



Newsletter 1st March 2019

Last week: w/c 11th February

Best attendance: Y3 98.1%

Unauthorised absences: 0.3%

Lates: 98 minutes (9 pupils)

Dear Parents,

Great news about our **twin school, Elizabethfontein:**

Elizabethfontein Primary School is an award winning school with an award winning team that cares and serve.

We won the annual provincial National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) Best School Awards 1st prize of R30 000. The prize money will be utilize to improve the NSNP at the school.

Elizabethfontein Primary reaching for the stars and beyond.

Please see page 2 for two wonderful things our pupils are doing for charity.

The **children's art exhibition** is on March 5th—more information is on page 4. Everyone is welcome.

The **Eco Team** have unanimously voted to spend some of the money they have earned from recycling of cards to adopt an owl from Lower Moss Wood. This is a lovely idea Eco Team and I believe the owl will be coming to visit us later this year. Thank you to everyone on the Eco Team—both adults and pupils.



World Book Day is next week—more information on page 5.

Parents' Evening appointments go live next Monday—more information on page 3. Children's books will be out, in classrooms, next Thursday after school until 5pm.

Children—go to page 8 to see what **film** the PTA are showing on Friday 29th March—it's a good one!

Bake Off is back children and this time it's chocolate! See page 6 for more details.

We need help **clearing the pond** tomorrow—please come if you can—more information on page 7

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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Friday 29th

Y2 Cake Sale and Film Night

April

Friday 5th

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Advance notice:

Sports Day Thursday 4th July

Reserve Sports Day Thursday

Useful information

Before school club: booking form available on school website 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

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).

Tilly, in Y6, has decided to cut off her much loved hair for The Princess Trust, to be made into wigs for children with cancer. She is looking for sponsors before the big cut on 15th March., this money will go to a different charity supporting children with cancer and vital research-the Grace Kelly Ladybird Trust

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/annelouise-warren2> <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/annelouise-warren2> <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/annelouise-warren2>

Polar Bear Bake Sale

On Tuesday 5th March we will be doing our second bake sale for charity. The cakes will be for junior pupils to buy at morning break. This time the money that we raise is going to help polar bears. We decided to do another sale because the last one went so well, and we want to try and help as many charities as we can.

This time we will be baking cupcakes, flapjacks, chocolate cornflakes and marshmallow Rice Krispie squares. The cakes and chocolate cornflakes are 50p each and the flapjacks and marshmallow Rice Krispie squares are 20p each.

Lucy, Charlotte and Lillie Grace (Year 5)

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

The parents' evening booking system will be live online on the school website from 7pm on Monday 4th March until Friday 8th March at 7pm. Please check that you can log-on successfully. Any problems, please contact Mrs Cooper on mrs.cooper@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or call in to the year 6 classroom after school.

Children's books will be out in classrooms on Thursday 7th March, after school until 5pm.

Well done to Isla Machin in Year 3

She has passed her level 2 skills award with Cheshire Gymnastics. We are very proud of her.



Jack Pearson was awarded a 'blue lace' for his rugby playing last week by Macclesfield Rugby club.

The 'Blue Lace' is a new initiative scheme to recognise players who are demonstrating the core values of rugby. These are respect, teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship.

Jack was selected to receive one of the first blue laces.

Also, the club has recently had a big makeover and there is now a huge picture of Jack on the wall when he was mascot last year for 1st team.



Rose Worsley

(year 1) has been working very hard and achieved her 10m swimming badge. We are all so proud of her!



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



Our School
Art Gallery
is open on
Tuesday
5th March
2019

The school cordially invites all parents and friends to an exhibition of the children's artwork to be held in the school gallery on **Tuesday 5th March 2019** from **3:15pm** until **6:00pm**.

The children have produced some stunning art and we're sure that you'll be delighted when you see their beautiful pictures professionally mounted, framed, catalogued and displayed in the gallery (the School Hall!)

The Visual Arts play a big part in the life of the school: it's an activity that every child can enjoy and play a full part in. Having their pictures framed and displayed will be a big occasion for the children and having someone to show it to will add an important finishing touch, so please make a space in your diary for this very special event.

There will be an opportunity at the exhibition to purchase these framed original pictures in support of school fundraising. Extra framed laser prints of the original can also be produced - a unique gift for friends & family members. Copies can be ordered in advance or - at the very latest - on exhibition day.

