



Newsletter 6th September 2019

We've had a great start back to the new school year. A big welcome to all our new starters.

Dear Parents,

Governors' Community Award:

With this special award, Goostrey Governing Board recognises and celebrates the impact Goostrey School children have had in the community. At the Leavers' Assembly we celebrated the four winners:

Charlotte, Lillie-Grace and Lucy for their charity fundraising this year. They raised money for 6 different charities. They researched and chose them, organised the sale and then bought and made all the cakes.

Matilda (Tilly) Warren – playing an active role in school life – choir, Boccia tournament, swimming 7 medals, orchestra, Education Sunday, Lovell House Captain, playing at Mount Pleasant. Positive role model and much loved buddy. Raised a massive £1800 for the Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust by having her lovely, long hair cut.



I am delighted to tell you that we have retained the **Green Flag Award** for our school—more information on page 2.

Our school **Open Morning** is Thursday 3rd October at 9.30 in the Sunshine Room. Please let people know who may be considering our school in the future.

The exhibition is comingWednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October, 2PM to 7PM in the junior hall.

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

Dates for your diary

September

Monday 9th	Year 3 welcome meeting at 5pm in the Y3 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

SENCo: mrs.freeman@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 Freeman . She is available every Wednesday afternoon in the Year 2 classroom (3.30-4pm)

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.

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

ECO-SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD



We have received our new and very clean third Green Flag!

Karyn Fullerton from Eco-schools wrote

“I would like to congratulate you for all your time and effort that has been invested in environmental education at your school. Your award is well deserved and reflects the hard work you have put into the programme so far”.

Our assessor wrote

“Goostrey is a well structured school which has achieved a lot over the last years for example the dipping pond being cleaned and the platform replaced. The raised bed are all maintained and prepared by the children but watered by the Reception class.

I was very impressed with the pupils’ enthusiasm for the environment and projects that they are given relating to global warming, fair trade etc. The relationship they have established with a school in South Africa and raising money for their pupils to come and visit them is fantastic. Well done.”

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 people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.

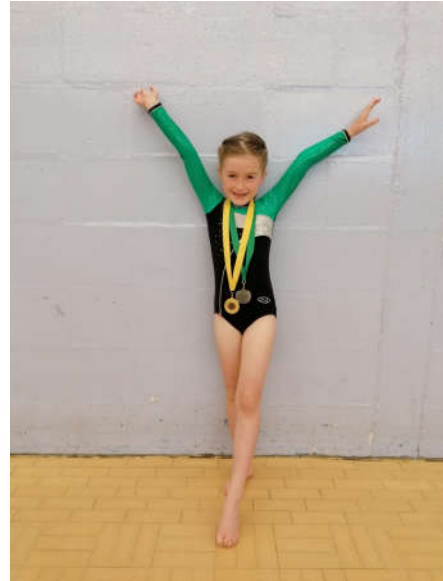
Items for the newsletter need to be with me by Thursday lunchtime.

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

Thank you , Miss Atkins

head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Esmée Kent in Year 2 went to the Hartford Gymnastics Competition on Sunday 21st of July and came first in her set for the vault. This is Esmée's first gold medal and she was so pleased that all her hard work had paid off. Mummy, Daddy, Quinn and the rest of the family are all super proud of you. Well done!! Xx



Well done to **Arthur** for completing the Library Summer Reading Challenge

A year of celebrations and achievements **SPORTS NEWS**

Having spoken to and taken on board constructive feedback from parents, we implemented a new system to prepare our teams for competitions. This was done during the lunch hour on a Friday with Premier Sports' coaches running these sessions. Mrs Cuttle and Mrs Flint also ran afterschool clubs to prepare students for various tournaments. We have been so grateful to Mrs Hammond for running an after school netball club for the Junior children.

Getting the children well prepared for the tournaments was a development point for us this year and we are very pleased with our results. The successes have been huge across a range of events. We attended 18 events and won the Boccia, New Age Curling, Football, Tag Rugby and Swimming. We achieved second in Hi 5 and third in the outdoor athletics and hockey.

