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15th December 2023

Dear Families,

Congratulations to Mrs Hirst and family on the birth of their baby boy. Mrs Hirst is one of our teaching assistants who started her maternity leave last Thursday, 3 days later her bundle of joy arrived!

SCHOOL FINISHES NEXT FRIDAY AND WE ALL RETURN ON MONDAY JANUARY 8TH

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR TICKETS for these events

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 shared with St Luke's

Thursday 21st December 5pm Junior Playground (weather permitting) everyone welcome no tickets required for this event.

Hamper draw on Monday—last chance to buy tickets will be Monday morning. We will email all winners with the good news on Tuesday.

Still some maps left for the Christmas Trail—see page 2 for more details

CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS NEXT THURSDAY—CHILDREN CAN BRING CRACKERS IF THEY WISH.

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 mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Income Related Free School Meals: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or visit website for further information

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

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.

Christmas Trail

New for Christmas this year, there will be a Christmas trail around Goostrey from Friday 1st December to Sunday 31st December.

Trail sheets will be available from school reception for £1 per sheet from 1st December.

Each completed sheet earns 5 house points and there is the chance to win further house points in the New Year - more details are on the sheets.

The trail can be done in one go or over several outings, whatever suits you!

  Happy Trailing  

On Monday 11th December children from Year 3 and 4 (**Leo, Phoebe, Charlotte and Wiliam**) took part in a Boccia and Curling competition against local schools at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive. In the Kurling competition our team combined different approaches of power and accuracy to secure a bronze medal. The Boccia competition was very tense! The result came down to the final shot of the whole competition and Goostrey finished in silver medal position. Not only did our team show concentration and accuracy, they were also highly supportive of each other and children in other schools.

Well done to all who took part!!



Erica Walker (Year 1) and **Anaya Clifford** (Reception) received their certificate and badge for making their promise at Rainbows and now are officially part of Girlguiding. We are super proud of their achievements.



Congratulations to **Nancy Harper** on passing her stage 5 swimming class.

Eliza did two amazing performances of Matilda JR version at Alderley Edge festival hall this weekend. Eliza played the role of Alice which included a small solo performance as well as lots of fab dancing, singing and acting as one of the school children.

Well done Eliza!



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.

Glue stick and felt pen recycling



Another 17.9kg of glue sticks and felt pens from our school have been recycled.

Thank you to Miss Booth who organises this and takes them to be recycled.

Please keep adding your empty glue sticks and felt pens to the boxes at school.

Don't forget to bring your used stamps too please , to help provide support dogs for people who need them.



Thanks to your donations, we have sold all of our Christmas tags. The school eco team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

We would appreciate it, if you would keep all of your Christmas cards this year and send them in to us in January, so we can make more lovely tags for next year.

I'm home from university for the Christmas period (evening of the 19th Dec-4th Jan) and have some availability for daytime and evening baby sitting. Please contact mrs.fairhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk if you would like to discuss or book in.

Thank you and happy festivities over the coming weeks.

Francesca Fairhurst (Mrs Fairhurst's, daughter)

Key dates rest of the autumn term:

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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>