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Dear Families,

### CHANGE TO SCHOOL HOURS FROM **SEPTEMBER 2024.**

The DfE are strongly advising that all pupils have a minimum core school week of 32.5 hours from September. In order to follow this recommendation the Governing Board have reviewed the current school day and made the following decision:

Junior times remain the same—08.50 start and 15.25 finish.

**Infants will start 10 minutes earlier than at present—08.45 start and 15.15 finish.**

This still allows for a staggered start for families with children on both sites to get across in time.

### Keeping children safe:

If you need a message getting to your child regarding change of arrangements for pick up at the end of the day please ring the school and either leave a message or speak to a member of staff. Please do not email teaching staff with this information as they do not access their emails when teaching. Thank you

Welcome back to our Year 5 class who went on their residential this week—huge thank you to Mr Champion, Mrs Fairhurst and Mrs Hughes.

Bingo night—next Friday, please see page 8

Key dates for the term are on page 10

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**

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>

This month's recipients of the Kindness Award are:

Asa Lowndes

Max Lintell



Well done for getting such a wonderful award—wear your kindness badge with pride. Both children received a postcard to let them know they had achieved this award.

### **End of Half Term House Points**

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 4,042 house points this half term!

6 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 14 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. In addition, 9 Gold certificates were awarded for achieving 150 house points and 3 children have achieved their Platinum certificate. Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were as follows:

**Lovell:** 1110  
**Garner:** 1038  
**Mallory:** 950  
**Harding:** 944

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](#)

Thank you

Mrs Beardsworth



A huge thank you to everyone who supported World Down Syndrome Day 2024 by wearing odd socks or by buying a gingerbread sock. The school raised a fantastic £239.10 which will be sent to Down Syndrome Cheshire. Thank you

Mrs Hughes



## Great British School Clean

Members of the Eco team spent a very wet Wednesday lunchtime last week collecting litter around our school grounds as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great British School Clean (GBSchoolClean).

We collected very little litter which was a good thing but disappointing for the children!



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April children are welcome to wear their club uniforms for the day. These uniforms are from organisations such as Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows,

**Seth** (y4) was awarded the goalkeeping award at the end of a great season with Alderley Edge hockey club U10s. He has embraced his new role in goal with great enthusiasm and had a fantastic performance last weekend at the Cheshire In2 hockey tournament, keeping his team in the matches with his many great saves.



**Florence** LJ passed her Grade 1 Guitar exam with flying colours! Well done Flo !



I just wanted to share, **Oscar** (Year 1) has passed his level 2 ski on his trip to France. Mid week he skied down a mountain that was 2500 metres above sea level. Amazing achievement, well done!

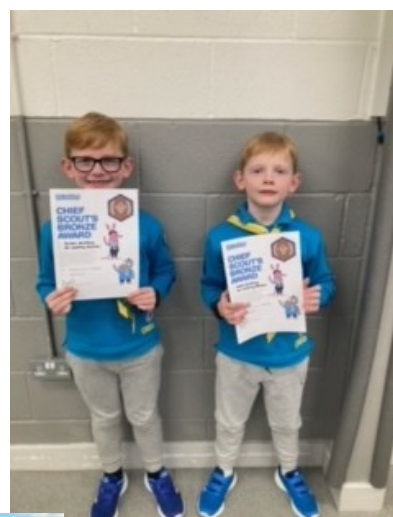
**Evelyn** was given her "Purple Award" at gymnastics. She was very proud of herself!



Riley passed his Silver Rookie lifesaving just before Easter.  
Well done Riley, I am so proud of you.



On Wednesday, **Reuben and Jacob** (Year 3) received their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award for Beavers, after completing a personal challenge they set themselves to raise £150 for their local food bank.



**Oliver Hughes**, from Year 3, helping at the biannual community litter collection in Cranage during the Easter holidays with his Mum and Dad. Oliver has been attending the events since he could walk and we're very proud of his enthusiasm to keep Britain tidy!



**Eliza Jones and Florence Lloyd-Jones** were amazing in a production of Aladdin JR at Festival Hall, Alderley Edge last weekend. Plenty of dancing and singing and great stage presence! Well done girls!



Phoebe has passed her stage 2 swimming class and now moved onto stage 3.



Over the Easter Holidays  
Reggie from Year 5 passed  
his Level 6 Swimming Award



# Goostrey Primary School PTA Tropic Fundraiser

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm in the Sunshine  
Room



Join us for a fun evening of experiencing the  
award-winning Tropic skincare range while also  
raising funds for the PTA

'Messy Church is at Goostrey Methodist Church on  
24th April, 3.30 -5.30  
All children welcome and accompanied by an adult.  
Lots of fun and food.  
We look forward to seeing you.'

Goostrey School PTA



# BINGO NIGHT

Friday 26th April

STARTS AT 6PM - 7:30pm  
Approximately

Doors Open at 5:45pm Eyes Down 6pm!

In The Village Hall  
Refreshments Available



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

## Key dates for this term:

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 16th and 18th July 6.30pm

Leavers' Assembly 19th July pm

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

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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### 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>