Please note that pictures can't be removed until after the exhibition - we'd like the gallery to remain in place for everyone to enjoy. Sold pictures will be handed out in class during the week after the exhibition.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to this special event.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE EXHIBITION? or WANT TO AVOID QUEUING?

You can order your child's picture by completing this reply slip and returning it to the reception desk, along with cash, in an envelope. *Thank you.*

NAME OF CHILD: _____ CLASS: _____

**** I WOULD LIKE TO BUY MY CHILD'S ORIGINAL FRAMED PICTURE PRICE: £8.50**

**** I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER ADDITIONAL FRAMED LASER PRINTS @ £8 each**

(N.B. Additional framed prints must be ordered in advance, or on the day of the exhibition. They will be delivered to the school a week or two after the exhibition.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: ■

£

World Book Day 2019 – Thursday 7th 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 isa 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 7th March.

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



We invite you to take part in
Goostrey Community Primary School's

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Cocoa/chocolate- bake off

Please use Fairtrade cocoa or chocolate in any way to create
a tasty dish for our competition.

Please bring your entry to school on **Tuesday 5th March** ready for
judging by Mrs Latham and the Year 6 Fairtrade councillors
Parents/Grandparents/Carers are of course welcome to help!

Please name your entry underneath your plate/bowl etc. Please take your baking to the
Sunshine Room in the morning and collect in the evening

Info from the Fairtrade Foundation - **What is Fairtrade Fortnight?** 25 February–10 March 2019

For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid. This year we are focusing on the people – in particular the women – who

Help! Help! Help!

Please can you help us for a short time on Saturday morning (2.3.19) from 9am. We need to re line the pond (in the Infant playground) and therefore need to clear out the reeds and other plants.

We have received a donation from the William Dean Trust which will enable us to buy the necessary new lining material. We can then hopefully continue with pond dipping (which the children love) in the spring.

It shouldn't take very long on Saturday if we have some strong people with forks, spades and muscles! If you have any big containers that we can use to save as much of the wildlife from the bottom of the pond as possible that would also be a great help.

Please contact Mrs Flint or Mrs Saxton if you need further details.

Thank you

Film Night

Friday 29th March

The film to be shown is

How to Train your Dragon 3

(PG)



Tickets on sale from Monday 25th March from Junior Reception

Showing in the Village Hall

Doors open 6.00pm

Film starts 6.30pm

Tuck shop open 6.00 to 6.30

Reception children to be accompanied by an adult

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



GOOSTREY ROSE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Saturday 9th March, 3 - 4.30pm in the village hall.

For children in pre-school, reception, year 1 and year 2. Children in pre-school and reception must have parents stay with them.

Tickets cost just £1 per child and please could you donate a tombola prize for Rose Day.

Tea, coffee and cake available for adults for a small donation. Snack and drinks are provided for the children.

See you there!



FROG RACING NIGHT

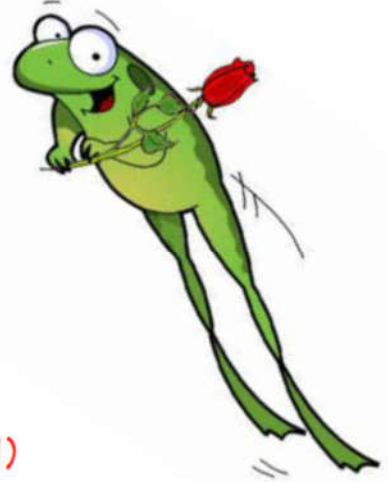
Goostrey Village Hall

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH



Like a Race night.....

but with frogs (not real ones!)



The rules may catch you on the hop, but everything will be explained.

Pie and Mushy Peas (Sorry no frogs legs) included in the £10 PER PERSON entrance fee, but unfortunately the bar is not.

So come along have tittle or two place a bet and make merry, there will be lots to do for the active and non-playing. Older Children Welcome but no princes

7pm (first race at 7.30pm) – 11.30pm



"NEW FOR 2019 PROSECCO BARI!"

Tickets available from:-

Chris Burgess: 5354443, Martine Nicholson 532375 or Kerry Comb 07812585273



Saturday 2nd March

10am - 3pm

at

The Crown, Main Road, Goostrey

Fundraising for
Goostrey Juniors FC

Cars £5.00

4 x 4 & vans - £10.00



**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



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.
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 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.