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26th January 2024

Dear Families,

Our beautiful sundial, in memory of Mrs Freeman is now finished—thank you for all your donations, including the family who kindly donated the brass sundial top, allowing us to commission this beautiful piece. It is situated by the gate to the infant school so everyone can see it and remember a very special teacher and friend.



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.

The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA
<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

Henry went with his Knutsford Rugby team to Sale Sharks to be the guard of honour and play on the pitch at half-time. He also enjoyed meeting some of the players and getting their autographs, especially Gus Warr.



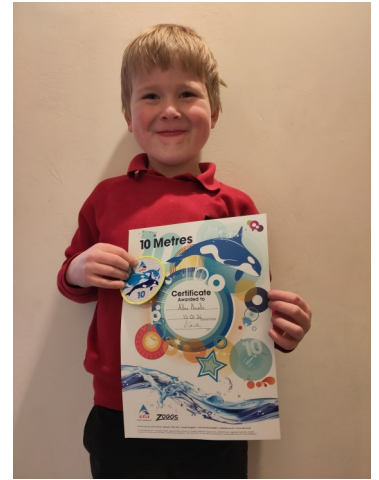
Oscar (Year 1) has worked really hard to complete his stage 3 swimming. He's doing really well in stage 4 and this week received "Star of the week" for his efforts. Well done Oscar, you'll finish stage 4 in no time! Keep up the hard work, we are very proud of you.



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. Items need to be received by midday on the Thursday for inclusion in Friday's newsletter. Thank you



Lucy was player of the match this week for the Egerton U9 Tigers football team—well done Lucy



Arthur Howells (year 1) has got his 10m swimming certificate after working really hard on his technique.



Tristan Connell in year 2 has achieved his stage 1 swimming certificate. Well done Tristan! We are so proud of you.

Florence won a tennis tournament this weekend winning all of her four matches and really enjoyed herself! Very proud of her.



Key dates:

5th February Goostrey Choir to Manchester Young Voices concert

9th February Year 3 cake sale

WB 4th March Mother's Day shop

8th March Film Night

WB 11th March Parent Appointments

22nd March Year 2 cake sale

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE EASTER BREAK AND RETURNS
MONDAY 15TH APRIL**



24 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and that the start of the School Spring Term has been smooth. I have asked your child/children's school, to kindly share with you details of our upcoming Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent Carer Workshops and our delivery schedule, for this half term. The workshops are free to attend, and we welcome families/carers in Cheshire East or families/carers of children who attend a school in Cheshire East. Details of the workshops and how to book them can be found in the information attached. Should you be unable to attend a workshop of interest due to the date or timings, please contact us via FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk.

We also provide Family Wellbeing support for parents and carers, which is tailored support and guidance for families, at an early stage, when it is needed most. This support can be accessed via a Visyon Parent Open Access Appointment (details can be found in the attached information), which can be booked directly by yourselves via our Initial Contact Team on 01260 290 000.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read my letter and the attached information, I appreciate, that as a parent time can be in short supply. I wish you and your family a productive half-term and if you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk. Thank you.

Louise

Louise Marsh | She/Her

Wellbeing, Families and Communities Manager

07498 619 481 | Working Days: Monday – Thursday

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Registered company number 5250758



Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM



PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Blended Families

Wednesday 07th February 2024, 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

Our Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer workshop**. This workshop explores what we mean by the term 'Blended Family' and how to navigate your blended family to make it a family. This workshop looks at challenges faced when families blend and will explore step-parenting, co-parenting, bonding, boundaries and the general challenges you and your family may face.

The Workshop is available to parents/carers in **Cheshire East** and will be held at **Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the workshop, please contact FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.



FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM



PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Supporting your child's transition to their next school.

Wednesday 14th February 2024, 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

Our Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer Workshop**. This workshop explores how you can support your child through the important transition. We look at understanding your child's needs, their worries and behaviours. We will look at how to plan their transition with them and explore any possible barriers. We will look at ways you can help them to say goodbye correctly and how you can explore with them their hopes and dreams.



The Workshop is available to parents/carers in **Cheshire East** and will be held at **Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the workshop, please contact FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP



Self-harm Awareness (90 minutes)

Wednesday 31st January 2024, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm.

Visyon's Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer workshop**. This workshop will provide you with relevant information to help your understanding of self-harm and will explore ways in which you can support a young person who is self-harming. It aims to break down some of the stigma associated with self-harm. This workshop also explains where to get further support for a young person if needed.



The Programme is available to parents/carers in **Cheshire East** and will be held **at Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the workshop, please contact

FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk

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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>