



## Newsletter 3rd May 2019

### Last week:

Best attendance: Reception 99.1%

Unauthorised absences: 0.1%

Lates: 46 minutes (3 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

Please read the following about the next cake sale for charity:

**On Tuesday 7th May** we will be doing our fourth cake sale for charity but this time the money that we raise is going to help people with heart problems. 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.

Thank you for reading

From Lucy, Lillie-grace and Charlotte year 5

It's bank holiday weekend and school will be closed next Monday—we all return on Tuesday 7th May.

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

### Dates for your diary

#### May

WB 13th Y6 SATs papers all week.

Friday 17th R cake sale

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#### Advance notice:

Sports Day Thursday 4th July

Reserve Sports Day Thursday 11th July

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### Useful information

**Before school club:** booking form available on school website [http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

**SENCo:** [mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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).

## Band Concert for Mount Pleasant

The children who play in Mrs Hext's lunchtime bands entertained the residents of Mount Pleasant Residential home when they visited us last Thursday. Parents of the children in the bands were also invited.

Claire from Mount Pleasant emailed afterwards, "They all loved it and said they were all amazing! One lady says they'll be playing in the Philharmonic when they're older!"

There are 41 children involved in the lunchtime bands and they played a wide range of instruments and music at the concert. Solo items were also played on the flute, keyboard, and clarinet.

Tea and homemade cake were enjoyed after the concert and we are grateful to Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Hammond for organising this for us.

Many thanks to Mrs Hext (and your assistant Mr Hext!) for all the work with music that you do in our school and for enabling us to invite Mount Pleasant to such a lovely afternoon.

We have replaced classroom chairs in Y6 and the Junior hall, so now have the old blue chairs available for a small donation of 50p per chair. Ideal for those occasions when extra chairs are needed !

If you would like any, please come to the reception desk to arrange collection.



## Mini Tennis Tournament - Cluster Schools



Year 5 and 6 Goostrey pupils took part in a Mini Tennis Tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive this week. Each pupil played four games of 'Singles' Tennis against pupils from our Cluster Schools. All the children had the added responsibility of scoring their own 8 minute matches. Daniel, Felix, Elliana and Lillie-Grace all performed brilliantly - with some incredible rallies, slice shots and back hands. Goostrey School is very proud of how you took part, met new friends, and "continually smiled" whilst playing a sport you all clearly enjoy. Goostrey School is very proud of these Year 5 and 6 pupils for their conduct and sportsmanship.

Mrs Cuttle

We are very proud of both **Felix and Max**, for passing their 8th Kyu Yellow Belt grading in karate at the weekend



We are very proud of **Alfie and Poppy** getting there 50m and 10m swimming certificates. Super swimming.



**Jack** received an award last weekend for his rugby. An award has been set up in memory of his daddy, Jamie, who was one of the coaches at Macclesfield rugby club and Jack was awarded the trophy!

It's called the JP award.

We are all very proud of Jack and how he has dealt with the last year.



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. Items for the newsletter need to be with me by Thursday lunchtime.

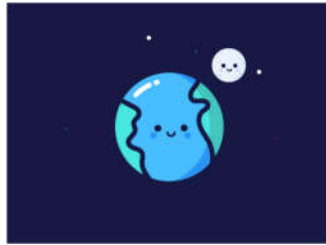
I always like to know what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school.

Thank you , Miss Atkins

*head@gostrey.cheshire.sch.uk*



# Eco code animation competition



**Can you use an animation programme (for example Stopmotion) to bring our Eco code rap (printed below) to life!**

This is our school Eco Rap, this is how it goes,

This is what we do at Goostrey Primary School:

We Recycle,

Reuse,

Reduce,

React and

Respect.

Let's hear it for the R words,  
one more time now:

We Recycle,

Reuse,

Reduce,

React and

Respect

To make the world a better place.

**Please bring your short animation (approximately 1 minute) to school on a stick on or before Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**There will be 50 housepoints for the winner!!**

# Charity Football Match in aid of The Remembering Nell Fund

Sunday 12th May at the Booth Bed Lane Playing Fields.  
Midday kick-off.



The Goostrey Friendly Football Club will host this event which pits the east of the village against the west. The winner receives the Simon Weston Trophy.

Everybody is welcome to watch this event for which the teams have already been selected. Admission is free but donations will go towards the Remembering Nell Fund.

***There will also be two PENALTY SHOOT-OUT COMPETITIONS at half-time. One for children aged 11 and under, and one for Mums! £1 entry fee on the day.***

***After the match there will be a CROSSBAR CHALLENGE COMPETITION for children aged 12 and over. £1 entry fee on the day.***

Hot and cold drinks and cakes will be available for purchase.

Any queries: [davidhext@talktalk.net](mailto:davidhext@talktalk.net)

Churches Together Christian Aid Committee invite you to **Afternoon Tea** in the Village Hall Lounge on Thursday, 16th May  
2 30 - 4.00 pm.

The next.....



at Goostrey Methodist Church  
will be on 8<sup>th</sup> May

3.30 - 3.45 drinks and register.

3.45 - 4.00 games and colouring

4.00 - 4.45 Craft for all ages

4.45 - 5.00 Celebration

5.00 - 5.15 Meal time

5.30 Go home full, & happy

For more details contact Pauline 01477 533159

[pauline.whitehurst@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pauline.whitehurst@yahoo.co.uk)

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

<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.*

## 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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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](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.

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](http://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](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 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. 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.