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Dear Families,

***Thank you for making our annual exhibition a truly fabulous one—all our families for your support and masks and photos, army of volunteers who helped prepare all the work and display boards, staff for endless hours of work, many coming in at the weekends, our brilliant artists—Faith Bebbington and Debbie Goldsmith, Goostrey All Stars for being so helpful and accommodating, Four Oaks Nursery for the loan of the beautiful plants, and most of all our children, without you there would be no exhibition –excellent work from truly outstanding pupils.***

***We've had 2 special assemblies this week, Mr Saleem from Levenshulme Mosque spoke with the children on Monday and on Wednesday the Fire Service talked with our pupils about how they protect us.***

***Lots of people made cakes for our café—huge thank you for this . We raised over £600 for Elizabethfontein School and MND charity. We added the amount for Elizabethfontein to the sponsorship money some families have donated and today actioned a bank transfer of over £1600 for our twin school—thank you to everyone who has helped raise this amount.***

***PTA meeting first Monday back—7pm at The Crown—everyone welcome***

***Film Night and Christmas card workshops—first week back—  
pages 3 and 4***

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.

[www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

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

Income Related Free School Meals: [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information  
[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 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>

Key dates for the next few weeks on page 7

This weekend **Jack** won Man of the Match at football for Holmes Chapel Hurricanes on Saturday for some great defensive blocks, and then on Sunday, won Man of the Match at rugby for some great tackles and putting in so much effort. He has not long started rugby again and so we are super proud of both of his amazing achievements



**Henry and George Hardcastle, Jack Arrowsmith, and JJ Maddock** all completed a successful season for Holmes Chapel Cricket Club under 9's. All 5 performed admirably all summer. George and Jack will be testing themselves at u11 next year, while Henry and JJ will be hoping to improve on their performances for the u9 teams again.

Joe Maddock (coach)

# FILM NIGHT

Goostrey Village Hall

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Doors open 5.30pm - Movie starts 6.00pm

**Despicable Me 4** (u)



**Admission £7.00 each**

Tuck Shop Open

**Tickets on sale from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
from Junior Reception**

**PLEASE NOTE TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE  
BEFORE 8.50AM**

**Entrance limited to 140 children  
Parents to accompany Reception Children**



# Christmas Card Project

## FUNdraise with Goostrey PTA!

Create something special this Christmas with your children's imagination.

We have teamed up with Cauliflower Cards, they will print your children's design on Cards (Christmas or thank you!), wrapping paper, labels and other gifts!

### Design at home:

Guidelines are available on the cauliflower website (link below)

[Christmas Artwork Guidance - Cauliflower](#)

- NO glitter - your order will be rejected.
- Keep the design within 5mm of the paper

### Drop in sessions with Mrs Cowell:

Infants: **Wed 6th Nov** 3.15pm-4.15pm

Sunshine room

Juniors: **Friday 8th Nov** 3.25 4.25pm

Year 3 class room

Order forms will be sent home and **MUST** be attached to the artwork when returned.

All artwork and order forms must be returned by **Monday 11th** November to Reception or in class. You will be able to order shortly after this by following this link

[Parents Shop | Cauliflower](#)

# **RECYCLE 4 SCHOOL**

Help raise funds for Goostrey PTA by  
having a half term clear out and  
turning your unwanted clothes into £'s

**Collection date:**

**Thursday 7th November**

Please drop your bags of recyclables  
at the bike stores at either the  
infants or juniors on the morning  
of the collection date







Keep up to date with PTA news and events on our social media pages:



goostrey\_primary\_school\_pta



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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November 4th		School returns PTA meeting 7pm
November 6th	After school	Christmas Card workshop Infants
November 7th	Morning drop off	Recycle for School
November 8th	After school	Christmas Card workshop juniors FILM NIGHT
WB November 11th	All week	Parent Appointments
November 13th	After school	Dance workshop Y1 and 2
November 15th	After school	Year 5 Cake Sale
November 20th	After school	Dance workshop Y3 and 4
November 22nd	After School	Beetle Drive
November 27th	School day	Free dress day—bring chocolate
December 4th		Christmas Jumper Day
December 4th		Dance Workshop Y5 and 6
WB December 9th		Christmas Shop
December 13th		Christmas Lunch
December 17th	9.30	Infant Nativity
December 17th	1.30	Y3 and 4 tickets for Junior Carol Service St Luke's
December 18th	9.30	Infant Nativity
December 19th	9.30	Y5 and 6 tickets for Junior Carol Service St Luke's
December 19th	5pm	Junior Carol Service junior playground—weather permitting
December 20th		School Finishes for Christmas
January 6th		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](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.**

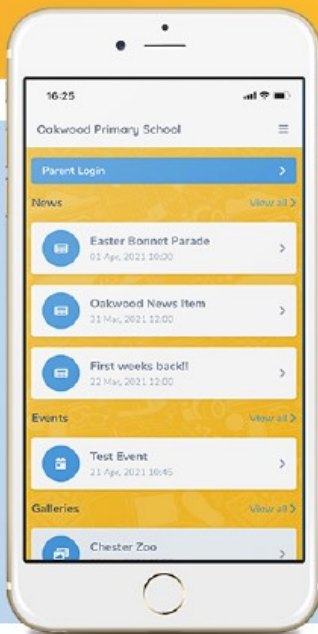
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# 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](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**





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 8.50 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](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>