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**Dear Families,**

**Next 2 PTA events:**

### **School Disco**

School disco next Friday January 24th.

Infants 5.15 to 6pm

Juniors 6.15 to 7pm

Tickets available from Mrs Carroll £3 each

**Comedy Night Friday 7th February—please see page 7 for more details**

### **PTA raffle prizes for Comedy Night**

Do you have any unwanted Christmas presents or other items which you are willing to donate to the PTA Hamper raffle to be drawn on Comedy Night to raise money for the school?

If you can help, please pass your donations on to your class teachers or Mrs Carroll and we will collect these, to go along with some other fantastic items. Raffle tickets will be able to be purchased from 3rd February at school, as well as at Comedy Night on Friday 7th February where the lucky winners will be drawn.

Thank you in advance for your support 😊😊😊

PTA

**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 official supplier - other options are available, please see the school website for more information.**

[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 [mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Income Related Free School Meals:** [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

**Term dates for 24-25 and 25-26 are on our website**

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.

The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>



To our amazing girls, **Ella and Daisy**, who have passed their stage 3 swimming. We are so very proud of you both! Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Ben and Neve xx

## **BOCCIA FESTIVAL**

On Wednesday, twelve children from years 1, 2 and 3 took part in a boccia festival at Brereton school. There were 5 teams in all from our local schools, and most of the children had never experienced boccia, which, for the uninformed, is similar to boules apart from the fact that the players must always be sitting down. This is a Paralympic event but can be played by anyone. The leader explained how to play the game and told the children that the main focus of the morning was honesty. This became clear when the children began to play because the ball nearest the jack (the white ball) won points. When it was a close call, one member from each team had to agree which team's ball was closest. There were 3 games going on at the same time so each child had lots of chances to play. During the morning, everyone learnt lots of new skills and the children agreed that the whole event had been a lot of fun. **Many thanks to Ollie, Teddy, Heath, Lucy, Archer, Theo, Cara, Arthur, Bella, Zachary, Alfie and Lily for being such good sports**, for being so well-behaved and being such good fun and to their parents and carers for bringing them to the event.

Mrs Cooper



**awarded to**  
**Goostrey community Primary School**

**for the invaluable support shown for people with motor neurone disease**

Thank you so much for your recent kind donation of £533.00. Which was raised by the class running 7 laps around the school field, to raise money, whilst wearing blue and yellow clothes, or a rugby shirt, or the number '7' for the day. Your fundraising for the MND Association has been incredible so thank you for choosing to support us and for joining the fight against MND - we are so grateful for your generosity.

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**Thank you**  
**for your support**

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 motor neurone disease  
 association

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**FUNDRAISING  
 REGULATOR**  
 Registered Charity No. 294354

# Goostrey Eco code competition



We need a new Eco code for our school.

It must include these 5 key words:

**Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle**

It can be a short sentence or rhyme, but needs to be something that is easy to learn and remember.

Please make your poster A4 size.

The winning poster will be displayed in each classroom.

The winner will receive 50 housepoints.

Please bring your entries to school on or before  
January 31<sup>st</sup> 2025



# SCHOOL DISCO

**Friday 24th January**

**at Goostrey Village Hall**

**Infant Disco - 5:15pm - 6:00pm**

**Junior Disco - 6:15pm - 7.00pm**

**Tickets £3 available from Junior Reception from Monday at 8.50am**



## ASHA MEANS HOPE

### **OUR VISION**

*Asha is a place where men, women and families seeking asylum are welcome and can find the support and help they need. Our users are encouraged to become volunteers and co-workers in a collaborative enterprise which puts people first and promotes social integration.*

*We want our work with asylum seekers and refugees to be seen by the wider community as contributing to its wellbeing.*

- *We help people from almost 50 countries worldwide.*
- *We feed and clothe around 600 people every week.*

Churches Together in Goostrey have been developing a link between Asha and our village for several years.

### **Clothing**

We at Goostrey School would like to help Asha provide the many families they are assisting with good quality clothes.

If you have any men's, women's or children's clothes that you are happy to contribute please will you bring them to school on Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will collect them in the Sunshine Room from 7.45am. We will then deliver them to Asha in Hanley, Stoke on Trent. Toys are also much appreciated.

