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17th November 2023

Dear Families,

Big thank you to the PTA for an enjoyable and well organised Film Night — next one is in March but there is a family Beetle Drive on Friday 8th December — more details on page 5 — everyone welcome.



**Our chosen charity for Christmas is
St Luke's Hospice in Winsford**

The children will run, walk or skip on the path around the field in the last week of this term.

Each child will get an elf hat and a sticker to wear during the race and to keep afterwards.

They will each get a pot of porridge from the sponsors, Mornflake as all elves need a good breakfast!

Each child will get a sponsorship envelope to collect money from family and friends.

You can also donate online at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/goostrey-primary-1700152727127>

Many thanks for your support

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

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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 Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

PTA Facebook page

Did you know our school PTA have their own facebook page with details of all upcoming events? We have also added a poll to ask our community what you would like our next social event to be. Please follow our page on Facebook and have your say, we would love to hear from you!

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

PTA Facebook group is called "Goostrey Community Primary School PTA" on Facebook



facebook



You shop, brands donate to our school. It won't cost you any extra!

Dear families and friends of Goostrey Community Primary School PTA,

Can you help raise money for us with a free fundraiser while you shop online?

Before starting your online shopping, locate your retailer via the easyfundraising website or app, which will then direct you to your retailer's usual website or app. Shop as normal and you'll raise free donations for **Goostrey Community Primary School PTA – Cheshire!** There are 7,500 brands to choose from, including:



Your weekly online food shop with Tesco would generate £1.75 for the school for free.....that's nearly £100 each year!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/goostreyprimary>

Please see our PTA Facebook page for more information.

Thanks again for your continued support,
Goostrey CPS PTA



I had the pleasure of accompanying 15 Yr1 and Yr2 children to a dance workshop at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School on Monday after school. Each school had a different musical song to dance too. We had Annie, 'Its the hard knock life'. The children were given a sponge or cloth to 'clean' with. Their instructor Donna was very enthusiastic and the children struggled to keep a sad face while dancing because she was so funny.

They had a great time learning the routine before showing the other schools and parents before finishing.

The children said:

'It was really fun'

'I enjoyed it lots'

' I liked the cleaning!'

'I liked the certificate we got'

Mrs Greene

Oliver's Pumpkins

We would like to thank all the pupils and their families for visiting us and helped raise funds for the school PTA. We hope you enjoyed carving/eating them.

Thank you for supporting a local business and the school PTA.

We have rounded up the total donation to £100.

Many thanks,

Oliver and Family



It was **Ollie's** first ever judo comp and he did so well practising randori with children a year older than him. He did some amazing throws and floor work, and brought home his very own trophy.

Tilly did amazing at her second competition of the year. She fought so well in a difficult pool and after some wins and a very close loss, she took home a silver medal.

So proud of both of them!



Thank you to all the friend and families of the school for supporting our Recycle4School fundraiser.

The organisation had to make two trips to take away the bumper collection of items! This has now been turned into cash to help fund resources for the school.

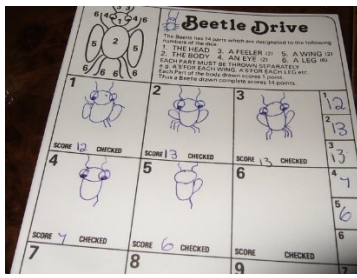
Our next collection will be after Christmas.

Thanks again for your continued support,
Goostrey CPS PTA



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.



P.T.A

Beetle Drive

Fantastic Family Fun!

Come and join in the fun

Junior Hall

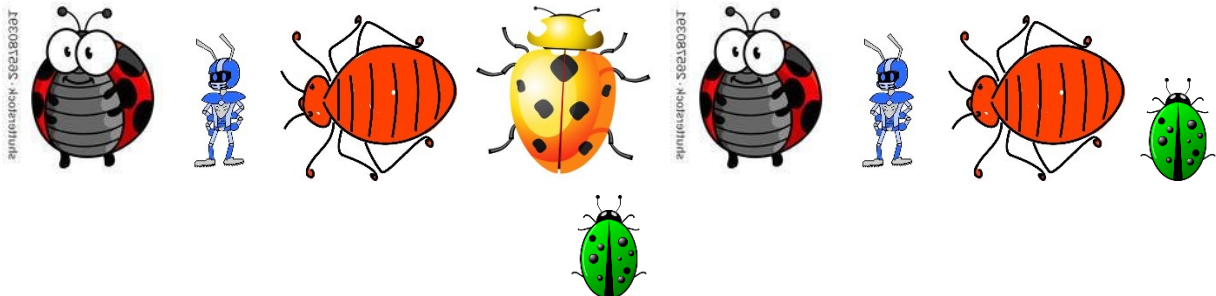
Friday 8th December

6 – 7.30 pm

£2 per person

Prizes to be won!

Refreshments available





ST LUKE'S
GOOSTREY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 25th

November

11.00am – 1.00pm

in the Village Hall

FATHER CHRISTMAS

will be there

Tombola, Raffle, Gifts

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

Xmas lights switch on 26th November

At the Bog Bean

5:00 - 6:00

Come and meet Santa, enjoy a festive drink and enjoy the Brass Band. Lights are switched on at 5:30 Cash only £1-£2 per drink

Many thanks

Paul (Scouts)

Messy Church on Wed. 22nd November
Goostrey Methodist Church

Key dates rest of the autumn term:

Parent Appointments WB 20th November

Infant Nativity performances:

Tuesday 19th December and Wednesday 20th December, 9.30am both days, Village Hall. These will be ticketed—2 per family. Tickets are free but there will be a collection for any spare cash you may have to cover costs. Thank you

Junior Carol Services:

Tuesday 19th December 1.30pm St Luke's Church— Year 3 and 4 families 1 ticket per child
Thursday 21st December 9.30am St Luke's Church Year 5 and 6 families 1 ticket per child.
There will be a collection at both services which will be split with St Luke's
Thursday 21st December 5pm Junior Playground (weather permitting)
everyone welcome no tickets required.

17th November Year 5 cake sale

24th November Items for the class Christmas hampers in—more details on the class Facebook pages. Raffles tickets will go on sale early December.

25th November—PTA has 2 stalls at St Luke's Christmas Fair in the Village Hall

6th December Christmas Jumper Day

8th December Beetle Drive in the school hall—more information on page 3

WB 11th December Christmas Shops

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

Next term:

12th January Year 4 cake sale

15th January PTA meeting 7pm Space Invader

26th January—school disco Village Hall

9th February Year 3 cake sale

8th March Film Night

Year 6 national tests and assessments will be ongoing throughout the 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 and the writing assessments are until the end of June.

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>