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Dear Families,

We were very privileged this week to have some very special people visit us. A Thai monk and 2 Thai nuns sat and chatted with our pupils about their life in Thailand. The children asked them questions and loved listening to them speak—we learnt to meditate, practised breathing techniques and joined in a chant. This was a peaceful and inspirational experience for us all. Thank you Mrs Saxton for organising this.

Film Night tonight—still a few tickets left from Mrs Carroll at the end of today or a few may be available on the door.

The PTA are starting a special Christmas initiative—recycling pre loved Christmas jumpers and T-shirts. If you have any Christmas jumpers or T-shirts, in good condition and you don't need them anymore please will you consider donating them to school. They can be given to Mrs Carroll or the class teachers. The PTA will then put them out in the next few weeks for families to look at and buy. Suggested pricing for jumpers and T-shirts will be £1 to £3 and there will be an honesty box for the money.

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day is on Wednesday 4th December

Recycled uniform will be on a rail, in the junior school next week, each day, 3pm to 6pm. There will be an honesty box for voluntary donations.

Beetle Drive—Friday 22nd November—please see page 3.

Free Dress Day for all pupils Wednesday 27th November—please bring chocolate in for the PTA Chocolate Tombola stall at St Luke's Christmas Fair.

Key dates to the end of term are on page 10.

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

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 Term House Points

Wow! What a start to the year!

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 6,480 house points this term!

29 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points, 8 children were awarded a Silver certificate for achieving 100 house points and there was 1 Gold certificate awarded for achieving 150 house points.

Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term are:

Garner: 2320
Harding: 1517
Lovell: 1355
Mallory: 1288

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

Garner will be awarded a free dress day on WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Mrs Beardsworth

Elizabethfontein Primary donation

Thank you so very much for supporting the café at the exhibition this year. We made a whopping amount which we shared with Elizabethfontein and MND.

Elizabethfontein staff were overwhelmed by the amount received which include individual sponsorship of children too. In total we sent £1618 which will support 33 children at school and boarding for a year.

Mrs Dames the Head Teachers sent this response:

Dear Goostrey. Once again your love and support to our school is much appreciated! As we are at the end of year many things have to be put in place to once again start in 2025. The donation makes the burden much easier 🌟🙏.

Parents are less supportive towards their children. Learning materials for the learners will enhance their learning experience 🌟🌟! Please give our thanks to all involved. We cannot thank you enough! 🙏

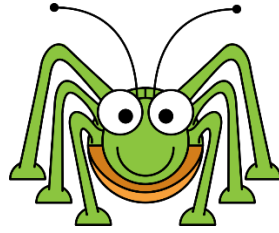
Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Footballers from Year 5 & 6 took part in a tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive this Wednesday, playing teams from the local area. Although the results didn't quite go our way this time, you couldn't fault the team's effort and determination. They showed a great attitude and tried their absolute best in each game, playing some great football. Sportsmanship and teamwork were brilliant too. Well done to **Nancy, Reggie, Rocco, Jack, Iona, Austin, Quinn.**

Mr Campion & Mrs Murdoch

JJ with Dad over half term volunteered for the food bank and spent a couple of hours at Asda in Winsford handing out lists of most needed items, collecting food and writing date labels! They collected 55 crates of food that day and said JJ was a big help, he really enjoyed it and will be volunteering on a regular basis. He's already booked in for November





P.T.A

Beetle Drive

Fantastic Family Fun!

Come and join in the fun

Junior Hall

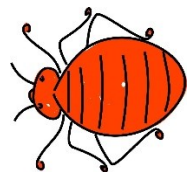
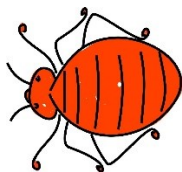
Friday 22nd November 2024

6.15 – 7.30 pm

£1 per person

Prizes to be won!

Refreshments available



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

When?

During parents evening
(w/c 11th November)

Where?

Our pre-loved uniform sale rail will be located in the Junior Reception area

Prices?

Suggested cash donations for our honesty box of £1 per item

Why?

Save money - Save the environment - Support the school

Many thanks, GCPS PTA

Free Dress Day

on

Wednesday
27th November

Please bring in
donations of
chocolate

for our Chocolate Tombola at St Luke's Christmas Fair
on Saturday 30th November



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

Christmas Top Swap

1 in 4 Christmas jumpers are thrown away or never worn again!
We'd like to change this with a Christmas Top Swap event

If you'd like to donate, please bring your pre-loved Christmas jumpers and t-shirts to either junior reception or your year teacher by Monday 18th November

All Christmas tops will be sold for a suggested donation of £1-£3, with funds raised going to the PTA

**Sale starts Friday
22nd November**
(details to follow)





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



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Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

SOME CASH TICKETS STILL LEFT FOR THIS EVENT



Ladies Pop-up Shop & Fun Fashion Show!

**SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS
AT UP TO 70% OFF!**

Colours.
[FUN]DRAISING
FASHION SHOWS



 **adoption
matters**
A proud history of children's futures

Friday 15th November 2024
Adoption Matters

Goostrey Village Hall, Main Road, Goostrey, CW4 8PE

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £8

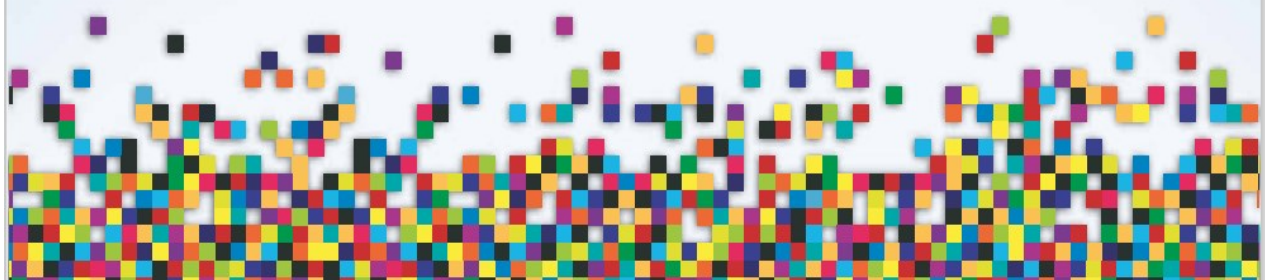
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For more information or to purchase tickets:

Please visit our website www.adoptionmatters.org/event/colours

Please reference the name of those attending





Holmes Chapel and District CommuniCARE

Do YOU have any spare time during the School Day?

CommuniCARE take local residents, who have no transport, to medical appointments around the village and to local Hospitals.

At present we really need more drivers to operate our service to the Community.
YOU could really make a difference.

If you are able to help us, please ring our dedicated phone number **07856 469508** or see our website at **www.holmeschapelcommunicare.org.uk**
or if you would prefer, have a chat with Pat Macmaster on 01477 533992

Thank you

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 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.

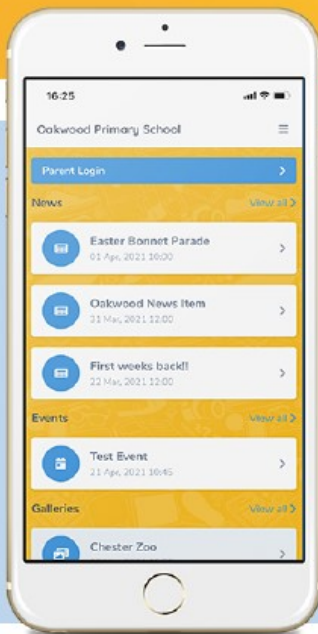
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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>