


Newsletter 8th March 2019

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Last week:

Best attendance: Y3 98.4%
Unauthorised absences: 0.7%
Lates: 120 minutes (3 pupils)

Dear Parents,

This week I am devoting much of my introduction to a statement by PCSO Chesters:

We all strive to set a positive example to our children. However your children and other pedestrians are being put at risk of being seriously injured or worse by drivers who park or drop off on the yellow zig-zag markings outside the school gates of Goostrey Primary school. Pedestrians, in particularly children should be able to cross the road outside their school without having their safety compromised.

Please be aware that as your local community officer, we shall be enforcing these restrictions by way of a £30 Non Endorsable parking ticket and/or points on your driving license if you are found to be contravening this restriction as it is an offence. **However if you are aware of a vehicle that is causing an issue by parking on these markings, please report the registration to us via 101.** Thank you for your co-operation - PCSO Chesters, Dane Valley Police Community Support Officer.

PCSO Chesters will be visiting school, before the end of the term, to support the work we do on internet safety .

The newsletter is full of celebratory and informative news items this week—please enjoy reading about all our achievements as well as up and coming events in school and the local community.

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

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Advance notice:

Sports Day Thursday 4th July
Reserve Sports Day Thursday

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.

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

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).



Holmes Chapel Cluster Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Goostrey School entered two teams of 6 players into this eagerly awaited tournament - the only school in the cluster to do so. Each team played five games of hockey and were able to showcase their newly acquired skills and enthusiasm despite the freezing conditions and challenging 3G pitch. Grit, determination, great passing and shots on target were evident throughout the tournament in both Goostrey teams. Year 6 gained 6th place, whilst Year 5 earned a hard-fought Bronze Medal position, and were only one point behind the Silver Medalists!

The children have all been an absolute pleasure to coach and have been incredibly enthusiastic in each training session. Thank you to Mrs Flint for braving the adverse weather conditions and your invaluable support on the sidelines

Mrs Cuttle



On Wednesday the 13th February, 28 excited children from years 4, 5 and 6 headed off to the Manchester Arena to be part of the Young Voices 2019 choir. After many weeks of practicing it was time to join 1,000s of other children from schools around the North West, the Urban Strides Dance Team and Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet.

The children spent the afternoon rehearsing all the songs and dance moves in preparation for the big performance later that evening in front of all the parents. During the rehearsal we were lucky enough to meet Andy, the lead dance coach from Urban Strides. We even had a selfie with him! All the children were impeccably behaved throughout the day and were fantastic at remembering the songs and dance moves. We are very grateful to the adults that have helped during our practises and came along on the day to help, thank you to Mrs Wheatley, Mrs Williams and Mrs Hamilton. Well done to all the children who took part and many thanks to all the parents who joined us on the night. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Miss Bairstow and Mrs Saxton

Pond Clearing

Many thanks to the parents, children and staff who came to school last Saturday to help clear out the pond. The job was done very efficiently and quickly and we are now waiting for the new underlay and liner to be delivered before we can put the rescued wildlife back in.

We will let you know when this will be as soon as we find out the delivery date.

Thank you



Fairtrade Fortnight Chocolate Bake-off

We had a wonderful array of delicious looking items for our chocolate bake-off. The judges (Mrs Latham and the three year 6 Fairtrade councillors, Zoe, Luke and Orla) looked at and/or tasted every item, and after much intense deliberation and debate arrived at the following winners and runners up.

Winner: chocolate and orange cake - Petra Hamilton
Second: white chocolate Cheesecake - Archie Paddle
Third: cup cakes - Henry Northwood

This year we also awarded winners for presentation.

Winner: Millie-Rose Jeavens
Second: Millie Baker
Third: Reggie Green

We are grateful to Mrs Latham for coming into school especially on her day off to be our chief judge, and to all the parents and children who entered the competition.

The winners received 20 house points, second 10, and third 5. All children who entered received 2.

Thank you for your support
The Eco team

Eco poster competition

Thank you to all the children who designed such thoughtful and colourful posters for our school Eco code.

After much discussion the chosen poster winners are Lilly and Jasmine Ashmore, with Beau Burgess as the runner up.

These will now be displayed in each classroom.
Thank you

Cheshire East Young Musician of the Year 2019

On Sunday 3rd March, the Cheshire East Young Musician of the Year 2019 competition was held at Sandbach School. The competition is open to all pupils who attend schools in Cheshire East.

Petra Hamilton in Year 6 was awarded 3rd place in the Key Stage 2 Instrumental category. She played "In The Hall Of the Mountain King" by Grieg on her flute. The adjudicator for her category was Musician and Producer Nigel Stonier who praised Petra's breath control and intonation. He told her that she should be very proud of her performance – and we are all very proud of her too. Well done Petra!



Polar Bear Bake Sale

Well done girls - Lucy, Charlotte and Lillie Grace you made over £50 with your terrific cake sale.



Gabriella received her certificate for her primary tap examination she took back in December.

Well done Gabriella

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>

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

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Goostrey Community Primary School

Dear Parents,

I'm delighted to say that our Art Exhibition was a great success, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to see their pictures professionally displayed and the school a chance to raise valuable funds. Congratulations to all the children for their fantastic effort - I'm sure you'll agree that they should feel very proud of the artwork they produced.

All unsold art work will be kept and used in school.

If you were unable to attend the exhibition, there is still an opportunity to view & purchase your child's artwork. Simply call in to the reception desk any day until

10am **Tuesday 19th March 2019.**

Once again, thanks to all the children for their hard work and thank you parents for supporting this event.

Mrs Cowell



**Goostrey PTA Comedy
Night - 14th March
Village Hall**

Line Up:

MC Marvyn Dickinson

Simon Lomas

Nina Gilligan

Dan Nightingale

Tickets £12 each

Licensed Bar

To buy tickets contact Emma Shanahan

on 07837 548259

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

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.

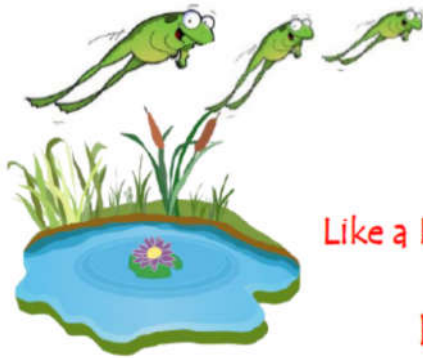
Tea, coffee and cake available for adults for a small donation. Snack and drinks are provided for the children.

See you there!



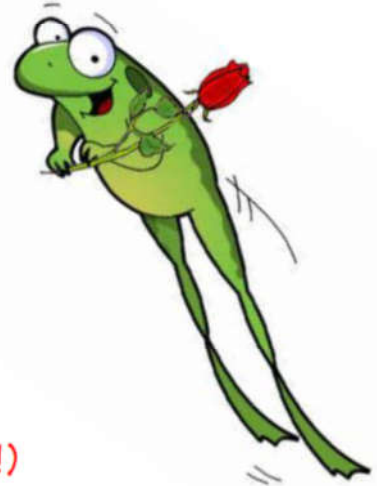
FROG RACING NIGHT

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: 535443, Martine Nicholson 532375 or Kerry Comb 07812585273



13th March



at Goostrey Methodist Church

3.30 – 5.30

Come along straight from school for an afternoon of games, colouring, sticking, painting, stories and songs. Begin with a welcome drink and snack then activities and go home after enjoying a cooked tea. For more details contact Rev Yvonne Pearson 01477 537085 email yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk



**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.
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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.