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**Dear Families,**

Mrs Kate Davie left school this week—we have loved working with you Mrs Davie and know we will still see you around. Hopefully you may come back some day to Goostrey School and work with us again.

We always award the class who raises the most in cake sales a free dress day. Congratulations Year 6 it is you this year with £143.34 raised (closely followed by Y5 with 134.50 and Y2 £133.20). Your free dress day will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Kindness Awards for July and August have been given to Phoebe Cheetham in Reception, Romilly Wakefield in Year 2 and Pantelis Noutsos and Rose Worsley both in Year 6. Well done to all four children. All our recipients of the pupil awards this year will be invited to join me, the deputy and governors for cake and refreshments on Wednesday 10th July, at 1.30pm. They will be allowed to come in free dress that day.

If your child, in Y6 has been a prefect this year then they also have a free dress day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July as well as 50 house points each.

Rose Day is tomorrow and our Y3 children have been busy practising the Maypole. Good Luck to them all as this is a tricky and complex activity.

Don't forget Mrs Cowell and I will be opening the one and only, amazing CUP U LIKE stall at the beginning of Rose Day. Don't delay and get there early and win, win, win—no one loses.

Election day next Thursday—we anticipate the car park will be much busier than usual.

**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>

Summer holiday home activity  
For our annual October exhibition  
**'Heroes and Leaders'**  
**Create a 3D mask.**

Your holiday homework is to make a 3D facemask, portraying the image you would like to present of yourself.

You could be strong like a lion!

You could design a creative, caring, fun or heroic mask! A mask that reflects your interests or your beliefs.

Please will you bring your pieces to school on the week beginning 27th September.

The pieces will be displayed in the junior hall as part of the exhibition work.

Above all, please have fun creating your piece!



## **Summer Photo Competition – linked to our next exhibition**

It's time for another photo competition! For a chance to win lots of house points, get out and about over the holidays and see what amazing photographs you can take.

This time the theme is:  
**Heroes and Leaders**

Please make sure that anyone in your photo has given their permission to be included in the competition. Photos will be displayed at the exhibition in October.

Please email your photographs to [mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) by Monday September 16th

We're excited to see what wonderful photographs you can take with / of your heroes / leaders.

This is **Max Barnett , Gus Peake and Theo Barnett** collecting rubbish when they went camping to the Peak District. They wanted to do their bit to make the countryside safe for animals and care for our planet



**Poppy** received her five years of service with Lions Youth Brass at the Annual awards this week. She practices hard and has progressed from a new player to working towards her Grade 3 on the cornet over the years. We are very proud of her commitment.

**Reggie** from Year 5 won Over Peover's Player Of the Match at Tuesday evenings Cricket Match against Davenham.



**Daniel and Lucy (Tyrer)** have both achieved a First Class Honours (both got 94%!!) in their piano grade A exam and they also completed the 'Punching 1' badge in karate this week.



**George Hardcastle and Harry Nightingale** performed at the Lowry theatre with their Stagecoach group. They were absolutely fantastic and it was an amazing night. Congratulations!!!



**Obi and his mum** completed the Muddy Race for life 5k on Saturday at Tatton Park. Obi was amazing and they ran it in just under an hour. He was a mud monster at the end of it! He's raised £175 for Cancer research and his family is very proud of him!

We have travelled **4521 km** on our Journey to Paris Challenge!



[This Photo](#) by Unknown Author is

Our new target is to reach Elizabethfontein in South Africa, which is 10,330km away.



We have **5,809 km** to go.....

Keep travelling

Use the Google Form below input your travels

<https://forms.gle/y1q4zELUcYHb2T6h6>

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# Goostrey Threads

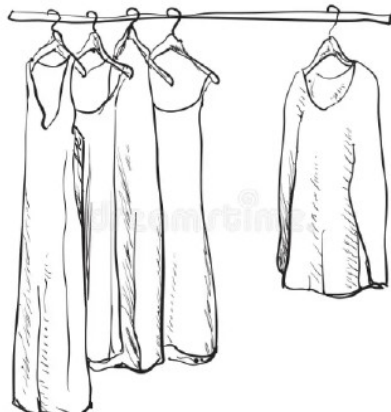
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**Saturday 27th July 1-3pm**  
**Goostrey Scout Hut, 220 Main Rd Goostrey CW4 8PE**

Join us for our first ever  
**2nd Hand Clothes Sale,**  
ladies, mens & childrens  
clothes, refreshments on sale.  
Have you got clothes you'd like to sell?

Small contribution for a table space or  
**FREE** to browse, come and find your  
**next bargain!**

**For more info contact**  
[goostreythreads-clothes@yahoo.com](mailto:goostreythreads-clothes@yahoo.com)





# Rainbow Music



Sept. 2024



Lunchtime Music Clubs for Years 2 - 6

## Year 2 Music Club - Monday

Chimes, drums, recorder, ukulele & pBuzz



## Junior Drum Club - Monday

Drum kit, world drums & percussion

## Junior Band - Tuesday

Guitar, ukulele, keyboard, tuned percussion, wind, brass & strings



For details please email [kate@musicwithkate.co.uk](mailto:kate@musicwithkate.co.uk)  
To book please visit <https://bookwhen.com/musicwithkate>



# SANDBACH HOCKEY CLUB



## JUNIOR HOCKEY

**REGISTER  
NOW!**

**Training Time:  
Minis & Juniors  
Thursdays 6:00-7:30 pm**

Join us at Sandbach with our Mini and Juniors training, the fun starts from Year 3 to Under 14 on Thursdays!

If you're wanting to give this try, our 3 free sessions for new players are perfect for you.

**TRAINING STARTS ON JUNE 6TH @ SANDBACH SCHOOL  
FIND US ON THE BLUE ALL WEATHER PITCH**

**Contact us below to register:**



**Sandbach Hockey Club**



**Sandbach Hockey Club**

**[www.sandbachhockeyclub.com](http://www.sandbachhockeyclub.com)**



## **Key dates for this term:**

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 2pm Village Hall—all welcome

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

End of year reports will be going out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to discuss your child's report please contact the class teacher for a mutually convenient time to meet.

# **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.

## 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>