



## Newsletter 15th February 2019

### Last week:

Best attendance: Y1 98.7%  
Unauthorised absences: 1.4%  
Lates: 99 minutes (6 pupils)

Please see page 4 for information from J Forster, Director of Education and 14-19 Skills, Children and Families, Cheshire East regarding Schools Funding petition.

### Dear Parents,

#### Another successful and eventful week for our school:

**We won the football tournament**—our footballers took gold in the inter school tournament on Monday. More information on page 2.

Some of our children performed at **Education Sunday** last weekend. Reverend Buckley sent school the following message: *Thank you so much for the beautiful contribution the children made to the celebration of Education Sunday yesterday. They were confident, gifted and brought much pleasure and joy to the older folk and others who were there.*

28 of our pupils went to Manchester to perform in **Young Voices**, joining a mass choir. One of the adults who accompanied the children wrote to let me know : *All the children were so brilliantly behaved too, it was a genuine pleasure to spend the day with them. They listened and worked hard at rehearsal, had fun but weren't silly in their break times and then gave the performance of their lives. I was proud to be with them – they are an absolute credit to Goostrey School – well done all of you!*

Children check out the **totals for each house** on page 2—has your house got a free dress day?

**F.O.G.s** have won another award—more details on page 5

The **children's art exhibition** is on March 5th—more information is on page 7. Everyone welcome.

Excellent **Book Fair** generating money for school—almost £100 per class for new books. Thank you.

**World Thinking Day**—Rainbows, Brownies and Guides may wear their uniform to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Mrs Stuart is leaving us today to start a new job at HCCS. We hope Mrs Stuart enjoys her new position and we would like to thank her for all her hard work here at lunchtimes and supporting in the infant and junior classes. We are now half way through the school year—how those months have flown. The children finish today for one week and return on Monday 25th February.

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

### Dates for your diary—up to Easter

#### March

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Tuesday 5th	Art Gallery—showcasing every child's art work—more information on page 3	
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Tuesday 12th	Parents' Evenings	<b>Advance notice:</b> <b>Sports Day Thursday 4th July</b> <b>Reserve Sports Day Thursday 11th July</b>
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### Useful information

**Before school club:** booking form available on school website [http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433)

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

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

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

## Year 4 Football Tournament – Winners!

Six Year 4 children took part in a football tournament on the 3G pitches at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive on Monday. The team played brilliantly and didn't concede a goal in all four of their matches; they also scored a couple of crackers. They finished top of their group, winning the tournament. Their sportsmanship was also fantastic, as was their impeccable behaviour. A big well done to Rosie, Tom M, Jack M, James, Harry and Alex. Thanks also to Mr Machin for helping to coach the children on the night. We have another very strong school football team coming through. Mr. Campion



<b>1. Lovell</b>	<b>1126</b>
<b>2. Mallory</b>	<b>1117</b>
<b>3. Garner</b>	<b>1054</b>
<b>4. Harding</b>	<b>1030</b>

**Lovell has a free dress day on Friday 1st March**

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@gostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@gostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

I just wanted to send you a little email about what **James and Molly** got up to on Sunday.... we went to Manchester City centre with 20 bags filled with sandwiches, fruit, crisps, a treat and water for the homeless. The children helped make the sandwiches and packed the bags and we set off for Manchester. It wasn't long until we came across a homeless person... and before long, all the bags had been handed out to very appreciative and needy homeless people. We just hope that this inspires people to do a little something for others...a little effort really does go a long way.

Mrs Withe



Well Done to **Jasmine Ashmore** Y1  
for passing her Pre-Primary in Dance Ballet Exam.  
She did very well and we are very proud



For the last four Saturdays nine children have been learning how to fence at Holmes Chapel Leisure Centre with a qualified coach from the British fencing association. This Saturday the children was awarded with a certificate for completing the course. The children have the opportunity to take part in January from Years 3 – 6, progressing a level each time.

Well done to **Brianna Hamilton, James Withe, Max Howson and William Downer** for achieving their Bronze awards. **Asa Walsh-Goldsmith, Ben Liptrott and Monty Burgess** for achieving their Silver awards. **Katie Hicks and Martha Bairstow** for achieving their Gold awards



## School funding petition

You have possibly seen previous information about the unfair funding schools in Cheshire East receive. Cheshire East remains one of the lowest funded authorities nationally and the current national fairer funding proposals do not address the significant variations in funding schools receive across the country. Schools in Cheshire East do an amazing job achieving excellent outcomes for Children and Young People but behind the scenes schools are struggling to balance the budget.

Cheshire East Council together with the full school community is committed to campaigning for fairer funding. The Leader of the Council, Cllr Rachel Bailey, and the Portfolio Holder for Children and Families, Cllr Jos Saunders, are committed to support any campaign but it is the voice of our schools and families that has the greatest impact.

Nationally, a School Funding Petition has been developed which all Cabinet Members, and Senior Officers in the Council have signed including the Chief Executive, Executive Director for People and the Director of Education.

We would like to ensure the results of the Campaign highlight the strength of feeling about school funding for Cheshire East Schools ensuring we are the area with the highest level of responses by a significant majority, if possible.

I would therefore encourage you, your family and friends to sign the petition. This does take less than one minute to complete. The only information you need is your postcode

Please add your name by following this link:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

*N.B. having completed the petition, please be aware for your vote to be counted, you need to follow the link in the email which will be sent to you, to verify you have voted. Thank you.*

## Friends of Goostrey Station FOGS

by Chris Burgess

### FOGS wins the Northern Youth Challenge award 2018!

FOGS members are delighted to announce another win in the Cheshire Best Kept Station Competition (BKSC).

