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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,

The exhibition of our children's work will be open from Wednesday 20th October and then after half term until Friday 5th November. This is a display of work studied by all year groups and each class has a designated day and times for someone from their family to visit the exhibition.

The children have also worked with the artist Faith Bebbington, who told us afterwards that *it was great to work with such well behaved, polite, enthusiastic children!* The children have made a large art piece for everyone to see.

This week they have also worked with a dance specialist, on their main theme.

Next week they will be listening to Key Strings perform.

Please **see page 2** for more information and the timetable for viewing. Because of current restrictions the look and organisation of the exhibition will be different to previous years. The main thing is the children have experienced a collaborative project, across the school, producing a display they are quite rightly proud of.

A big thank you for all your support—the excellent frames you have made and photos you have sent in.

Each class page will have information about this exhibition as well.

**Covid update** for Cheshire East and our school is on page 3

Year 6 had a half day visit last Monday to a health and safety event which allowed the children to interact and understand more about the emergency services and how to keep themselves and others safe in different scenarios.

**Well done to our Year 3 and 4 netball team—full report on page 4.**

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.*

### Useful information

**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:** [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 [mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

## Exhibition of Children's Work

You are warmly invited to visit our display of the children's work in the school hall (junior side). Under our Covid risk assessment we are inviting just one adult from each family and please wear a mask indoors. You are welcome to collect your child to look at the exhibition with you—please see the class page for information about how to collect your child when you visit.

Thank you

<b>Time 9am to 10am and 1pm to 5pm for each year group except reception—see below</b> DATE:	Year Group:
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9am to 1pm	<b>Open House for all year groups</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 4
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> <b>Time 9am to 10am and 1pm to 4pm</b>	Reception

Bag 2 School Thursday 4 November—helping the PTA raise money.

Please have a good clear out over the half term and send your bags of clothing in at drop off on the 4th.

## Friday update - Covid (Pupils and Staff)

Currently in Cheshire East we have:

General population 540 per 100,00

0 – 4 242 per 100,000 up from last week

5 – 9 1092 per 100,00 up from last week

10 – 14 2298 per 100,00 slightly down from last week

15 – 19 1261 per 100,000 up from last week

In the last 7 days 324 primary pupils have tested positive and there are 25 primary schools with an outbreak.

**Goostrey School: 4 members** of our school community are currently absent after having a positive PCR test for Covid – these are not connected and we are not in an outbreak situation.

FYI: 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

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health and the Local Authority. Schools are no longer involved in the contact tracing process—if your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice.

Individual families who have pupils with a positive test receive a separate letter containing more information/advice.

Please note that we are unable to share with you any details of staff or pupils affected.

Next update will be on Monday by email to all families.

### **Advice from Cheshire East:**

All adults and children aged 11 plus are advised to take part in twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) home testing, and we would strongly advise that this continues. If your child is under 11 years old, then we recommend that all adults in the house continue to test regularly using the free LFD kits. Any results should be reported to the NHS and all positive results reported to us.

We also encourage those adults or young people in the household, who are eligible for the vaccine to take up the offer.

**A letter from Cheshire East, offering their enhanced advice/recommendations, was distributed to all our families yesterday, via email, and is also available on each Class Page.**

### **What to do if anyone in the household develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If anyone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Anyone with symptoms can request a test via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>.

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

# HI-5 NETBALL

## HI-5 NETBALL FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, eight children from year 4 went to HCCS to take part in a Hi-5 festival. This was to give the children experience of taking part in a competition with no prizes and no pressure.

Luckily, the weather was kind to us and we were able to get through the planned matches outside. Even though this was a festival, all of the rules had to be followed and the children learnt a great deal about the sport through these matches. Our team all played extremely well and, whilst not on court, watched the games very carefully to learn from them. You could see how much progress the children were making as the tournament went on because they began to see how they could improve.

I was delighted with the overall result which wasn't actually shared with the teams - we came second! As we only had a couple of practices beforehand, this was a super achievement! Very well done to Louis, Noah, Charlie, Emily, Rosa, Kacey, Imogen and Tippi! Many thanks to parents and carers for bringing them and also for stopping to support our team - this is always very much appreciated.

Mrs Cooper

**Bryony Brown** in reception class was nominated 'Star of the week' at Egerton Football club last weekend. She showed great enthusiasm on the pitch. A big well done to Bryony.



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](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.**

**REMINDER: 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**

National tests for Y6 pupils are WB 11th May 2022. However, Year 2 & Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the **end of June 2022**. **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](mailto: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.*





**Goostrey Parish Council**  
**The Village Hall**  
**Main Road**  
**Goostrey**  
**Cheshire**  
**CW4 8PE**

## **GOOSTREY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (Part-Time)**

**Scale Range: SCP 24-28 Depending on qualifications and experience.**

**Annual Salary £15,198 - £17, 085 (Part time 85 hours per month)**

Goostrey Parish Council is looking for a resourceful and experienced individual to be our new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and to help us to run and develop the Parish Council activities and services.

We are a council supporting a community of 2,000 residents in the village and parish of Goostrey in the heart of the Cheshire countryside. In support of the many clubs and societies, we also have responsibility for bookings and maintenance of the village hall (which is a facility shared with the primary school). We hold the 'Quality' status in the Local Council Award Scheme and are aiming to achieve the 'Quality Gold' status.

As Parish Clerk you will be the Proper Officer and Responsible Financial Officer, assisting the Council in making and implementing decisions, liaising with other bodies such as Cheshire East Borough Council, overseeing the hiring of the village hall, engaging with residents, and managing one or two members of staff. Ideally you will hold CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) or equivalent or be willing to achieve this qualification. The post involves some evening work, in particular for the monthly Parish Council meetings and for the 4 Committee meetings which vary between monthly and quarterly.

For further information please contact the current Clerk: Sharon Jones, telephone 01477 535825, email [clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or visit our website <https://goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk> to download the information pack and application form.

Closing date for applications is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021



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](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 £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 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>

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