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Dear Families,

The discos were great fun last Friday—big thank you PTA and all staff who organised and helped on the night.

Our junior choir goes to Manchester on Monday to sing in the Young Voices evening concert. Thank you to Mrs Sant for all the singing practices after school and for organising this special visit. Thank you, also to Mrs Cowell and Mrs Booth for accompanying the children.

On behalf of St Luke's Hospice thank you for all your support—the Elf Run raised £870.36 for this excellent cause.

### 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)

Income Related Free School Meals: [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

***Term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 are on our website***

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

**Hannah Pearson** (Y3) has been working hard to pass her Stage 4 swimming to move into Stage 5 and she's done it! We're so proud of her progress.



Super proud of **Jack** who achieved man of the match on Saturday for his game against Middlewich (and some of his classmates!) his coaches said it was his best game yet and he is working so hard to get better at football ☐

This week **Oliver Cherry** received Star of the Week and Gaku the ninja to look after for the week, as well as his next belt up at Ninja Cubs. We are so proud of the improvement Oli has shown in his focus and listening!

**Thea** (y2) recently completed her Primary ballet exam and overcame her first exam nerves brilliantly to be awarded a distinction grade.



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

# RECYCLE 4 SCHOOL

Help raise funds for Goostrey PTA by having a half term clear out and turning your unwanted clothes into £'s

**Collection date:  
Thursday 29th February**

Please drop your bags of recyclables at the bike stores at either the infants or juniors on the morning of the collection date



**Items can be donated in the collection bags or any carrier/bin bags**

## WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



## WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT



***Key dates:***

**5th February** Goostrey Choir to Manchester Young Voices concert

**9th February** Year 3 cake sale

**WB 4th March** Mother's Day shop .

Children's books will be out—class teachers will let families know which day they can come and see their children's work

**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**

Following the success of last year, the Rose Day committee is again organising a quiz to help raise funds for the big day which will be held on Saturday 29 June.

The quiz, which will be held in the village hall on Saturday 2 March, starting at 7.30pm, will feature teams of no more than six. The bar opens at 7pm. Tickets costing £5 per person are available from Peter Gomes: Tel 07867 798848, [treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk)



**The future  
is ours to make**



Holmes Chapel Cricket Club  
Girls Cricket (primary school age)  
Free Taster Session  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
5.30-6.30pm  
Holmes Chapel Comp Leisure Centre



To reserve your free place, complete the form via the QR code  
Contact Paul Cudby with any questions - 07890052459

## Have a birthday party or celebration coming up?

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My daughter is in Year 4 at Goostrey CP and I'd love to give something back to the school this year.

For every booking made between now and 31<sup>st</sup> March, we'll give **20% of the party kit hire back to Goostrey CP PTA**. This offer applies to all parties in 2024, provided you book and pay a small deposit of £15 by the end of March. Please quote Goostrey CP when booking.

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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

<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>