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**29th September 2023**

**Dear Families,**

The school was full of colour and butterflies yesterday and it was a beautiful sight. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of donations received—thank you so much. We can now commission a butterfly sundial in memory of Mrs Freeman. I have been in touch with Mrs Freeman's family about planting a tree as well to ask if they had any thoughts on what kind of tree they would like.

## **New PTA Social Committee**

There has been an interest in creating some parent only events to raise money for the PTA. If you are interested in helping out or have any good ideas please come along to the Crown on Tuesday 3rd October at 7:30. If you are interested but can't make Tuesday please get in touch with Kate Davie or Helen Crofts. Hope to see you there!

## **Governing Board**

We need 2 new **parent governors** for our school. Details regarding the process, nominations and dates were sent out yesterday. There is further information on page 2 of this newsletter.

## **School Spider App**

We will be moving away from paper permission slips for school trips, after school clubs and sporting events. We will be using the School Spider App to request permissions, which will save paper, administration and provide online access to permissions given for staff. Please see page 3 for details of the App if you are not already using it.

***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)

**We are currently looking to appoint 2 parent governors to join our governing board.**

Nominations are welcome from anyone who has parental responsibility for a child at the school. If we receive more than two nominations in total then a ballot will be held.

**Please consider the role of parent governor if you are interested in:**

Children's education and the performance of the school.

Have the time and the energy for the role as well as the ability to work as a team.

Can consider matters objectively and ask and debate issues that affect the school.

This role will offer you a chance to develop your own personal skills, ensure the school is doing all it can to enable children to reach their full potential, access educational and governance training programmes and work with a great team of like-minded people.

**The role of the governing board.**

Ensure the school ethos and vision are promoted – strategic direction.

Hold the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils

Ensure best value for money from the school budget.

**Our Board expects governors to:**

Attend at least 2 meetings per term – one full governors' meeting and one committee. Meetings are held Thursdays at 5pm.

Actively contribute to Governor meetings and support school events.

Commit to attending training courses as required

If you would like to find out more about how our board operates here at Goostrey School or would like to chat further about the role generally please email me [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) to arrange a meeting.

# GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

Select your school to get started!



## LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address. You must have your email linked with the school

## TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:  
- Switch between areas  
- Edit your profile  
- Logout

**DOWNLOAD NOW**



**Goostrey Champions with silver medals came 2nd in the tournament 2,4,6,8 who do we appreciate, not the king, not the queen, but the Goostrey netball team!**

**Jude** last week won overall player of the tournament scoring the highest points with his golf handicap.

This was for such a great cause Millie's Trust raising money & awareness for training people to save lives.



**Oscar** this weekend took part in his first 5k charity run for St Lukes Hospice. The heavens opened up and he got absolutely wet but still finished the race with a smile on his face



**Tilly** had her first swimming gala at the weekend since joining Knutsford Vikings in September. She did amazing and will receive two bronze from her club for backstroke and freestyle at the presentation next week. So proud!

Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together.

We love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

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

**Parent Governor nominations closing date Thursday 19th October (12 noon)**

**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](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.**

**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>