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**22 03 2024**

**Dear Families,**

School closes on Thursday 28th March and we all return on Monday 15th April.

Key dates for next term:

Year 5 residential visit Monday 15th April to Wednesday 17th.

PTA Monday 22nd April The Space Invader 7pm—all welcome

PTA Bingo Friday 26th April

PTA Tropics event Wednesday 1st May Sunshine Room 7 to 9pm

May Bank Holiday—school closed Monday 6th May

Year 6 SATs tests WB 13th May

Cake Sale Year 1 Friday 17th May

**Class photos** Wednesday 22nd May

School closes for May half term Friday 24th May and opens on Monday 3rd June

Swimming pool for the junior pupils after May half term

PTA Bag 2 School Thursday 6th June

PTA Ball Friday 7th June Cranage Hall

Father's Day Shop WB 10th June

PTA Film Night Friday 14th June

New Starters' Meeting, September intake Thursday 20th June 7pm Village Hall

Cake Sale Reception Friday 21st June

Year 6 residential Friday 5th July to Monday 8th July

**SPORTS DAY**—Tuesday 9th July pm and reserve date Thursday 11th July pm

July Evening Friday 12th July

Bikeability for Years 4 and 5 WB 15th July

Year 6 performances 17th and 18th July 6.30pm

School finishes for the summer Friday 19th July and opens for pupils Wednesday 4th

September

### 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:** [reeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:reeschoolmeals@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>



**William Jones** in Year 3 took part in his first Taekwondo competition this weekend. Having recently achieved his green belt. William had great fun participating in sparring and poomsae alongside his club members in an interclub competition in Manchester.

**Iona (year 4) and Ethan Bradley (year 1)** went litter picking around Goostrey and collected a bin bag of rubbish



**Tilly** was in her first swimming gala for her new team, Satellites the weekend before last. She got her certificate this week. She did amazing and we couldn't be prouder of her! Go Tilly!

**Kayson Morgan, Y3** has achieved his 1 star ski badge in France. He can now ski parallel, take jumps and ski really fast. He is now an amazing skier and wants to be a ski instructor.





## Goostrey PTA End of Term update



Thank you to all the children and families who have supported events this term. We have had fantastic cakes baked in Years 4 and 3, with more to come from Year 2 this afternoon. Clothes recycled in the Bags 4 Schools donations, the children had lots of fun at the January disco and enjoyed Migration at the March film night.

The PTA bought and wrapped the presents for the children to buy at the Mother's Day shop.

We are working hard organising the PTA Ball on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June - we have a live Band, delicious food, games, raffle and a minibus for local pick up and drop offs. We can't wait to see you all!

**Tickets are still on sale, please see the main poster for more details.**

A huge thank you to all of the PTA committee for giving their time and enthusiasm arranging these events, you are all brilliant! All money raised is reinvested in our school.

We wish you all a restful East break!

The PTA committee



Messy Church at Goostrey Methodist Church on Wed. 27th March, Fun, Crafts and food from 3.30(or what ever time you can get) to 5.30

### 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)



GOOSTREY PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS...

# Summer ball

Tickets  
£60pp

JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

CRANAGE HALL

Join us for an evening of entertainment

Live band, DJ, 3 Course Meal, Raffle, Games and Auctions

All proceeds will go towards providing new IT equipment for the pupils

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Email [info@andrewdwood.co.uk](mailto:info@andrewdwood.co.uk) for tickets

Tables of 10, 12, and individual available

Another win for Goostrey this week at the Community Rail Awards in Swansea- the awards just keep on coming! This time its for First Prize for the photo competition, <https://communityrail.org.uk/current-winners/photo-competition-sponsored-by-porterbrook/>

This is for a photo of Beavers helping Friends of Goostrey Station (FoGS) to keep our station tidy!

*Can you help us ?*



## VOLUNTEER GARDENERS NEEDED

### AT YOUR LOCAL GOOSTREY PRESCHOOL

**Do you have an interest in growing flowers and vegetables?**

**Do you have an hour or so spare time on a regular basis ?**

**Would you enjoy sharing your skills with our pre-schoolers?**

**If so, Goostrey preschool is looking for some help in maintaining their vegetable / flower garden on a regular basis throughout the Spring and Summer months.**

**If you are interested, please contact Nicola Ellershaw (Goostrey Preschool Manager)  
We'd love to hear from you!**

**1st Goostrey Scout Hut  
220 Main Road  
Goostrey**

**Cheshire CW4 8PE      Tel: 07471756720      Email: [manager@goostreypreschool.org.uk](mailto:manager@goostreypreschool.org.uk)**



# CHILDREN'S TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMME 2024

A CHOICE OF THURSDAY AFTER-SCHOOL LTA-GUIDED CLASSES DURING THE SUMMER TERM, FROM APRIL 18 - JULY 18, WITH COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL ABILITIES AND AGES 5-16.



Goostrey has a NEW LTA qualified tennis coach at Boothbed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey.

Thursday coaching options are:

4.30pm - 5.30pm

5.30pm - 6.30pm

6.30pm - 7.30pm

EMAIL [ali.richardson1@hotmail.com](mailto:ali.richardson1@hotmail.com) or phone 07885 804246 for details



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.*

Updated guidance that will come into effect from 19 August 2024 has been published by the DfE.

The guidance, which is now statutory, outlines new absence fine rates, thresholds at which penalties must be considered, requirements to share daily data with the government and new absence codes.

The minimum fine will increase from £60 to £80 per parent, if parents fail to pay their fine within 21 days, it will be raised from £120 to £160.

Persistently absent children are defined as those who have missed at least 10 percent of school, which amounts to one month across the school year.

Headteachers will be able to maintain some discretion over which cases to report to councils for potential fines and where support is needed.



## 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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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.

### 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 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>