Last year saw the installation of the track around the school field which made preparation for the cross country events a real bonus. We had 46 children from the Juniors attend these two meetings at HCCS.

As teachers attending these various events we are always overwhelmed by the very positive and enthusiastic parent support! Thank you to you all.

Sports Day also saw a few changes this year (once again this came from parent voice) with class races for the Infants introduced. These were enjoyed by all especially the children. We also introduced the long distance races for Year 5 and 6. The different stations of activities are a staple and each year we ask the children if they want a change and it is always a resounding no! They love it the way it is.

If you feel you could support the school by helping to run a club we would be happy to work with you. We have also secured an extra hour on a Friday with Sports funding to prepare children for tournaments in 2019-2020.

Mrs Flint

SINGING CLUB

This club will be held on Tuesdays after school, from 3.30 to 4.30 in the Sunshine Room. All children in years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to come.

Children will learn a range of exciting and popular songs and dances in order to sing with 6000 other children at the Young Voices Concert. This is on 30th January 2020 in the Manchester Arena.

Permission slips will be coming home next week, and the club will start the week after on Tuesday 17th September.

Please contact Mrs Saxton,

mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk), Ms Bairstow or Mrs Sant if you would like more information.

PIANO TEACHER

We have a new piano teacher starting next week. Emma Tennant is already teaching at several schools in the Macclesfield area and also plays in her own quartet.

If your child would like to learn to play the piano please contact Emma to arrange lessons.

eh.tennant@gmail.com.

On my drive to school this week I listened to the founder of Sal's Shoes explain how this charity find new feet for outgrown children's shoes.

"There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide.

58 million children worldwide are not in school.

29 million of these are because they do not have the means.

In many countries you cannot go to school without a pair of shoes "

If you have good quality shoes you would like to donate, I am happy to collect by 30th September and cover the postage cost. Please note Sal's Shoes request a £1 donation to cover distribution per pair of shoes. Please bring to SBM office on Junior Site.

<https://www.salsshoes.com/>

Thank You.

Mrs Schurer-Lewis

WE'RE OPEN FOR DONATIONS

IN September

1st-30th September

We ask for a minimum **£1** donation per pair

We ask that your Sal's Shoes...

- Be outgrown but not outworn
- Rubber banded together in pairs
- Have laces if they need them
- Have no holes in soles
- Have had a quick clean
- Be child appropriate regardless of size (no heels please).

Please post your boxed shoe donations to

Sal's Shoes
Existore
Enterprise Way
Edenbridge, Kent
TN8 6HF

If you are dropping off your shoe donations we are open:
Mon-Fri 7am-6pm
Sat 8am-5pm
Sun 10am-3pm

Online...
Account Name: Sal's Shoes
Bank Name: Handelsbanken
Account Number: 83524776
Sort Code: 40-51-62
Using your name as a reference

...OR cheques made out to Sal's Shoes and posted to our correspondence address

Sal's Shoes
Glebelands
Pilgrims Lane
Titsey, Oxted
RH8 0SE

Thank you!

SAL'S SHOES

www.salsshoes.com [salsshoes1](https://www.facebook.com/salsshoes1) [@sals_shoes](https://www.instagram.com/sals_shoes)

Last term we celebrated Nelson Mandela Day.

Our twin School Elizabethfontein also celebrated the life and work of Nelson Mandela.

"Nelson Mandela has fought for social justice for 67years. We're asking you to start with 67 minutes."

Elizabethfontein Primêr celebrated their 67 minutes of Mandela Day by planting Pecan trees with the help of Bushmanskloof Nature Reserve, at our entrance of the school. Thank you Bushmanskloof for the help, support and the delicious cake. Thank you to all learners who done their share by cleaning the school grounds. We appreciate you!

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world -
Nelson Mandela



Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the **end of June 2020**. 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

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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Holiday dates for 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 £11.75 for one child per session and £11.25 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 the class teacher.

Alternatively you are always welcome to e mail staff or pop in to see them—school operates an open door policy.