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IF YOUR CHILD IS OFF SCHOOL DUE TO A POSITIVE PCR TEST, PLEASE LET THEIR TEACHER KNOW, IF YOU FEEL THEY ARE WELL ENOUGH TO RECEIVE REMOTE LEARNING. ONCE WE HEAR FROM YOU WE WILL PUT THIS IN PLACE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF A SCHOOL WORKING DAY.

Dear Families,

Changes to times of junior school day will start from Monday 1st November—emails to every family were sent yesterday and more information is on page 3.

Covid update for Cheshire East and our school is on page 2

Nominations for the 3 parent governor positions closed today. We had 2 nominations, so both are elected unopposed: Kevin Few and Louisa Hulsken. We still have one further vacancy.



Faith Bebbington has been in school this week working with all our pupils on a great art project for our exhibition—more information on page 5

Year 6 had a brilliant visit out, last Friday to Astbury Water Park. We arranged this last year because their residential visit was cancelled and we wanted them to experience activities not accessible in school. They all came back 'buzzing' with excitement.

Gold medals for Goostrey—find out more about the netball tournament on page 4.

Our pupils are looking at Black History Month in school—we are studying different aspects in class and assemblies.

Miss Atkins—a head teacher who is very proud of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.

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.

Please keep checking class pages on the website for specific information / dates for each class. Many events / activities eg class visits, extra curricular and sporting events will have separate information sent out detailing dates and times etc.

Holiday dates are on the school website— 21 22

Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website
http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop
SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

COVID UPDATE—please keep vigilant and testing

If your child has symptoms they need to have a PCR test and stay off until they have a negative result AND are well enough to be in school. We are really keen to keep school running as normally as possible and avoid having to activate our Outbreak Management Plan. Thank you for all your support following the latest guidelines to keep transmission and infection rates as low as possible.

Currently in Cheshire East it is 515 per 100,000 rate.

In school age population

0 to 4 currently 208 per 100,000.

5 to 9 year olds – 954 per 100 000 nearly double population average in Cheshire East.

9 to 14 year olds the rate is 2,400 per 100,000 which is 5x national average

15 to 19 year olds 108 per 100 000

There is hope that once 12 – 15 vaccine starts to roll out it will help drop numbers as this is starting to be seen in the 16 to 19 year old group, but this takes time to impact.

Over 600 positive cases in secondary settings.

3 secondary schools in LA currently have over 100 cases in each school. Case patterns across the LA are this week mainly focussed in southern and mid of borough.

Some primary schools still have 30+ cases in Cheshire East

Current situation at Goostrey Primary School:

3 positive PCR cases (2 children and one adult) in school. Only 2 are connected. An outbreak at our school would be if:

5 individuals (children, pupils, students or staff), who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period, or

10% of a group of individuals (children, pupils, students or staff) who are likely to have mixed closely test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

Note – this does not include household members of school staff/pupils nor does it include those who are self-isolating due to positive cases within their households when they themselves are not positive.

If this were to happen at Goostrey School we would implement our Outbreak Management Plan, part of which will include actions agreed with the COVID Education Team and Public Health.

Families would then be informed of any changes to procedures.

Contact tracing will be carried out by Test and Trace and will be limited to those individuals who are specifically mentioned as close contacts by the positive case or their parents. The school is no longer required to contact families with specific details.

Amended start and finish times for junior pupils.

After half term, starting on Monday 1st November, the junior children's school day will start at 8.50 am and finish at 3.25pm.

This will reduce the length of time the adults collecting siblings from the infants, and then the juniors, have on the playground together. This will support our Covid risk assessment, especially as numbers in Cheshire East are so high currently.

A few of our families have told us that having the same start time for both their infant and junior children is not ideal. We understand this and hope this slight adjustment helps as it gives a 5 minute difference dropping off and 10 minutes picking up—to get from one site to the other.

The infant start and finish times are not affected.

