



## Newsletter 7th June 2019

### Last week:

Best attendance: Y3 96.5%  
Unauthorised absences: 0.9%  
Lates: 200 minutes (6 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

**We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Sant to the teaching team next September. Mrs Sant will be taking the Year 3 class and has written a little bit about herself for families to read.**

My roles within primary education have filled my life with opportunities to help the children I have worked alongside, for over fifteen years, to create, inspire, achieve and to be the very best they can be. I am very passionate about all things Music, Art and Drama and have thoroughly enjoyed engaging the children in such activities over the years. I have been privileged to lead a school choir and instrumental group for ten years and have loved sharing their experiences at such events as Young Voices and Come and Play with The Hallè. As well as my love of the Arts, I have accompanied many groups of children on school residential and have been known to don a harness and scale a climbing wall or zoom down a zip wire - all in the name of education!

The absolute loves of my life are my wonderfully supportive husband and our two children who I adore spending time with whenever I can. Our son is about to embark on a year out with his band and our daughter will be starting her final GCSE year at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive in September and so up until now; spare time has been at a premium. When I do have the chance to relax, I enjoy going to the theatre, out for a meal, attending concerts and spending time with my wider family and friends.

I am incredibly enthusiastic when it comes to working with young children and really do relish this chance to join the team at Goostrey, in the heart of your village community.

**Please check the newsletter for news on house points for last half term, information about Father's Day Shop, June Evening, Maths Survival events for parents and Eco news—recycling your crisp packets. Thank you**

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

### Dates for your diary

#### June

<b>WB Monday 10th</b>	<b>Year 1 phonics assessments</b>
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<b>July</b>	
<b>Thursday 4th</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Thursday 11th</b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>
<b>Monday 22nd</b>	<b>Y6 performance 7pm School Hall</b>
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	<b>Y6 performance 7pm School Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	<b>Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm Village Hall. Pupils leave for the summer holidays and return</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th September</b>	

**Please keep checking class pages on the website for specific information / dates for each class.**

## 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).

## FATHER'S DAY SHOP

The Shop will be held on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June for both the Infants and Juniors, selling a range of presents at prices ranging from £1 to £4.

Children please bring a bag to put their shopping in please.

Infants please bring your money in a named envelope or purse .

**Ayla** who is in reception picking up rubbish whilst on a walk with her family. Well done Ayla.



Housepoints for last half term:

Harding 1097  
Mallory 954  
Garner 879  
Lovell 731

Harding you have free dress day on Friday 14th June. Well done.

We are really proud to share that **Seb**, in Year 6, gained a Merit for his Grade 5 Piano.

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@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk*



**\*\* June Evening \*\* June Evening \*\* June Evening \*\***

June Evening is again upon us. HURRAH!

When: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Where: Junior Site

Times: 3:30 - 5:00pm

Admission: 50 per adult - thank you (please bring lots of change with you!)

**What is June Evening?**

June Evening is an annual event which is organised and run by the junior pupils of the school. They take time to organize themselves into small groups and devise exciting and enthralling mini-stalls such as "Hook-a-Duck" or "Guess the Name of the Rabbit" or even "Find the Treasure" tasks. You - our families and friends of Goostrey - are all invited to participate in these events.

The idea is that the children raise their own money, which they then decide how to spend on behalf of all the pupils - infants and juniors - so that each child from Reception to Year 6 will benefit. They have - in the past - raised approximately £600 which then then decide (via the school council) to spend on items such as playground equipment, toys for indoor break times, or resources to support them in classes.

To support the children's hard work, we are also having the following stalls, for which we would require donations (please): good-quality second-hand toys, games, books (children's and grown ups'), bottles and donations for both raffle and tombola stalls (food items, unwanted gifts, bubble baths, etc....). Refreshments will also be served on the day by our wonderful PTA.

Please could all donations of items be brought to the Year 6 classroom from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you all for your participation. We hope the weather is kind to us and we look forward to seeing you all enjoying yourselves, supporting the school at such a fun event.



Mrs. Timmins

## PARENT MATHS SURVIVAL DROP-IN

Parents are warmly invited to join us at either of our two informal maths drop-in sessions in June and July.



Do come along to find out more about the methods your child is being taught to calculate in their maths lessons.

### The Infant session

Wednesday 26th June. Infant Y2 Classroom. 4-4.30pm.  
The focus is on addition and subtraction methods.

### The Junior session

Wednesday 3rd July. Junior Y6 Classroom. 4-5pm.  
Here the focus is on calculating fractions, percentages, and decimals.  
(This is also appropriate for the parents of the present Year 2 pupils).



The sessions will be run by some of the children themselves, so please do come along to support!

We look forward to seeing you there!  
Mrs Riddell.



## ECO News

Did you know that crisp packets can not be recycled with your regular recycling collection?

Every year countless pieces of crisp packets end up in landfill sites across the UK. We are working with TerraCycle® to put an end to this enormous loss of resources. The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme allows us to recycle your crisp packets and prevent them from ending up in landfill. Not only are you helping the environment, but the waste you recycle with us also helps to fund schools or organisation. Please encourage your family and friends to bring their empty crisp packets into school and drop them in the recycling box so we can send them off to be recycled! There will be a box outside both infant and junior main doors.

### **Waste that is NOT accepted:**

- Popcorn bags • Crisp tubes • Pretzel bags • Meat snack bags

### **Waste that is accepted:**

- Any brand of crisp packets

We are also currently on the waiting list to be able to recycle confectionary wrappers with Terracycle too, watch this space for more information.

## Happy Recycling!

## **Mid-Day Assistants Vacancies**

We are seeking enthusiastic and caring people to join our Mid-Day team, supervising our pupils over the lunchtime breaks, for a minimum of two days per week.

Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs J Schurer-Lewis on 01270 685658 or via e-mail; [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) to find out more about this important role in school, and to request an application form and job description.

**Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. Successful applicants will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding training. We also offer First Aid training to our Mid-Day team.**

Sarah's



27 Year Old, Level 3 Childcare Qualified  
Babysitter with Nursery, Baby Sitting & Nannying  
Experience.

I Currently Work As An Adhoc Mid-Day Assis-  
tant & As A Play Worker For SuperKids At  
Goostrey Community Primary School.

Negotiable / Great Rates!

Please Call / Text 07891727931

## Home-Start Cheshire

Home  
START

Support and friendship  
for families



There are parents living near you who are finding life overwhelming making it difficult to support the children they love so much. Just 3 hours a week can make a difference to parents under pressure. Our volunteers spend time visiting families, sharing parenting skills, talking, listening, playing with children, enjoying outings and in turn enabling families to cope.

Join Home-Start as a home visiting volunteer - you'll get so much back. Volunteering builds confidence, gives a sense of purpose, enables you to meet new people, looks great on your CV and can create more fun in your life!

Full volunteer training and expenses provided, subject to DBS check and references.

**Recruiting now.**

**Interested? Call 01606 606441, or email**

[hello@homestartcheshire.org.uk](mailto:hello@homestartcheshire.org.uk)

[www.homestartcheshire.org.uk](http://www.homestartcheshire.org.uk)

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12<sup>th</sup> June

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

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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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

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 the 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.

**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. 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/Mrs Carroll 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.