

Newsletter 19th July 2019

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This Academic Year:

Best attendance: Y1 97.2%

Unauthorised absences:0.5%

Lates: 66hours and 55minutes (77 pupils had late marks)

Dear Parents,

Year 6 leave us to move on to the next phase of their education. They are ready for new challenges and adventures—we wish them well for the future and look forward to their end of year production next week, The X Factory. Their Leavers' Assembly is next Wednesday, at 1.30, in the Village Hall at which they will receive their Yearbook full of wonderful memoirs from their final year at Goostrey.

Dates for the welcome meetings with your child's new teacher, in September, are below.

Mrs Riddell starts her maternity leave next week and we look forward to seeing her, with her new baby, early next term.

This is the final newsletter of the school year—another successful year for our school and all the wonderful young people we teach and support. The pupils leave next Wednesday and return on Wednesday 4th September, we wish you all a lovely summer break.

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

Dates for your diary

July

Monday 22nd	Y6 performance 7pm School Hall
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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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Thursday 5th	Year 6 welcome meeting at 6pm in the Y6 classroom
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Tuesday 10th	Year 2 welcome meeting at 6pm in the Y2 classroom
Wednesday 11th	Year 1 welcome meeting at 6pm in the Y1 classroom
Thursday 12th	Year 4 welcome meeting at 6pm in the Y4 classroom

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

Many events / activities e.g. class visits, extra curricular and sporting events will have separate information sent out detailing dates and times etc.

Holiday dates for 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).

End of year house points - Harding and Mallory you have both earned a free dress day next Tuesday.

End of term totals -

1. Harding 1479
2. Mallory 1385
3. Garner 1156
4. Lovell 1063

End of year totals -

1. Mallory 7364
2. Harding 7154
3. Garner 7015
4. Lovell 6983

Highest class house point totals for the year -

1. Year 4 6611
2. Year 3 4600
3. Year 5 2634
4. Year 6 2012

A big thank you to Ms Bairstow for all her hard work co-ordinating and collating the house points this year.

**Due to children moving to High School, I have some availability for tutoring. If you would like to discuss tutoring help for your child and organise a slot, please contact me, initially, on my school e-mail:
mrs.fairhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk**

Mrs. Fairhurst

HEADTEACHER'S HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE

This year children I am setting you the challenge to take a photograph around the theme of our exhibition 2019:

INVENTIONS

The mission is for you to take a photograph of something connected with the word INVENTIONS. You can be in the photograph if you wish. Please, only one photo per child or family and the photos should be no bigger than 10cm x 15 cm. Thank you

Please bring your photograph in first week back and they will displayed at the entrance to our exhibition on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October 2pm to 7.30 pm.

Unfortunately photographs will not be returned but will be on display for the whole year and then move to the infant site on display there.

Thank you for taking the time to do this—the children love looking at these as do the visitors to our school.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I'd like to introduce myself to the Goostrey community, my name is Neil Pybus and I'll be teaching the guitar at Goostrey Community Primary School from September. As a qualified music teacher, I worked in secondary education for 12 years, 10 of which were as a subject leader for music and I know this experience is invaluable in enabling me to help pupils to be able to achieve their goals and aspirations on the guitar.

I am devoted to playing the guitar and I have been a professional guitarist for over 20 years, I've enjoyed success as a performing and recording artist and I believe that it's important to set an example to pupils of what they can accomplish as a guitarist. Lessons will be available to all ages in all styles and for all abilities and pupils can have lessons individually, in pairs or small groups. Pupils will have the opportunity to take graded exams, if they choose to do so with the Trinity College London, ABRSM or Rockschool syllabuses. I'm keen to raise the profile of the guitar within the school through live performances, whether those be solo or as part of a group. I'm looking forward to teaching at Goostrey and most importantly to enable pupils to enjoy playing the guitar. If you have any queries or questions regarding guitar tuition, please contact me at neilpybus@hotmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you,
Neil

Summer holiday home activity
For our annual October exhibition

'Inventions'

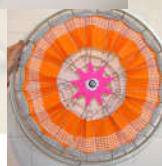
Create a piece of Wheel Art

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,



Last weekend **Fraser Jones** swam in a gala hosted by Biddulph Swimming Club. He entered 10 races, achieved 8 personal best times, and received 10 gold medals for being the fastest in his age group in every race. We are super proud of him and his commitment to training!