The times from November 1st will be:

Start times : JUNIORS 8.50am INFANTS 8.55am

Finish times: JUNIORS 3.25pm INFANTS 3.15pm

HI-5 NETBALL

On Monday, eight children from years 5 and 6 went to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School to take part in a Hi-5 (primary netball) tournament. There was torrential rain and a thunderstorm during the afternoon so the tournament had to be curtailed slightly and took place in the Sports Hall rather than outside as planned. This is always much more difficult as there are numerous lines on the various courts inside but the children took all of this in their stride. We played several matches with an amazing result. **WE WON OUR LEAGUE.**

It was a very close call which came to goals against and goals for. With some excellent defending, none of the teams we played managed to score against us leaving us the winners. All of the children played extremely well and they worked together brilliantly as a team with everyone included and trying their very best with excellent results.

Many thanks to the adults who brought their children and stayed to support our team and congratulations to Scarlett, Cole, Henry, Rose, Issy, Isla, Kate and Brianna - you were terrific and I was very proud of you.

Mrs Cooper

Faith Bebbington – Artist Working In School This Week

Faith has worked in school this week to create a piece for our Exhibition. It was great working with Faith again. She worked with all of the children in school, teaching them skills in sculpture and using different tools and materials, as well as talking to the children about her projects. She explained some of the key messages behind pieces of her work and talked to the children about some of her commissions, creating visually stimulating pieces to promoting diversity or sustainability.



Have a look at her wonderful work - faithbebbington.co.uk

Oliver Hughes from Year 1 helping at the biannual community litter collection in Cranage on Sunday with his Mum and Dad.



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

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.

Would you believe that it's the 10th anniversary of the Goostrey School Choir's recording of the Goostrey Song? To commemorate this I've arranged for the song to be available to stream on a number of platforms. Most people will have Apple Music or Spotify Premium (links below) but it is available on many others too.

I'd like to donate all proceeds accrued to the school. I can't guarantee that it will amount to much as payment per play is very small but obviously it can mount up as the song gets more plays.

Would you be able to post this on the newsletter? I presume that it's still online so the links should take people straight to the song. Alternatively they can just type "Goostrey Song" into the search engine of their music streaming service.

Hope that this is all ok.

Dave

https://open.spotify.com/album/3SuMCz9UOzMuv1qZVwf4Rr?si=gTFBXXF_Q9uFIBurgM_9Yg&dl_branch=1

<https://music.apple.com/gb/album/goostrey-song/1587975896?i=1587975897>



Rainbow Music Clubs



Year 2 Band will be starting in school on Wednesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm to 12:55pm from 13th October 2021. Children who sign up will be able to try the following instruments to find out which ones are their favourites. Limited number of places so book as soon as possible.

Recorder



Djembe Drum



pBuzz



Ukulele



Chimes & Bells



Ocarina



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



SALT WARS



GHOULFEST

FREE!!

**Sport and activity
days for 10 - 16 year
olds!!**

Where/When

**25th October 2021 10am-4pm - Sandbach/
Middlewich TBC**

**29th October 2021 10am-4pm - Alexandra
Soccer centre**

**30th October 2021 1pm-5pm - Alexandra Soccer
Centre - Fancy dress activity day before
attending the Crewe Alex game against MK
Dons***

To Apply –

Please email salt.wars@cheshire.pnn.police.uk for more information.

*Celebration event only for participants who attend another event

No room
for racism



October Half Term Fun for children



GOOSTREY 2021 OCTOBER TENNIS CAMPS FOR CHILDREN

FUN-FILLED CAMPS OF COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL ABILITIES



'Camps' are run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held at



Boothbed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey

CAMP 1: MONDAY 25th OCTOBER - FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER (9.30am-11.30am)
CAMP 2: MONDAY 25th OCTOBER - FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER (11.30am-1.30pm)

EMAIL play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk or call 07545 283718 for details



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/>



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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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.

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 £3.00 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 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>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.