year 2 & Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the **end of June 2024**. It is **vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period**.

YEAR 6 SATS ARE WB 13TH MAY 2024

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>