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Dear Families,

What a fantastic Rose Day and what a fantastic class Year 3 are—dancing the Maypole so brilliantly and full of confidence. A huge well done to all the pupils and to Mrs Sant and all the staff members who helped teach them a very tricky routine to such a high standard. Mrs Sant and Year 3 you are outstanding.

Year 6 residential begins today—off to Wales until Monday afternoon. Thank you Mrs Timmins, Mrs Cowell and Mrs Cuttle for organising this and for giving up your time with your own family and friends to give the children this wonderful experience.

July Evening is next Friday—see pages 2 and 3 for more information.

WEATHER PERMITTING SPORTS DAY NEXT TUESDAY AT 1.30 ON THE SCHOOL FIELD—EVERYONE WELCOME.

Children will need a top in the colour of their house and a water bottle. If it is very warm please apply sunscreen before they come to school and provide them with a hat. Your child can be collected from their classroom early, after sports day has finished, but only by their own adult, family member. We will not release any child early to any other adults.

The PTA will be selling delicious strawberries and cream—page 4 for more details.

Reserve sports day is next Thursday.

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

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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>



**** July Evening ** July Evening ** July Evening ****

JULY EVENING IS BACK FOR 2024. HURRAH!

When: Friday 12th July 2024

Where: Junior Site

Times: 3:30 - 5:00pm

Admission: £1.00 per adult - thank you (please bring lots of change with you to help the children with their stalls as they may have limited amounts of change!)

What is July Evening?

July Evening is an annual event, **organised and run by the junior pupils of our school**. They take time to organise themselves into small groups and devise exciting and enthralling mini-stalls such as "Hook-a-Duck" or "Guess the Name of the Rabbit" or even "Find the Treasure" tasks. You - our families and friends of Goostrey - **are all invited to join us during the event** and we hope you will enjoy participating and supporting the children with their games and stalls.

The idea is that the children raise their own money, which they then decide how to spend, on behalf of all the pupils - infants and juniors - so that each child from Reception to Year 6 will benefit. They have - in the past - raised approximately £600 which they then decide (via the school council) to spend on items such as playground equipment, toys for indoor break times, or resources to help them in classes.

Thank you all for your participation. We hope the weather is kind to us and we look forward to seeing you all enjoying yourselves, supporting the school at such a fun event.

All children who are participating will require permission via a School Spider survey. This will close on Monday 8th July - please ensure that all participating pupils have been logged by this date. Thank you.

The children are already "buzzing" with ideas - they are so excited!

Any questions, please contact Mrs Timmins in Year 6. Some FAQs are on the next page.

Thank you

July Evening 2024 - FAQs

How long will my child be at school for?

The event runs until 5:00pm. Once the children have cleared up their own stalls, they may be released by their teachers.

Do I need to attend?

YES PLEASE! July Evening runs best when parents and families attend to support all of the children by having a "go" on their stalls. Otherwise, it would just be the junior children and no customers! So, YES PLEASE! Come along, bring some change with you, spend time, and a little bit of money, enjoying yourselves.

Do I need to supervise my child during the event?

Generally, the answer is "no". Children will be in their classrooms with school staff to supervise. However, should your child need to be in the playground, you will need to supervise these activities as staff will be indoors. Thank you

Some stalls may require a risk assessment, or may be weather dependent. School will consider carefully all ideas from the pupils and where this may be necessary, we will speak with those children and families next week - thank you for your understanding with this.

What stalls do they have?

The children decide themselves. In previous years, we've held all sorts of games. Anything from "Guess the name of the teddy" to "Hook-a-Duck" to "Beat the 'Keeper". The games are up to groups of children who are tasked with designing how these will work and what they will need.

Do I have to provide prizes and a float?

Prizes - children opt to sometimes hand out sweets such as Haribo for taking part, others have one item for a prize. Pupils might choose to offer a toy as a prize, or just stickers for taking part - again, the choice is up to them.

Float - children should provide their own float using a mixture of coins. We suggest a starting float of around £5:00 in coins of 5p, 10p, 50p coins. At the end of the event, they may choose to take the float back, out of their money pot, or they may donate this to the overall fund.

