

Newsletter 15th March 2019

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Last week:

Best attendance: Y2 and Y6 99.3%

Unauthorised absences: 0

Lates: 30 minutes (4 pupils)

Dear Parents,

Children if you bring chocolate to school on Friday 22nd March you can have a Free Dress Day. The P.T.A. are running a chocolate tombola stall at the pre school, end of term Easter Fair.

Well done to our netball teams, years 5 and 6—silver medals and a great performance by both squads. Years 3 and 4 your tournament is next Wednesday.

We are re lining the pond on Saturday 23rd March. If you are able to help please come to the Infant site from 10am.

This has been another good week in school and the pupils are working hard on remembering and understanding our four school rules:

Always try your best

Be friendly and polite

Care for others and the environment

Work hard.

If you get chance please recite these with your child—thank you

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

Dates for your diary

March

Friday 22nd Free Dress Day (chocolate) and Mother's Day Shop

Monday 25th Mother's Day Shop

Thursday 28th Year 4 to York for one night

Friday 29th Y2 Cake Sale and Film Night

Advance notice:

Sports Day Thursday 4th July

Reserve Sports Day Thursday

11th July

April

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Useful information

Before school club: booking for m 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).

Frankie Grimes (Yr 4) has been awarded a blue lace by his rugby club, Macclesfield RUFC. A blue lace is given to the child who demonstrates the core qualities of: teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship.

Frankie will be awarded his lace from a first team player after the next home match, and we're very proud of him for achieving it.

We had a fantastic afternoon constructing our 'megastructures'. The children thoroughly enjoyed working together and learning new skills.

A big thank you to Mr Nicholson for leading our exciting afternoon. We couldn't have done it without our helpers; Mr Gray, Mr Salmon, Mr Worsley and Mr Sangha.

Ms Cummins

Mother's Day Shops

The Mother's Day shops will be held on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th March for both the Infants and Juniors.

There will be a range of presents at prices ranging from 80p to £3.

As usual, it would be really useful if children could bring a bag to put their shopping in please, and if the Infants could bring their money in a named envelope or purse.

Father's Day Shops will be on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June.

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

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

CAKE SALES

Year 2 Friday 29th March

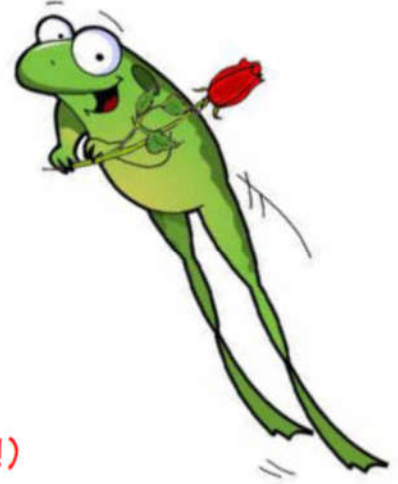
Year 1 Friday 26th April

Rec Friday 17th May

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



Junior Tennis Coaching Programme 2019

Children wanting to begin at tennis, or looking to improve their playing skills, could take part in this year's Goostrey Junior Tennis Coaching at the Boothbed Lane courts.

The 15-session programme by LTA Coach David Richardson runs from Friday April 26th to Saturday September 28th – excluding school holidays and Rose Day weekend. Sessions run on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, and school-age children are grouped according to LTA junior coaching guidance for age and ability.

Junior coaching is open to children aged between 5 and 16, with sessions ranging from beginners and 'parent-and-child' classes, to more advanced coaching for older children. The programme is structured, with the emphasis on having fun whilst learning and developing tennis skills and ability.

Participation is open to juniors who live in Goostrey and the adjacent parishes of Allstock, Over Peover, Lower Withington, Twemlow, Cranage and Swettenham, whose families are already VHPFF members – or entitled, through living in the above parishes, to apply for VHPFF membership. Contact Sally Ball (sally.ball@lineone.net) with any Village Hall & Playing Field Foundation (VHPFF) membership queries.

The cost for the junior coaching programme's 15 sessions is £67.50 (cheques payable to 'Goostrey Tennis Club'). Booking forms are available by emailing coach David Richardson at play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning Alison Richardson on 07885 804246.



EASTER CAMP

There will also be an Easter holiday camp for children, from Monday April 8th to Friday April 12th, with warm-up sessions, games, fun drills and competitions – before the weekend coaching programme begins. These will be held at the Boothbed Lane courts from 10am to 3.30pm each day. Booking is available by the day, or there is a special rate for all five days. To enquire about availability or to obtain a booking form, please contact David, or Alison Richardson as above.

Rusty Racquets for adults

For parents who might not have played tennis for years, and fancy getting back into it, there will be an hour-long 'Rusty Racquets' session after junior coaching at 12 noon on Saturdays, beginning on April 27th.

Contact David Richardson for details.



**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.

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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.