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Dear Families,

School finishes today for the summer break—our pupils return on Wednesday 4th September. Infants start at 8.45 and juniors at 8.50. We look forward to seeing you all again safe and sound in September.

We wish our fantastic year 6 children all the best for their future, as they leave us for new opportunities and continued success.

July Evening was an excellent event—thank you Mrs Timmins for organising this and thank you to all children and families for helping us raise over £800

There has been much to celebrate this year—lots of achievements and exciting events. Our academic success have been outstanding once again—phonics results for Year 1, statutory tables tests for Year 4 and the end of KS2 SATs for our Y6—all exceeded the national results and all our pupils showed excellent progress. We have an extraordinary group of young people in our school who possess many fantastic talents and skills. They are our future and we are in safe hands.

We have also been awarded a special accolade for all the sports we do, the quality of provision and our achievements in local tournaments and events. Further announcement in September.....

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 24—25 and 25—26 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>

REMINDER

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

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.

A big **SHOUT OUT** to all the children from Goostrey who took part in Miss Laura's dance shows at the Brio centre in Northwich last Saturday and Sunday. Each child performed at least one dance in front of a jam-packed audience of hundreds and there were lots of different styles of dance showcasing many different talents. The show was very professional and the dancing was brilliant. It was a real pleasure to watch so many of our children enjoying dancing and performing so confidently.

End of the Year House Points

Wow - what a year for house points! The children have worked so hard and achieved a whopping **40,735** house points this academic year! Truly amazing – well done each and every one of you. You have all contributed to this total.

The overall results for the year were as follows:

Harding: 10,673

Lovell: 10,414

Garner: 10,253

Mallory: 9,395

A particular Well Done to Tilly Busher (Year 4) who achieved the highest number of house points throughout the year.

Well done everyone for all your hard work.

Mrs Beardsworth



Esme Connell took part in her very first ballet stage performance 'Out Of This World' at the Memorial Court Theatre over the weekend. The show was brilliant and everyone who performed should be very proud of themselves!

Well done to **Iris** who won 2 bronze and 1 silver medal at the recent Macc Satellites open summer swimming gala. Silver in the 50m freestyle and bronze in the 50m breaststroke and 100m backstroke.



Congratulations to **Faith Breese**, who passed her Grade 2 piano exam with distinction. Well done, Faith!



Floss Howells (Yr4) passed her level 5 with the Swim Academy on Thursday, completing her journey from starting Puddle Ducks aged 6 months to becoming a confident and established swimmer. We know she will continue swimming and hopefully can join a local club to keep improving her skills.



Brontë participated in her dance school show in Northwich at the weekend and was marvellous!



We have finally submitted our application to gain the Eco Schools Green Flag accreditation for 2023 - 2024. Our first Green Flag was awarded in 2012 so hopefully this will be our 12th year as a Green Flag school. We should hear in a few weeks if we have been successful.

The children on the Eco team have been cheerful and enthusiastic during the year and have been keen to attend meetings at lunchtimes, offer their suggestions and opinions and get involved in our work.

We are also extremely grateful to Mrs Walker for her constant help and support. Thank you to the children on the Eco team 2023 - 2024.

Lilly-Mae Matchett
Rosie Baddiley
Rose Worsley
Tippi Walsh-Goldsmith
Riley Bacegalupo
Emily Anderson
Noah Hemming
Emily Invernon
Bethany Hemmings
Henry Hardcastle
Romilly Wakefield



"**Jonah** did brilliantly to achieve his first belt in Karate."



"**Amber** had a fantastic time at her club Summer Gymnastics Competition and came first place in her category. Well done Amber!"

Goostrey PTA End of Term update

Thank you to all the children and families who have supported events this term. We have had fantastic cakes baked in Year 1 and Reception, clothes recycled in the Bags 4 Schools donations and the children had lots of fun watching Wonka at the June film night.

The PTA bought and wrapped the presents for the children to buy at the Father's Day shop. We had great fun at the Bingo night with Mrs Cowell and Mrs Flint doing the calling. The PTA Cup U Like was another sell out success at Rose Day, thank you to all parents who brought in sweets and also to Year 6 who did the excellent packing.

We had a fantastic Tropics fundraising event in the Sunshine Room. Our strawberries and cream stand was rained off at sports day but the PTA ice pops will be given out today, lets hope the weather is warmer!

We hope everyone had a fantastic time at the Summer Ball, it was brilliant to see the school community come together for delicious food, fun games and a dazzling live Band. People were very generous with raffle and auction prize donations which we are very grateful for, thank you for all your support and generosity which means we have been able to fund eight laptops as a result of the event and we had great fun in the process. A special shout out to Ashley, Izzy, Kirsty, Manesha and Woody for their hard work in organising the tremendous event.

As a result of our fundraising, this term we have funded the Year 6 leaver books, Olympics commemorative bracelets, eight new laptops for the children, subsidised coach trips for class trips and made a contribution to the onsite swimming pool.

A huge thank you to all of the PTA committee for giving their time and enthusiasm arranging these events, you are all brilliant! All money raised is reinvested in our school.

We wish you all a restful Summer break!

The PTA Committee





Elizabethfontein News

Mrs Annetjie Dames, Headteacher of Elizabethfontein Primary School (our twin school in South Africa) has been awarded the National teaching award for Excellence in Primary Leadership for the Western Cape District.

We sent our congratulations to her and to her colleagues. Her reply was "team work makes the dream work".



Other news from Elizabethfontein

'We've had a rough week and a half since our 3rd term started last Tuesday. We were back last week and only came to school that Tuesday and Wednesday due to floods in the Cederberg Area.

Most of the schools are still closed since they don't have any access since the roads and bridges have been flooded. We were able to get to school yesterday, but our 2km gravel road is also very bad. The weather forecast shows another cold front entering tomorrow so winter is officially here.'

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.

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

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.

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/>



The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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>