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**Dear Families,**

This year we have several staff members leaving the school. Mrs Raven has worked here for 22 years and we will miss her very much—her brilliant support and care for our youngest children, her creativity and passion to make this school the best and most interesting place possible. We're sorry that you're leaving Mrs Raven and know all those children who have been through your very caring and capable hands will remember you most fondly. Mrs Booth and Mrs Richmond are also leaving us. Both these staff members work in the infants supporting and looking after the children in their care. Mrs Booth also works as a teaching assistant in Y1 and Y3. We would like to thank both colleagues for all they have given the children and wish them all the very best for the future. If anyone would like to send a card or gift please get it to Mrs Carroll before Wednesday 17th July. The children will have a special assembly next week when we will say a formal goodbye.

Mr Louis Groves is leaving the school today. He is starting a new and exciting phase of his life at Sheffield University and we all wish him well with this.

We look forward to Mrs Hughes and Mrs McCabe who will be joining Team Goostrey in September.

We were so disappointed to have to cancel Sports Day because of the weather and the state of the field. The children were able to get out on the playground, in the afternoon to do some of the activities with the sports coach and school staff.

Leavers' Assembly for year 6 families is next Friday at 2pm in the Village Hall.

**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.

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SENCo [mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

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[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>

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

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 7,309 house points this half term!

9 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 21 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. In addition, 17 Gold certificates were awarded for achieving 150 house points and 6 children have achieved their Platinum certificate. Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were as follows:

**Garner:** 1980  
**Harding:** 1830  
**Mallory:** 1806  
**Lovell:** 1693

Well done Garner and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points this after term

Garner will be awarded a free dress day on Wednesday 17th July

Mrs Beardsworth

**Mila (Y1) and Marcia (Y4)** competed this weekend at The City of Manchester Rhythmic Academy Summer Stars Competition. This was Mila's first ever gymnastics competition and came away with a 3rd place. Marcia won 1st place in her Development squad Challenge. Well Done Girls.



**Charlotte and Thomas** got their yellow belt at karate tonight



Messy Church will be on Wed. 17th July. 3.30 to 5.30. at Goostrey Methodist Church. All welcome.

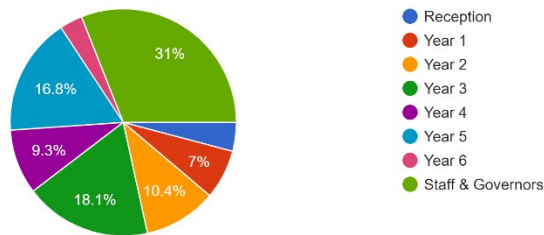


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We have travelled **8326 km** on our Journey to Paris Challenge!

*On the recent Kingswood Trip Year 6 collectively travelled 1,282km up and down the Welsh Hills.*

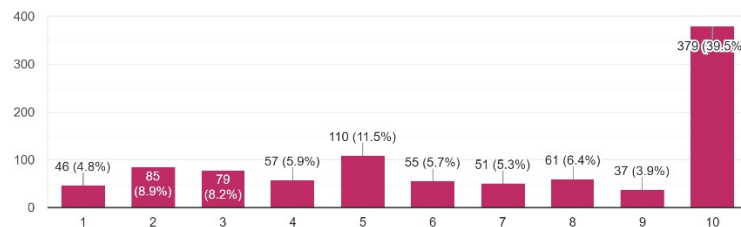
Year Group  
951 responses



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

How far did you walk, jog, swim, cycle or run in km? (If have you travelled further than 10km, you will need to input more than once)

960 responses



We have **2004 km** to go.....

Keep travelling

Use the Google Form below input your travels

<https://forms.gle/y1q4zELUcYHb2T6h6>



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.





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## Helping you and your family stay safe and well this summer.

The team will be on hand to provide top tips and support around **sun safety** and **oral health**.

Thursday 8 August, 9.30am - 12noon - **Sun Safety**

Wednesday 21 August, 1.00pm - 3.30pm - **Oral Health**

### Location:

Congleton Children's Centre  
New Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 3AH



0-19+ Health and Wellbeing Service

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# 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>

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

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.*

## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING !

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19 August 2024.

### Penalty Notices will be issued for

**Term time leave:** Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

**10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period:** A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period.

However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

### Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

### Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500.



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## 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**

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine July/August 2024](#)

Our latest issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

[What's On in Cheshire –local events and activities in July & August for families in Cheshire](#)

- Preparing to start or change schools
  - Sustainable kids' stationery supplies
  - Top parental control apps
  - Audiobooks for summer
  - Water safety for summer
  - Pixel Hubs interactive puppies GIVEAWAY
- and much more.....





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>