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Dear Families,

What a great start to the new school year—we are delighted to tell you that we have achieved 2 excellent awards:

SPORTS GOLD AWARD a special accolade for all the sports we do, the quality of provision and our achievements in local tournaments and events. We thought we might get bronze, but no we got gold!!

ECO WITH DISTINCTION—another brilliant achievement and with a distinction—great news. Thank you Eco team for all your excellent work Throughout your application, you have consistently demonstrated a whole-school commitment to youth-led environmental action. As a result, we are delighted to recognize your brilliant work with the Eco-Schools' Green Flag with Distinction 2024.

New regulations around absence requests are on pages 7 and 8. Key dates for the next few weeks are on page 6, we will update these weekly. Please see the sports page on our website for all the sporting fixtures this year. We have many extra curricular sports that are on our external provider's website sportcoachinggroup.co.uk

Reminder—exhibition homework and photo challenge pages 3 and 4

I received this from a Goostrey resident—please park carefully and use either the school car park or one of the pubs so everyone is safe when crossing the road or using the pavement. ***On Tuesday 9th July I fell heavily, cutting my knee trying to manoeuvre between the hedge and a dangerously parked car blocking most of the pavement. A wheelchair, pram or pushchair would have had to go on the road. I have also seen children running between cars to access a rear door. Luckily, I was not seriously injured but could easily have been as I am 80 years old. I don't know what it is like at other times of day but is very common around 5 to 6pm most days.***

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.warhurst@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

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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



Felix's football team won the South Manchester Youth tournament at the weekend, he played fantastically and we are very proud!

Oliver of Year 4 enjoyed the summer on the water completing both his Stage 1 and 2 RYA Youth Sailing awards.



Did you know
Goostrey school has a You Tube Exhibition
Channel!

Click on the link and have a look....

[http://www.youtube.com/
@g.c.p.s.annualexhibition6367](http://www.youtube.com/@g.c.p.s.annualexhibition6367)

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.



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>

September 6th	3.45pm	Welcome to Y6 meeting
September 9th	4.30pm	Welcome to Y3 meeting
September 9th	4pm	Welcome to Y5 meeting
September 10th	5pm	Welcome to Y1 meeting
September 11th	5pm	Welcome to Y2 meeting
September 11th	4 to 5.30	Cross Country event
September 12th	6pm	Welcome to Y4 meeting
September 16th	5pm	Welcome to Reception meeting
September 16th	7pm The Crown	PTA meeting—all welcome
September 18th	Time TBC	Archery / Curling event Y5 and 6
September 25th	9.15am	Open Morning
September 25th	4pm	Football tournament Y3 and 4
October 2nd	4pm	Football tournament Y 5 and 6
October 4th	Time TBC	Curling and Archery event Y 3 and 4
October 9th	Morning	Photos individual / sibling
October 9th	4pm	Tag Rugby event Y 3 and 4
October 11th	After school	Y6 cake sale
October 16th	After school	Tag rugby event Y 5 and 6
October 23rd and 24th	2pm to 6pm School Hall	Annual whole school exhibition
October 24th		School finishes for half term
November 4th		School returns

Year 6 national tests and assessments will be ongoing throughout the summer term until the **end of June 2025**. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.

YEAR 6 SATS ARE WB 12TH MAY AND THEIR WRITING ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE 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

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came 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.

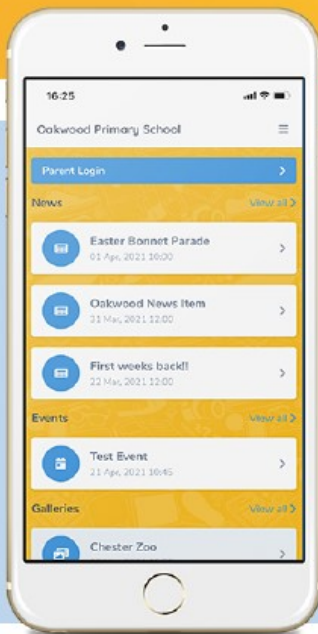
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

Select your school to get started!



LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:
- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

DOWNLOAD NOW



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 8.50 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>