Do we need to provide equipment?

Our advice is to keep the games simple. Homemade boards, signs, etc work really well. We will provide tables and chairs. Occasionally, we may be able to provide equipment - children would be best to talk to Mrs Timmins in Year 6 to see what we do.

What happens at the end?

Pupils will need to clear up their own areas and leave the classrooms ready for use again on Monday morning. At 5:00, they **MUST** see their teachers and be released directly to the adult who is collecting them, unless parental permission has been given for them to walk home on their own.

I've still got questions that aren't covered above - who do I need to talk to?

Contact Mrs Timmins in Year 6. You can leave a message via Mrs Carroll, or email on mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk



GCPS PTA



Strawberries & Cream

will be on sale at
Sports Day

£2 a portion



Water 50p



(Cash only)

Erica Walker in year 1 has achieved her 5 metre distance badge. She is trying really hard to become a confident swimmer. Well done Erica !



Thea in Y2 has been doing well in her gymnastics this week, completing her Junior Gem award and getting gymnast of the week for great improvement on the beam

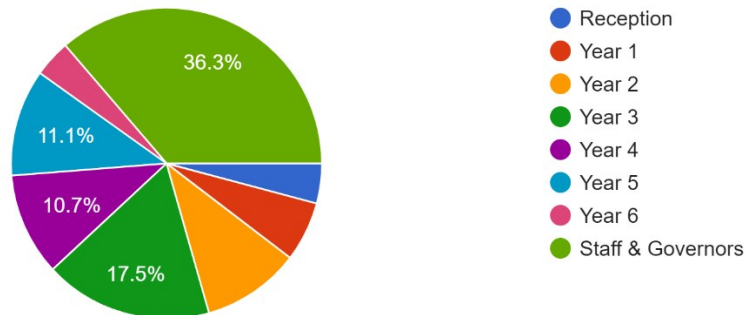


Mimi and Eva are very proud of the home grown fruit and vegetables from their veggie patch. They've grown some delicious peas, carrots and strawberries

Reggie from Year 5 had a great time at Rose Day on Saturday, which included winning the Children's Craft Competition - Garden on a Plate.

We have travelled 5198 km on our Journey to Paris Challenge!

Year Group
675 responses



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

We have **5,132 km** to go.....

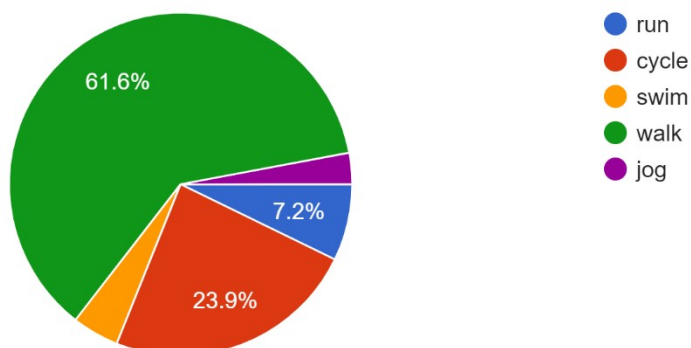
Keep travelling

Use the Google Form below input your travels

<https://forms.gle/y1q4zELUcYHb2T6h6>

What activity did you do?

679 responses



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 by Monday September 16th

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

Goostrey Threads

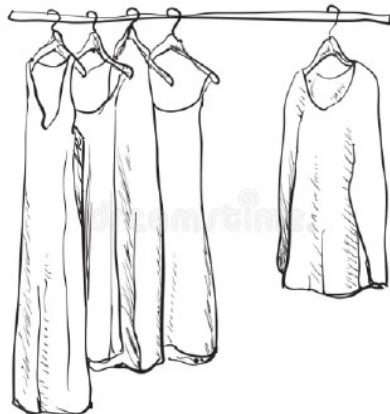
Saturday 27th July 1-3pm
Goostrey Scout Hut, 220 Main Rd Goostrey CW4 8PE

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





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
To book please visit <https://bookwhen.com/musicwithkate>

Key dates for this term:

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 15th 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

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>