Beau Burgess (year 2) received a Blue Peter badge. He drew a picture of the Blue Peter dog Henry and wrote some interesting facts about him. Beau took a lot of time on this piece of work and was really proud to receive the badge.



Congratulations to **Petra Hamilton** in Year 6 and **Brianna Hamilton** in Year 3 who both performed in the Congleton Youth Orchestra's Summer Concert at the Congleton Town Hall on Saturday evening. Brianna played cello with the Intermediate Orchestra, and Petra graduated to playing flute with the Senior Orchestra - at 10 years old she is their youngest member. It was a brilliant evening of music – well done!



Congratulations to **Fay Mason** on getting her first Blue Peter badge. She got the Green Badge because she drew a picture of the environment and showed how we need to save the planet. Well done!

Alfie completed the all star cricket course and is looking forward to joining the over 8 next 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. The responsibility to get permission for other peoples children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school. 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

Music Teachers

We are very sorry to be losing 3 of our peripatetic music teachers at the end of this term.

Mrs Nugent has been teaching the piano at Goostrey School for 16 years. Many children have learnt with her and have gained a love of music through her teaching. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and for inspiring and encouraging so many children to play the piano. We wish her all the best in her future musical adventures.

We also send our very best wishes to James our guitar teacher and Catherine our piano teacher, and our thanks for all your hard work teaching children the guitar and piano while you have been with us.

Thank you

Summer donations to Food Bank

The summer holidays are a difficult time financially for many families. Children who are eligible for a free midday meal at school don't have this during the holidays. Research by the Independent newspaper shows that over the summer holiday last year there was a 20% increase in families finding it necessary to use food banks in order to feed their children.

If you would like to contribute food such as packets of cereal, tins of fruit or vegetables, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, biscuits and basic toiletries they would be very gratefully received. Please bring items to school next week on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd July.

Junior children please take your items to the Year 4 classroom and Infants to the Sunshine Room.

All contributions will be taken to the food bank in Congleton.

Please make sure your items have a long shelf life if possible

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Thank you very much for your contributions.



BLUEDOT FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Dear Resident,

As the festival is approaching we would like to provide you with our latest information and some updates on our plans during the event. Bluedot festival will be taking place for the fourth year at Jodrell Bank. Bluedot is a festival of discovery which will include elements of science, music and arts spread throughout the Observatory.

EVENT DATES:

Thursday 18th, Friday 19th, Saturday 20th, Sunday 21st July 2019

NOISE PROPAGATION

THURSDAY 11:00 – 13:00.

SOUND CHECKS

SUBJECT TO ARTIST REQUIREMENTS THERE MAY BE SOUND CHECKS 09:00 – 11:00 ALL DAYS.

MAIN STAGE OPENING TIMES

THURSDAY 18:00 – 23:00, FRIDAY 12:00 - 23:00, SATURDAY 12:00 - 23:00, SUNDAY 12:00 - 23:00

ANCILLARY STAGES OPENING TIMES

THURSDAY CLOSED, FRIDAY 11:00 – 02:00, SATURDAY 11:00 – 02:00, SUNDAY 11:00 – 01:00

LATE NIGHT ARTS VENUE OPENING TIMES

THURSDAY CLOSED, FRIDAY 23:00 – 03:00, SATURDAY 23:00 – 03:00, SUNDAY 23:00 – 02:00

LOCATION:

JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY, BOMISH LANE

RESIDENT HOTLINE NUMBER

07497 376 220

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The traffic management plan is very similar to last year and we will be implementing a 'temporary road closure' again. The road closure worked extremely well and helped alleviate traffic congestion on the roads surrounding Jodrell Bank. Traffic congestion is particularly disruptive to local residents and business. Please note that the 'temporary road closure' is a deterrent to through traffic where unnecessary vehicles are added to the local road network. This closure does not apply to local residents, businesses, visitors or Bluedot customers.

Hopefully this year the weather will be similar to previous years and not cause the poor ground conditions that led to difficulties getting cars on to the Jodrell Bank site in 2016. Although, in an effort this year to mitigate congestion, permission has been sought by the Local Authority to temporarily close the A535, should there be prolonged queues as a result of Bluedot Festival. The plan is to close the road in one direction to vehicles and send all Jodrell Bank traffic around surrounding main roads to enter from the opposite direction. For example, should there be a large volume of traffic travelling westbound through Holmes Chapel, causing queueing on the A535, the road in that direction will be closed to Bluedot traffic, the signage will be changed to send it north on the A50, right on to Seven Sister Lane then South on the A537, to bring the traffic in Eastbound to Jodrell Bank. This can also be done in the reverse. This will buy time to clear the queue and stop more traffic adding to the congestion.

