

Newsletter 28th June 2019

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Last week:

Best attendance: Y3 97.1%

Unauthorised absences: 1%

Lates: 138 minutes (7 pupils)

Dear Parents,

Sports Day is next week on Thursday 4th July starting at 1.30pm—please see page 2.

Our 2020 exhibition is on the theme of inventions. Please see page 3 for this years holiday homework. There is also a competition—STEM Challenge on page 4.

Governors' Community Award—please see page 5 for details of this award. If you know anyone who is eligible for this please do nominate them, thank you.

Year 6 had a wonderful and busy residential visit—thank you to Mrs Timmins, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Cuttle for giving up their weekend to take our pupils away. Thank you also to the families who have let us know how much their child has enjoyed this experience.

Year 5 had two days of bikeability this week, learning how to ride their bikes safely on the roads.

Thank you to Garcia for teaching the whole school a dance which they can perform at Rose Day.

Name the polar bear competition is on page 7—go on have a go!

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

Dates for your diary

July

Thursday 4th

Sports Day

Thursday 11th

Reserve Sports Day

Monday 22nd

Y6 performance 7pm School Hall

Tuesday 23rd

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Wednesday 24th

Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm Village Hall. Pupils leave for the summer holidays and return

Wednesday 4th September

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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. PLEASE NOTE THE GOVERNMENT HAVE MOVED THE MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY FROM MONDAY MAY 4TH TO FRIDAY MAY 8TH IN 2020.

Useful information

Before school club: booking form 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

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

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).

Sports Day is on Thursday 4th July 2019
We are looking forward to seeing you all at
Sports Day. Fingers crossed for the
weather!
It's a 1:30pm start.

Don't forget your child needs a plain t-shirt
of their house colour for the afternoon.
Trainers too!



Thank you to Mrs Gray, for her time as a Mid-day Assistant. We are sorry to be losing you but we know many children and families will benefit from your support in your new role!

Summer holiday homework activity
For our annual October exhibition

'Inventions'

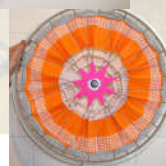
Create a piece of Wheel Art

To celebrate a world changing invention!

Please will you bring your 'wheel/s' to school on the week of 7th October. (Please not before that date as it is difficult to store them safely) The wheels will be hung from the ceilings so please limit the diameter of your wheels to 50cm maximum. Above all, please have fun together!

Here are some ideas you can take inspiration from.

Ideas—Colour wheels, wheel hangings, weavings in a wheel,



STEM Challenge

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Challenge:

To design an invention that would help someone with a health condition or impairment.

You need to:

- Have a clear design
- Labels to explain materials
- Explanations of why you chose those materials
- The dimensions (the size)
- A name for your invention
- If possible a prototype

There will be two winners, one junior and one Infant. The winners will receive

100 HOUSEPOINTS!

Governors' Community Award

The governors have an annual Governors' Award for the children of Goostrey School.

With this award, governors like to recognise and celebrate the impact a Goostrey School child has had in the community.

If you know of such a child we would love to hear from you. A panel will then read the nominations and decide who the worthy recipient will be.

Anyone can nominate a pupil—a parent, a teacher , another child etc.

Please will you complete the form below and return to Mrs Williams or Mrs Carroll by Friday 12th July

Thank you from Goostrey School Governing Board

Name of child.....

Class.....

Name of nominee.....

Reason for nomination (impact on the community)

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Paper copies of this form are available from the reception desk.



Isla and Brianna in Year 3 have both received medals this week after successfully completing the British Gymnastics awards programme, progressing from level 8 up to level 1. They are both looking forward to building on what they have learnt as they now train with the floor, vault and tumbling squads at Cheshire Gymnastics' Moss Farm centre

Well done to the following year 4 children who gained their brown & white belts in karate!
Rosie Gyrkovits, Frank Shanahan, Harry Ashbrook & Asa Goldsmith-Walsh



Ted Sant, Eva Pearson and Kate Pearson completed a Triathlon this weekend at the Castle Triathlon Series at Cholmondeley Castle near Chester. They completed a 100m open water swim, a 4km cycle and 1.3km run. This was Eva's 3rd time doing this event, and Ted and Kate's first time - and all were so brave and strong and did amazingly well. At 8 and 10 years old they are quite the inspiration!



Myles, Laurie, Daniel and Lucas received medals this week for a great end to their season at Egerton football Club. The boys are looking forward to playing matches next season as the Under 9s.



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 will assume the sender has the agreement of all families if other peoples children are on photographs. . **Therefore, please make sure all parties have agreed prior to sending.**

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.

Name the Polar Bear

In the last two weeks the ECO team have worked hard and have spent the money you raised buying the Christmas tags made from the old Christmas cards you handed in. We thought long and hard and considered lots of options. But in the end, we decided to adopt a polar bear. So our challenge for you from the Eco committee is to come up with a name for our furry friend. Please hand to a member of the Eco team your polar bear's name.

In year 6 the people are: Will, Fraser, Orla, Katie, Luke and Zoe. If you need to see it ask Zoe in year 6.



ENFORCING PARKING RESTRICTIONS

We are asking for your cooperation in making sure that children are safe when they go to school.

Cars that are parked irresponsibly by those dropping off children are causing problems for other road users, residents and pedestrians who need to get to school.

Traffic and parking issues during school times have been raised as a concern by parents, staff, residents and other children who attend the schools concerned.

We are working with schools in your area to stop irresponsible parking as we need to act now and work together to resolve this serious issue.

We are sending a leaflet to all parents/guardians to inform them that enforced parking restrictions will be put in place and that anyone who continues to park irresponsibly will receive a fixed penalty notice.

All road users need to **be aware of and adhere to parking restrictions:**

- No parking on bends
- No parking on zigzag lines
- Do not obstruct a resident's driveway
- Do not park on double lines
- Do not park on 'time restricted' single lines
- Do not cause an obstruction

To report an incident or if you have a suggestion for a neighbourhood priority, you can contact the policing team by telephone on **101** or by speaking directly to your local Police Community Support Officer.



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!

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.

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 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 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

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 Mrs Carroll on reception, 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.