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## Newsletter 21 10 21

Dear Families,

School finishes today for the half term break, the children return on Monday 1st November.

**REMINDER**—juniors now start at the new time of 8.50 and finish at 3.25.

PTA meeting on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm in the junior hall—everyone welcome

**Open invites to come and see the children's exhibition tomorrow morning 9 to 12.**

Thank you to all our families who have joined us to view the exhibition this week.  
First week back—timetable for the exhibition:

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 4	9 to 10 and 1 to 5
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3	9 to 10 and 1 to 5
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2	9 to 10 and 1 to 5
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1	9 to 10 and 1 to 5
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception	9 to 10 and 1 to 4

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.

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

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.*

Holiday dates are on the school website— 21 22

**Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:**

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

### 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)

# 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.**

The totals are in for the first half terms House points ....

1. Garner 1382
2. Mallory 1143
3. Lovell 1058
4. Harding 936

Well done to all the children for a fantastic start to this year's totals, that's a whooping 4,519 house points all together!

**As a congratulations, the pupils in the winning house Garner (yellow), will have a free dress day on Thursday 4th November.**

A special congratulations also to the following children, who have already achieved their Bronze Merit Certificates. Which means they have gained over 50 individual house points!

Faith Breeze  
Jasper Davie  
Emily Anderson  
Thomas Coxon  
Isla Machin

Well done again everyone and keep collecting those house points!

Ms Bairstow

## Friday update - Covid

### Currently in Cheshire East we have

Aged 0 – 3	265.9	per 100 000
Aged 4 – 11	1631.2	per 100 000
Aged 12 – 16	3086.3	per 100 000
Aged 17 – 18	753.1	per 100 000
Aged 19 – 24	274.9	per 100 000

The case rates for all the school age groups have seen large increases since the previous week.

Community rate is 715 per 100,000

### Goostrey School:

**5 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.**

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.

### **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.**

### **What to do if anyone in the household develop 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 for 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/>



## Tropic Festive Fundraiser

Join us from 12 noon till 4pm  
On  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
In the conservatory  
at  
The Crown

To help raise funds for  
Goostrey Primary School PTA  
& Goostrey Pre-School

We'll be taking donations for each charity and for every  
£1 that is donated you'll be given an entry into the prize draw.

For every order that is placed over the  
weekend from 12 noon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> until  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm we will be donating 10%  
of the sales to your chosen charity

For more information or to get your hands on the  
Luxury festive guide before the event please contact

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14 October 2021

Dear Lyndsey

We are so privilege to have Goostrey Community on board as part of the Elizabethfontein Primary School donors! Most of our learners in our rural area are dependent on people such as you contributing toward our school. The money donated will be put to good use:

- ✓ Upgrading of a mobile room to accommodate hostel learners, providing a safe, homely accommodation.
- ✓ Buying of beds and bedding.
- ✓ Arts and Cultural workshops - Dancing, Drumming, Singing.



We will post photos of the projects as it progresses. Thank you so much for your open-heart-attitude. We appreciate it very much. A win-win solution.



Kind Greetings

Annatjie Dames (Principal: Elizabethfontein Primary)

# Natural History Museum



## Sloth Colouring Competition

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the sloth colouring competition is Noor from Year 2.

The judges choose Noor's entry because it is very carefully coloured and is vibrant and interesting. Noor has become the proud owner of the soft sloth that she is holding. Well done to all the children who entered this competition – look out for the next one!

The theme of the Museum after half term is **Bats**.

The Year 2 curators are working hard with Mrs Raven to ensure that children visiting the museum at playtimes will be able to learn facts about bats and enjoy making them in different ways. If you have anything that we could display on the theme of bats we would be delighted to hear from you.



## **REMINDER: new start and finish times for junior pupils.**

From 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**

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.**

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.** Y6 SATS are scheduled for WB 9th May.

## **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.*



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.