



Newsletter 1st February 2019

Last week:

Best attendance: Y1 100%
Unauthorised absences: 1%
Lates: 175 minutes (12 pupils)

REMINDER—IT IS AN OFFENCE TO PARK ON THE YELLOW ZIG ZAG LINES FROM 8AM TO 5PM.

Dear Parents,

Another great week in school accompanied by some very excited children welcoming the snow. We all got to play on the field and many snowmen were made.



Wellington boots or sturdy shoes are needed on **Monday** please—special activity planned.

The **travelling book fair** arrives next week—please see page 3 for more details.

Three Year 5 girls have organised a **cake sale for the juniors**—all proceeds for RSPCA—more information on page 3

Don't forget next **Friday is the Beetle Drive**—poster on page 5. Please come and support if you can.

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

Dates for your diary—up to Easter

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Useful information

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Superkids after school club: enrolment - 0161 474 7743 / contact during club - 07746 559400

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

SENCo: mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk If you need any help, support or advice regarding children's special educational needs, please feel free to drop-in and see Mr Campion. He is available every Wednesday afternoon in the Year 5 classroom (3.30-4.15pm).

Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday afternoon an excited group of 24 children left school on a mini bus to attend the cluster Indoor Athletics tournament.

The children took part in field and track events. The afternoon started with the boys' then the girls' obstacle relay race. The boys and girls then alternated with field and track events. First up in running were the boys with 1x1 (one lap each of the hall) and the 2x2 (two laps) races for boys while the girls took part in the field events which included: chest push, vertical jump, speed bounce, standing long jump and standing triple jump. They then swapped over with this rotation happening 3 times. The races however changed to hurdles and 6 paarluf (6 laps of the hall). The final race was the 4 x 1 relay and this proved to be a most exciting race with the boys coming in a very close second.

Javelin was the last event of the afternoon and as always has the spectators full of laughter, cheers and moans. Fraser made the whole hall erupt with mirth when his foam javelin bounced off a side judge and landed back in play. The judge was fine!

Everyone had the opportunity to participate in two field and two track events. It was a loud and busy afternoon filled with excitement. The parents joined in enthusiastically and it was great having their support.

Goostrey was placed 4th in the event missing out on 3rd place by 3 points. Well done all and thank you for representing our school so well! It was a pleasure to spend the afternoon with you all.

Mrs Flint and Mrs Freeman

Wild School Week

A special day is being planned for Monday 4th February.

Please send your child/children with wellington boots or a sturdy pair of shoes to change into at school. School uniform should be worn as normal.

Thank you

Mrs Freeman

****BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR****

The ever-popular Travelling Book Fair will be visiting us soon with a wide range of exciting and imaginative story books, mixed in with some fantastic factual reads, too. Why not visit us after school to browse through the brilliant books for all ages and maybe take home a title that will transport you to another world. Why not come along and see what delights are on offer, maybe even buy your Easter (or summer) read for the beach.

When: Tuesday 5th February to Monday 11th February
Where: Junior School Hall
Time: 3:35 - 4:00pm

Well done to **Kate Pearson, Isla Machin and Brianna Hamilton** all from Year 3. They have just passed their Level 5, 3 and 2 skills awards with Cheshire Gymnastics



Congratulations to **Paige Grace** and **Petra Hamilton** in Year 6 and **Martha Bairstow** in Year 5. They took their Grade 1 tap dance exams in December and have all passed with Distinctions – well done!

Next week, on Tuesday 5th February, will be our first cake sale for charity. We hope to do one a month and each one will be for a different charity. The sale will be on the junior side of the school. The first charity will be RSPCA. The types of cakes will be biscuits, fudge, rocky road and a variety of flavours.

The cost of the cakes will be 50p or a £1 and they will be on sale in the junior hall at break time.

Thank you

Lucy, Lillie– Grace and Charlotte. Year 5

Please let me have the details of anything your child has done that we can all celebrate. Send me the details on an email and I will cut and paste them into the newsletter as well as celebrating it in assembly.

I always like to know what our pupils are achieving outside school.

Thank you, Miss Atkins

head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Goostrey Community Primary School



ANNOUNCEMENT! ART EXHIBITION



The children and staff are delighted to announce an [Exhibition of the Children's Art](#) to be held in the School Hall Gallery on **Tuesday 5th March 2019.**

The children are busy producing some stunning art and you'll be very impressed when you see their beautiful pictures, professionally mounted, framed, catalogued and displayed in the gallery.