The need for clothing is an ongoing requirement so we hope to repeat this request in a few months.

You can find more information about the work of Asha at [asha-uk.org](http://asha-uk.org).

Thank you

GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA  
INVITES YOU TO OUR

# COMEDY NIGHT

with Big Lou Comedy



## Tony Burgess

*Joke writer for Steve Coogan, John Bishop, Johnny Vegas and numerous BBC Sitcoms, with 25 years stand up experience*

**Big Lou**  
*"A quick witted, laugh a minute, big hearted comedian who will take any audience by storm" Manfords Comedy Club*



## Alun Cochrane

*Appearances on "8 Out of 10 Cats" and "Mock the Week"*



**Oliver Bowler**  
*Award winning rising star*

**GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL  
FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**

**Doors open at 7pm - show starts at 8pm**

**Tickets £15 - scan the QR code to book**

Enquiries to: [GoostreyPTA@outlook.com](mailto:GoostreyPTA@outlook.com)



Tickets to our live comedy night can be booked via: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/4ESYH3M47SZD4>

January 24th	Infants 5 15 pm—6 pm Juniors 6 15pm—7pm	School Disco
January 30th		Book Fair arrives
February 7th		Year 3 Cake Sale
February 7th	7pm Village Hall	PTA Comedy Night
February 25th		Young Voices
February 27th		Recycle for School bags
March 6th		World Book Day
March 7th		Film Night
March 11th		Y4 to Delamere one night
March 14th		Y2 Cake Sale
March 20th	After school until 5pm	Open Books—your child's work
WB March 24th		Mother's Day Shop
WB March 24th		Parent evenings
2nd April		Y5 to Burwardsley 2 nights



# HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO

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**COULD YOU  
RESCUE A DOG?**

ON CHANNEL 4'S  
HIT SHOW

*the*  
**Dog House**

**APPLY NOW**

[WWW.CHANNEL4.COM/4VIEWERS/TAKEPART/THE-DOG-HOUSE](http://WWW.CHANNEL4.COM/4VIEWERS/TAKEPART/THE-DOG-HOUSE)



Year 6 national tests and assessments will be ongoing throughout the summer term until the **end of June 2025**. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.

**YEAR 6 SATS ARE WB 12TH MAY AND THEIR WRITING ASSESSMENTS CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF JUNE**

## **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

## With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force on 19 August 2024.

### **Penalty Notices will be issued for Term time leave:**

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

**10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period:** A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

#### **Per Parent/Per Child**

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### **Second Offence**

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### **Third Offence**

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500

## Do you have a concern about a child?

Anyone can make a call if they have concerns about a child. This call can be made confidentially.

### Cheshire East Consultation Service

The Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) is the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families.

### General public

Phone ChECS on **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** Callers will be directed to a Unit Coordinator who will ask if the concerns are early help or safeguarding. You will then be directed to either Practitioner Support Officer for Early Help requests for support or a Social Worker ( ChECS ) for safeguarding concerns. The worker will gather your information and advise you of the next steps.

If you need to contact someone out of hours and you believe it to be an emergency that can't wait, please call our Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.

**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.**

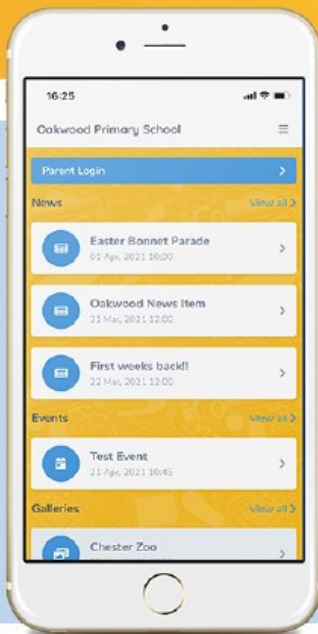
**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

# GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

Select your school to get started!



## LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

**You must have your email linked with the school**

## TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:  
- Switch between areas  
- Edit your profile  
- Logout

### DOWNLOAD NOW





Keep up to date with PTA news and events on our social media pages:



goostrey\_primary\_school\_pta



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>



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/>



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## 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 £4.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.50 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>