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Dear Families,

Huge well done to our wonderful Year 6—you have been so great this week approaching your SATs with maturity and determination to do your very best.

No school could ask any more—so proud of you all.

RSHE and PHSE Policy

(PSHE -Personal, Social, Health Education and RSHE – Relationships, Sex and Health Education) has been updated by the Governors and is now available on the School Website.

[Goostrey Community Primary School: Policies and Downloads](#)

Families are invited to read this policy and send any comments /queries to head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk by Monday 3rd June.

RSHE has been in the news recently as the government are considering guidance for schools concerning the teaching of RSHE in schools. FYI Goostrey School has never taught sex education to any pupil under 9—this part of the curriculum is in Y6 and parents are always told when it will be taught and are invited to see the teaching materials. They can then decide whether they wish their child to be part of this lesson or not.

Class photos Wednesday 22nd May

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

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

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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



Ayla and Freddie climbed Snowdon last weekend. They did the Pyg track route which was pretty tough and both children are feeling, quite rightly, very proud of themselves!

Marcia recently completed in a competition in Deeside - North Wales and won 2 Gold medals and also receiving X2 personal best scores. She was also awarded a Miss Elegance award from the judges. Marcia has also been successful re invited on to the North West Regional Squad. Well done Marcia.



GOOSTREY PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS...

Summer ball

Tickets
£60pp

JUNE 7TH

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 for tickets

Tables of 10, 12, and individual available

**SHOPPING DAYS START
MONDAY 10TH JUNE**



**FATHER'S
DAY
SHOP**

GIFTS PRICED FROM £1 TO £5

Children will have the opportunity during the school day to visit our pop up gift shop to buy gifts for the special people in their lives

Please bring your money in a named purse and don't forget your reusable shopping bag to bring your gifts home



Marine or Mountain Litter Pickers



Are you visiting anywhere at half term?

If you are going to the beach, or to the mountains, or wherever you are and see any litter, could you (with an adult's permission and help)

- Put on protective gloves
- Pick up the items - arrange them into a collage and take a photo of your artwork

or

take a photo of yourself with the items

- take away the items and dispose of or recycle them
- email your photo or bring a copy to school after half term

In this way you will win 50 house points and know that you have helped protect our environment

Please email photos to your child's class teacher or to

mrs.saxton@qoostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you from the Eco Team

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 6th June

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



Goostrey East v Goostrey West Football Match



**Sunday 9th June at the Booth Bed Lane
Playing Fields in Goostrey. Midday kick-off.**



Everybody is welcome to watch this match for which the teams have already been selected. Admission is free but donations and all proceeds will go towards the new artificial surface for the tennis courts on Booth Bed Lane.



*There will also be two **PENALTY SHOOT-OUT COMPETITIONS**. One for children aged 11 and under, and one for mums and grandmas! £1 entry fee on the day.*



*After the match there will be a **CROSSBAR CHALLENGE COMPETITION** for children aged 12 and over. £1 entry fee on the day.*

Hot and cold drinks and excellent cakes will be available for purchase, baked especially for the occasion by the wonderful Gwen Robinson.



Key dates for this term:

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

REMINDER

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.

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.

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 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>