



**In memory of Mrs Karen Freeman we are going to commission a beautiful butterfly sundial, and plant a tree in the school grounds.**

**We want to offer this opportunity for anybody who so wishes, to donate towards this memorial.**

**We are asking for cash donations to be brought into school, in a sealed envelope marked 'Butterfly Donation', in order to keep all donations anonymous.**

**We have looked into a JustGiving page, but as a school who use a business account, we cannot access this as we are not a registered charity.**

**Please send any donations in by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Thank you.**



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**15th September 2023**

**Dear Families,**

Our **open morning** is on Wednesday 27th September, anyone who is interested in a place at the school is welcome to join us. More details are on page 3.

**Key dates** for this term are on page 6

Next week we have a **willow artist** in school who will be working with the children creating sculptures for our exhibition—***Celebrating Life***.

REMINDER: we are asking for a **photo of your child** to be sent in with a butterfly—this can be a real one, one that has been made, a photograph or image etc. These photos will then be put around the entrance to the exhibition. If you are happy to do this please bring the photo in by the end of September.

**Thursday 28th September is Butterfly Day in school.** Children are asked to come dressed as butterflies or in butterfly colours. This may be just one colour that can be seen on a particular butterfly eg if they want to wear orange it may be because the colour symbolises the Monarch Butterfly or blue as it is found on the Peacock Butterfly. Your child may want to wear butterfly wings or a butterfly top. There are lots of options, we just want to fill the school with butterfly colours. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £2 from each child who does this, towards the memorial for Mrs Freeman. We would not expect a further £2 from families who have already sent in a donation.

Let's fill the school with butterfly colours on Thursday 28th. Thank you

***Term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 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 [mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

# **Goostrey Community Primary School**

## **Open Morning**

**Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 9 30 AM**

Parents/Carers and children due to start school in September 2024 are warmly invited to join us for an informal meeting in the Sunshine Room on our Infant site. We will give a group tour of the building, information about the admissions process and the opportunity to talk to staff.

If you are unavailable to attend this event please contact us to arrange a visit.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school

The closing dates for admissions for September 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 via [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk)

The schools admissions team can be contacted on 0300 123 5012

**Matthew** (Year 3) has continued to work very hard over summer and gained his yellow/black belt and moved up to the advanced class for martial arts. We are all so very proud of his hard work and dedication.



**Iris** has been awarded her Trinity College Grade 2 acoustic guitar and she has also joined the Macclesfield Satellites swimming Club Bronze Squad.

**Sydney** has been awarded his Trinity College Grade 5 acoustic guitar.

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.

# Upcoming



## Parent Carer Workshops

Workshops held at Visyon (Fellowship House, Congleton, CW12 1DP)

For further information/and or to book a place, please email the [FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk)

(Please detail the Workshop name in the subject box of your email and provide a contact number).

Helping support a child's worries and anxieties, 7-week programme. <i>All 7 weeks to be attended consecutively.</i>  <b>10:30 – 12:00 each week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>27/09/2023</b> – week 1</li><li>• <b>04/10/2023</b> – week 2</li><li>• <b>11/10/2023</b> – week 3</li><li>• <b>18/10/2023</b> – week 4</li><li>• Break 25/10/2023 for half-term week</li><li>• <b>01/11/2023</b> – week 5</li><li>• <b>08/11/2023</b> – week 6</li><li>• <b>15/11/2023</b> – week 7</li></ul>
Supporting a child with their sleep workshop	• <b>10.10.2023</b> - 10:00 – 12:00
Connecting with and supporting a teenager workshop	• <b>16.10.2023</b> - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child with their emotions workshop	• <b>30.10.2023</b> - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child with additional needs	• <b>25.10.2023</b> - 10:30 – 12:00
Supporting a child with the world of social media workshop	• <b>07.11.2023</b> - 10:00 – 11:30
Understanding self-harm workshop	• <b>22.11.2023</b> - 10:30 – 12:00
Supporting a child with bullying workshop	• <b>27.11.2023</b> - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child's development workshop	• <b>29.11.2023</b> - 10:30 – 12:00
Supporting a child with anxiety workshop	• <b>05.12.2023</b> - 10:00 – 11:30
Supporting a child with parental separation workshop	• <b>11.12.2023</b> - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child with loss and bereavement workshop	• <b>13.12.2023</b> - 10:30 – 12:00

*If you believe you would benefit from one of our Workshops, but the dates/timings are not convenient, please get in touch as above. **These workshops are free of charge.***

**Key dates beginning of the autumn term:**

**Reception September meeting Monday 18th September 5.30pm**

**PTA Monday 25th September 7pm**

**Open Morning 27th September at 9.30 in the Sunshine Room**

**Individual Photos Wednesday 11th October**

**Exhibition Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October until 6pm both days**

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

**Film Night Friday 10th November**

**Nativity and junior Carol Service dates to be announced soon**

**School closes for Christmas on Friday 22nd December and we are all back on Monday 8th January**

**Cake Sales for the year:**

<b>Year 6</b>	<b>13th October</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>17th November</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>12th January</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>9th February</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>22nd March</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>17th May</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>21st July</b>

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

<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>