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Dear Families,

We are launching a new award for our pupils—THE KINDNESS AWARD



We have commissioned 2 beautiful, colourful paintings of butterflies which are now on view in the infant and junior buildings.

Postcards of each painting have been produced and these will be sent to the child we believe deserves our new, prestigious Kindness Award – an incentive to encourage and recognise children who are consistently kind, respectful and kind to each other. Members of staff nominate children for this award.

This award will only be given a few times every year. If your child is the recipient of this award they will receive the postcard in the post and we will also celebrate it in the newsletter and assembly. They will also get a badge to proudly wear. I hope they will see this as very special and that it promotes their understanding of how important it is to be kind to each other.



FILM NIGHT IS NEXT FRIDAY—MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 4 MOTHER'S DAY SHOP NEXT WEEK—PLEASE SEE PAGE 5

We have had NSPCC assemblies for all year groups on keeping safe (including online). These have been followed up by three workshops for our Year 2, 5 and 6 pupils last Monday.

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: reeschoolmeals@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

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

JUNIORS ONLY

Some families think that we do not allow the junior children in at lunchtime to get a drink or go to the toilet.

This would be totally unreasonable.

Therefore, we just wanted to clarify what we are currently trialling. The junior pupils are able to come in and out of the building between 12 and 12.30 and then again from 12.45 to 1pm every day. They can come in any time during these 45 minutes. We are trying to limit the amount of children who come in to the junior building between 12.30 and 12.45, especially as at that time most staff are having their lunch and there is no one inside to supervise the pupils. We have explained to the junior pupils, on several occasions, the times they can come in and that between 12.30 and 12.45 they will be asked why they need to come in at that time. If they are desperate for the toilet, or have a good reason e.g. they have been asked to come in by an adult, then of course they can enter the building. They can all have drinks with their lunch, either provided if they have a hot lunch, or from their packed lunch or from the water cooler if they have their bottles with them. If they don't have their own water bottle we do all we can to get them something they can drink from. We do ask that all pupils have their own water bottles and that they try and go to the toilet, get coats and drinks etc outside 12 to 12.30 and 12.45 to 1pm

We really just wanted to reassure you that the junior pupils are allowed in for the majority of lunchtime and only restricted for part of it. We'll see how the trial goes and whether it continues to limit the number of children entering the building during that quarter of an hour. The good thing is they can keep any eye on the time, as there is a big clock on the church right next to the playground.

Hoping this clarifies the situation and if your child is still not sure please ask them to have a chat with their teacher who will explain it again.

End of Term House Points

Well done to all the children who have earned house points last term! 14 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 14 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. We also were able to award 3 Gold certificates for achieving 150 house points and 1 Platinum certificate. An extra well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were:

Lovell: 1645
Harding: 1632
Garner: 1539
Mallory: 1416

A very close contest! Well done Lovell and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

LOVELL will be awarded a free dress day on **WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH**

Thank you
Mrs Beardsworth

Key dates:

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

FILM NIGHT

Goostrey Village Hall

Friday 8th March

Doors open 5.30pm - Movie starts 6.00pm

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Admission £5.00 each

Tuck Shop Open

Tickets on sale from Monday 4th March 2024
from Junior Reception

**PLEASE NOTE TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE
BEFORE 8.50AM**

Entrance limited to 140 children
Parents to accompany Reception Children

Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

Mother's Day



Shop



Shopping days start
Monday 4th March

We have some great gifts on sale starting
from £1 to £5

Please bring your money in a named purse and don't
forget your bag for life to bring your gifts home!

Rose Day

Quiz

Question: What is the hottest ticket in Goostrey this weekend?

Answer: The Goostrey Rose Festival Quiz at the Village Hall

The quiz, which starts 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

Registration

Goostrey Rose Day will be held on Saturday 29 June and this year for the first-time registration of children taking part in the procession will be on-line only via the Goostrey Rose Festival website:

goostreyrosefestival.co.uk.

Registration will be available from Friday 1 March and must be completed by Friday 22 March. Parents and guardians are asked to respect the deadline in order to ensure children do not miss out.

Infant Party

The infant children's party, which will take place from 2.30-4pm, is for pre-school children, aged 3 and over, reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Pre-school and reception class children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The cost is £2 per child and parents are asked to bring along a prize which can be used on the tombola stall on Rose Day. There will be a pop-up café for parents. After the party, at approx. 4.15pm, the name of the Rosebud Queen, a girl from Year 2, will be drawn from a hat.

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

On Thursday 21st March 2024 we will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day.

Please wear your odd socks in support on this day.

We will also be selling gingerbread sock biscuits by the Infant main door and in the Junior playground straight after school.

£1 per biscuit

Thursday 21st March

We're supporting World Down Syndrome Day by selling
GINGERBREAD SOCKS!

Helping our amazing Down syndrome community to live the life they choose



WDSD 2024

#iwant



£1



Tickets are £60 and will be on sale 20th Feb

Tables available to purchase (10-12 people) as well as individual tickets.

Get your dancing shoes ready for a night of dancing, fun and laughter!

Tickets are limited for this much anticipated event!

St. Luke's Children's Easter Workshop



Goostrey Junior School Hall
10.00 am - 12 noon

Good Friday 29th March

All children Age 4-11 welcome
(Younger children welcome if
accompanied by an adult)



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>