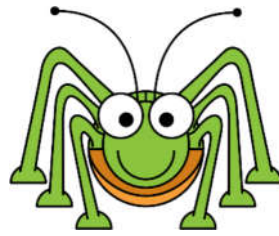
The Visual Arts play a big part in the life of the school - it's an area that every child can enjoy and play a full part in. The Art Curriculum encourages display and seeing their own framed pictures on display will be a big occasion for the children. Having someone special to show it to will add a lovely finishing touch for them, so make a space in your diary for this very special event.

You will have the opportunity to purchase your child's art work at this event.

Details will be finalised over the next few weeks and we'll keep you posted.

The exhibition will not be an annual event (it will be several years before the next one), so come along, bring family and friends and with your help we can make it an occasion to remember for everyone.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Cowell
Deputy Headteacher



P.T.A

Beetle Drive

Fantastic Family Fun!

Come and join in the fun

Junior Hall

Friday 8th February

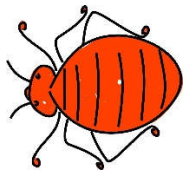
6 – 7.30 pm

£2 per person

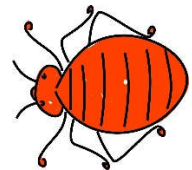
Prizes to be won!

Refreshments available

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ECO CODE POSTER COMPETITION

We need a new Eco poster for our classrooms.

It must include these 5 important words from our school Eco code.

Recycle Reuse Respect
Reduce React

It needs to be bright and colourful!

The winner will receive 50 housepoints!

Please bring your poster to school on or before
Monday 4th February and give it to Year 6 Eco
councillors Fay Mason or Zoe Henry

CAKE SALES

The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported the cake sales last year. We raised a fantastic £1,021 from this event for the PTA funds. We will be organising the cake sales again this year. Each class will take it in turns to bring in their home baking to sell to the rest of the school. These take place after school in the Junior Hall and Infant side. Further information will be sent to each class nearer their time. Please make a note of the dates below:

Year 3 Friday 1st March
Year 2 Friday 29th March
Year 1 Friday 26th April
Rec Friday 17th May

Churches Together in Goostrey

A Service of Celebration of Education

**Sunday, February 10th
at 10.00am**

in the Village Hall

Followed by refreshments

Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the end of June 2019. 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

What will happen if the absence is unauthorised?

- The school will decide if a Penalty Notice should be issued. If the school decide that a Penalty Notice is to be issued
- You will receive a letter from the school advising that it has referred the matter to the Local Authority and that a Penalty Notice may be issued;
- The school will inform the Local Authority that a Penalty Notice needs to be issued
- A Penalty Notice will be sent to you, accompanied by an explanatory letter; the Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted in the criminal courts

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance

Payments will **not** be accepted after the 28th day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer
educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk or you can also telephone the main office.

Tel: 01270 375277

Website: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews

Other leaflets are available to support you:

- Taking action to improve attendance – explaining legal action - a guide for parents and carers
- Helping your child to attend school. The role of the EWO - a guide for parents and carers

The expression "parent", in relation to a child or young person, includes any person who is not a parent of the child but who has parental responsibility for him/her, or who has care of the child.

DATES FOR THE YEAR 2018 19

Please keep checking this list because dates may be added as the term progresses. The dates on this list are ones that affect (in the main) the whole school or large numbers of families / pupils. Therefore smaller events like after school clubs, sporting fixtures, class visits, which have separate letters / information detailing times and dates etc, are not shown here. Please keep checking class pages on the website for specific information on each class.

If you do not understand any of the information here please email me and I will be able to help you.
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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.

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 school.

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.

SUPERKIDS

If you want to enrol your child into SUPERKIDS, our after school club, then please ring the Superkids office on 0161 474 7743 or you can come to the Junior hall, between 3.30 and 6pm. This number can be used for registration details, bookings adding people to Vizilogger etc.

Superkids also have a mobile phone number you can contact to advise about your child's attendance at the club or if you are running late to collect your child. The mobile phone number is 07746 559400

Costs are very reasonable at £11.50 for one child per session and £11.00 for a brother or sister at the same session.

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. Name:.....

Please use this slip if you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life. It is not essential to provide your name but will be necessary if you want a response. Please return to Mrs Williams or the class teacher.

Alternatively you are always welcome to e mail staff or pop in to see them—school operates an open door policy.