The Northern Youth Challenge Award for 2018 is a reward not just for the Friends of Goostrey Station but for the children of **Goostrey Community Primary School**, the local Cubs and Beavers plus our Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates. We are working together to improve our station and to learn about the history of the railway through Goostrey. The displays of artwork, railway memorabilia and flowering plants showed the judges that the community of Goostrey cares about the appearance of their station.

Previously FOGS has received three other awards from Cheshire BKSC : for most improved station in 2014, for Art in 2016 and for Diversity in 2017. In addition, FOGS has been shortlisted twice by the Association of Community of Rail Partnerships (ACoRP) : for Small Art Projects in 2017 and for the Diversity Award in 2018.

We have even impressed the Northern Revenue Team as revealed by a recent entry in the comments book in the platform shelter :

*We love coming to  
Goostrey.*

*Sad to see that Bubbles has been damaged by vandals again. We did try to mend him!*

*Goostrey is always a nice station to come and work at. Keep up the good work.*

The restoration of the outside of our historic old ticket office continues. Chair of FOGS Mike Jarvis has heard that there is a target date of May 2019 for the owners Network Rail to complete the outside repairs. At present, FOGS committee members are engaging with the franchise holders Northern Rail regarding the refurbishment of the inside and the process of finding tenants to occupy the building.

Meanwhile it is important that we keep up the good work and it is timely to remind everyone that our working parties continue on the second Sunday of each month from 10 am. Currently we have no store room, so it would be best if helpers could bring tools such as brushes, spades, forks, loppers or secateurs. However there will be a few spare tools available for those not able to bring their own.

While working, every volunteer must wear one of our orange safety jackets since yellow ones can confuse train drivers travelling at speed. Orange is the specified rail safety colour. Please also remember that no-one should work alone at the station in case there is an accident where assistance would be required.

We need more volunteers to come and help us reach our main goal successfully, not just for gardening and tidying but also if you have DIY skills. Now is the time to come and join us! Please contact Chair of FOGS Mike Jarvis on 533981 or Vice Chair Craig Sidebotham on 07526 704218 if you would like more information.

## World Book Day 2019 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day 2019 is on the horizon and we thought we would give you advance notices of our plans for this year. The staff have considered very carefully about how we would like to celebrate books this year and we have decided, after revisiting the event's website, that this year, we would like to take the event back to its original roots. The World Book Day site states:

**“World Book Day is .....a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading....children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. Very loudly and very happily. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.”**

Therefore, this year, we have decided to ask our pupils to bring in their favourite book to share with their friends and the adults in school. We shall not be dressing up on this occasion and we look forward to hearing all about what happened to Stick Man; what Katie did next; how much of a demon the dentist really is, and so many more characters yet to discover.

The staff will be planning a range of activities to encourage our pupils to just “love a good book”. The pupils will also be issued with a £1:00 book voucher on the day, which can be used to purchase one of the special books, or as a voucher towards the cost of another title.

We look forward to sharing many stories with them on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

The difficult choice will be which one book to choose to bring to school, now!





Goostrey Community Primary School



**UPDATE**

**ART EXHIBITION**



Stage one of the forthcoming art exhibition is over!  
The pictures are finished and have been sent away for professional mounting, framing and cataloguing.

The exhibition will take place in the Junior School Hall Gallery

on **Tuesday 5th March 2019.**

Hours of opening will be as follows

**3:15pm - 6pm**

Sold pictures will be handed out in class in the days following the exhibition.

The framed pictures will cost £8.50 with any subsequent prints for £8

*Framed laser copies will also be available at the same price*

We're looking forward to seeing you there, admiring the art work of the talented Goostrey artists.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Cowell

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Year 2    Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Year 1    Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Rec      Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**





**ST LUKE'S  
GOOSTREY**

# **FAMILY MINISTRY**

## **FEBRUARY**

- Sunday 24th - School Hall - Cafe Church @4pm

## **MARCH**

- Sunday 3rd - School Hall - JAM (Sunday School) @9.45am

- Sunday 10th - St Luke's - Family Service @9.45am

- Sunday 24th School Hall - Cafe Church @4pm

- Sunday 31st - St Luke's - Mothering Sunday @9.45am

## **APRIL**

- Sunday 7th - School Hall - JAM (Sunday School) @9.45am

- Sunday 14th - St Luke's - Family Service @9.45am

- Friday 19th - School Hall - Good Friday Workshop

- Sunday 21st - St Luke's - Easter Sunday @9.45am

**1st Sunday** - JAM is our new action-packed Sunday School - held at the school hall. Ages 3+ (pre-school children need a parent to attend with them)

**2nd Sunday** - Family Service at St Luke's - an all-ages child-friendly service

**3rd Sunday** - Not specifically a family service but children are always welcome to join the craft table at the back of St Luke's

**4th Sunday** - Cafe Church - food, fun and fellowship in a relaxed setting



## Message from St Luke's Church:

24th February 4pm Cafe style church in School Hall. All welcome.

3rd March 9.45 am JAM (tots to 12/13) in School Hall.

I was wondering if you could put something in your newsletter to promote the forthcoming community planting day on the 3rd March.

We are meeting at the Turfields at 1pm ( many thanks to Carbutt's Turf ) all are welcome and there is lots to do including the planting of some heritage Cheshire damsons donated by the Parish Council.

Participants should bring a spade ( no garden forks please ) and gloves.

Over 45 young people have already taken the opportunity to take part.

Many thanks

Paul Kemsley

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

<b>Penalties for unauthorised absence</b>		
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>One child</b>	<b>Two children</b>
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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.  
head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

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Holiday dates for 18/19 and 19/20 are on the website under INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**If you require a paper copy please let us know.**

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.

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](http://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](http://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](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. 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.