ABOUT

ARE YOU

WILD GOOSTREY?

Wild About Goostrey is an awards scheme to enhance biodiversity and connectivity for Goostrey's wildlife. **Simply make one or more of the habitat improvements below** and then proudly display the appropriate **"Wild about Goostrey" butterfly award**:

BRONZE AWARD

Do one or more of the following:

- Erect a standard nest box or bee box
- Plant nectar rich flowers/shrubs
- Plant a native tree
- Leave a patch of grass unmown from March to September
- Create a wood pile

GOLD AWARD

Do one or more of the following:

- Do 5 or more of the bronze and silver projects
- Manage a lawn or paddock as a meadow for butterflies and ground nesting birds
- Plant 10 native trees or manage a wood for wildlife

SILVER AWARD

Do one or more of the following:

- Create a pond
- Plant a native hedge
- Erect a bat box or owl box
- Dispense with slug pellets & weed killer
- Create freedom of movement and housing for hedgehogs

Make a written pledge **today**, or email **Paul Morgan** (Goostrey Parish Councillor): pmorgan.goostreypc@gmail.com with your contact details and pledge.

I'M WILD GOOSTREY

ABOUT



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.



HOLIDAY CLUB 2019



BACKPACKERS



**AT GOOSTREY METHODIST
CHURCH**

Thursday - Saturday

July 25th - 27th

9 am – 12 noon.

£ 3 per child per day

**Crafts, games, snacks, stories and
fun for primary school age children.**

For more details or to book contact

Rev Yvonne Pearson 537085

yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk

Cheshire East Mobile Library Stops Here!

**Find us outside the Village Hall in Goostrey
2:45pm—3:50pm
on the following Mondays :**

Monday 22nd July

Monday 12th August

Monday 2nd September

We would love to welcome you on board!

**We have adult and children's books, large print
and audiobooks, and much more, all
available for free with your library card!
Items borrowed from the Mobile Library can be
returned to any Cheshire East Library, including
Holmes Chapel Library.**



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Council





What's on in your library summer 2019! Summer Reading Challenge begins 6th July!

Monday Weekly Crafts

Every Monday morning from 8th July-12th August inclusive from 10-11am. All ages, £4 per child. Book in advance.

In association with



Scribblebots

Tuesday 23rd July drop in from 10am-12pm. Make a scribbling robot and watch them go! No booking required.



Animal Magic

Thursday 8th August 11.30am-12.30pm. Meet the animals! A variety of animals for children to touch and handle. Age 3+ £5 per child. Booking essential.



Poetry and Creative Writing Workshop

Tuesday 13th August 11am-12pm. Fun workshop with poet and author Paul Delaney. Age 5+ £3.00 per child. Book in advance.

Noodle Performing Arts

Thursday 15th August 11am-12pm. A space themed performing arts session with drama, games and improvisations, dance, song and rhymes. Ages 4-12, £3 per child. Limited spaces, booking essential



Summer Lego Club Competition

Friday 16th August 10.00-11.30am. Special Summer Reading Challenge Lego Club competition with prizes! Free but book your place.



Stop-motion Animation Workshop

Monday 19th August 10am-12pm. Work in pairs to create your own stop-motion animation film! Ages 7+ £3.50 per child. Book early



Moon Mission Talk

Tuesday 27th August 11am-12pm. Interactive talk and activities by Macclesfield Astronomical Society. Age 5+ Free but book your place.



Becky Musto Storyteller



Friday 30th August 2pm-2.30pm. Exciting interactive space themed story session run by professional storyteller Becky Musto! Age 4+ £2.00 per child. Booking essential

Adult supervision required at all events

Summer Reading Challenge ends 5th September!



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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Year 3 welcome meeting to be decided and will be in the newsletter, on diary dates next week.

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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 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

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

On-Line Payments

We encourage on-line payments wherever possible, to reduce admin time and the chance of payment envelopes being lost at the bottom of school bags! Please use this payment option wherever possible. You will need to register to open an account and add your children's details. Please note, that when entering a year group for your children, the field can only take 2 characters (Y1 etc. or R for Reception class). The school name on the system is Goostrey Primary School. This account will need updating with the change of year group each September.

Payments can be made by following the link www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

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.