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Dear Families,

This is a bumper email with lots of information for families to read.

We know Covid isn't over but when we look at everything happening in the country we can sometimes believe it is. Within school we still have to operate under strict risk assessments and balance as normal a school life as possible with keeping us all safe. Staff are determined to keep planning wonderful things for our pupils—the exhibition was evidence of this as a huge, positive achievement for our school and community. The children were so proud of their displays and work - some of their comments are **on page 4** **Page 3** gives our families an overview of school life since September—things we are now doing again and plans for the future. The writing in red is all our events etc around Christmas celebrations for our children and their families—a little bit of sparkle after a tough two years. These are all in addition to outstanding teaching and learning and staff endeavouring to bridge any gaps through the lockdowns.

On **page 7** there is a reminder about the hampers the PTA are organising and on **pages 11 12 and 13** Tropics event is detailed.

Parents' evenings information is on **page 6**

Football report for Y5 and 6 tournament is on **page 5**

Covid update for Cheshire East and our school is on **page 9**

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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 are on the school website— 21 22
22 and 23 will be released soon*

Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website

http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

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

SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Celebrations:

WHOLE SCHOOL EXHIBITION – one day for each class to visit and open to the community on Friday 22nd October:

All classes worked with the artist Faith Bebbington

All classes worked with dance specialist

All classes watched and listened to Key Strings

Buddies started again for Y6 and R

Three Face to Face Open Mornings for New Starters 2022

Sporting events, with other schools, Goostrey CP involved in:

Cross Country Netball x 2 Football x 2 Dance Workshop

Extra Curricular Sports Clubs:

Netball Gymnastics Ball Games and Multi Skills Football x 2

Dedicated sports lessons with skilled coaches every week – in addition sports equipment out every lunchtime and the track round the field used for exercise.

More Extra Curricular Clubs: Craft clubs x 2 Singing Mrs Hext's lunchtime clubs x 3

Homework clubs

Music tuition available – several instruments

Whole class instrument tuition for Y5

Bikeability Y6

Astbury Water Sports day visit Y6

Assemblies resumed – infants and juniors and Visitors now invited in to take assemblies

Pupils' display of work at Goostrey Train Station

Crucial Crew visit Y6

PTA meet face to face again

Cake Sales started again

World of Wonder opened again with competitions for the infants

Planned events to the end of term: Face to face parents' evenings

Infant Nativity over three mornings—more information to follow soon

Junior singing performance more information to follow

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 10th December £2

Elf Run more information to follow

Christmas Hampers

Cup u Like for charity—more information from Y6 to follow and page 8

Christmas Shop over 2 days—Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th December

Christmas lunch with crackers - Infants Tuesday 14th and Juniors Wednesday 15th December

Individual class celebrations

Wider Opps for Y5 and Mrs Hext's concert TBC

Party with buddies

Carousel of Christmas activities in the infants end of term

Big screen film for all pupils on the last day

Pupils' thoughts on our Exhibition 2021

Seven Continents – One World

Seven Classes – One School

It is so good I just like looking at what other classes have done.

Wonderful! Amazing! Fabulous! Fantastic!

I loved it. It was so pretty and fabulous.

The exhibition this year was a masterpiece. Having been at this school for 7 years, I hope the exhibition carries on being an incredible style for the junior hall.

I think it is incredible. All of the continents look amazing and I love the people figures that we did with Faith. I also loved making sugar skills.

Overall, I LOVE IT ALL!!!

My favourite part was it was fun.

The exhibition is crazy. I love it especially the penguins.

The exhibition was phenomenal, everything was so well thought out.

Amazing, I loved how the Year 4s made circuits so you know what the flags of Europe are.

Amazing, I really enjoyed everyone's work. Such a good display.

I loved the exhibition. It was very creative. I loved the Year 1's with Antarctica and Reception's Asia with the Chinese Dragon.

I think the exhibition looks really good and loads of people spent ages on it and were in there and it looks brilliant and well presented.

I thought it was amazing everyone worked really hard on it. I loved my brother's drawings a lot!

Amazing and phenomenal and every corner you turn is excitement

The exhibition is amazing. I like how there's different sections plus a lot of creative items.

Absolutely amazing! Best display: Year 3's Africa. An amazing final exhibition for me.

I thought the exhibition was amazing and that a lot of hard work went in to it.

It was very exciting to walk round this world. It mentioned everything and it was one of the best. I think it was amazing.

I really enjoyed the exhibition. It sets an amazing standard for the school and everyone enjoys it.

I loved the exhibition and I can't wait to share it with my family on Wednesday.

I loved seeing everybody's work. I loved the penguins and the tent.

Any comments about our exhibition are welcome:

What went well?

What do we want to keep?

How could it be improved?

On Monday, nine children from Year 6 visited Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School to take part in a football tournament with other local primary schools. This was an informal tournament with the emphasis on joining together to play football.

The rain held off, thankfully, as we were on the AstroTurf pitches outside. Before darkness fell, all six matches were played, each lasting seven minutes before moving onto the next game – very quickly.

The children coped admirably with the fast pace of the games, grabbing quick drinks between matches!

The children showed excellent skills on the pitch and managed seven goals over the six games. Excellent defence ensured many potential goals from opposing teams were intercepted.

The event organiser, commented at the end that it was fantastic to see children from the local schools together again playing football and that was the most important aspect of the event.

Thank you very much to the parents who brought their children to the event and supported us from the side-lines.

Well done to **Mathilda, Myles, Dan, William, Scarlet, Lucas, Frank, Ollie, Richie** from Year 6 for their hard work representing our school so well at the tournament.

AUTUMN TERM
PARENTS' EVENING
APPOINTMENTS
w/c 22nd November 2021

Face to face in your child's
classroom

We are asking for one adult only to attend and
for them to have a negative lateral flow test
result before coming in to school.
Please wear masks entering and leaving the
school

The parents' evening booking system will be live online on the school website from 7pm on Monday 15th November until Thursday 18th November at 7pm. You can also book appointments via your Spider app.

Any problems, please contact Mrs Cooper on mrs.cooper@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or call in to the year 4 classroom after school.

PTA Update and Christmas Fundraising

Please help us raise some money this term – Christmas Jumper Day, Tropics Fundraiser and for the first time ever individual class hampers to win – it's going to be epic! To make these events truly wonderful we need your support - more details below.

We are holding the traditional Christmas Jumper Day again this year on Friday 10th December (£2 per child to join in) and arranging the Christmas Shop for the children to buy presents for family members and furry friends on 7th and 9th December – more details to follow.

Thank you to Emma Shanahan and Mel Bairstow for arranging the Tropic Fundraiser on Friday 19th November which is raising money for both the PTA and Goostrey Pre- School (more details in the newsletter) so please do come along on the day in the Crown or purchase virtually.

Family Christmas Hampers- The big fundraiser this Christmas is a raffle for Christmas Hampers which each class will be putting together from donations from parents. Please look out for information on your class Facebook page. Each hamper will include goodies such as; soft toys, family games, festive biscuits, chocolates and drinks, toiletries and Christmas decorations and a star prize. Each class will be selling raffle tickets to the children so they have the chance to win their own class hamper.

We are asking for donations by 15th November so we can arrange the hampers and commence the raffle from 29th November, for two weeks, and will confirm the date of the final draw. Raffle tickets will be £1 (cash) a strip and families can buy as many strips as they want.

Please bring donations for the raffle to your children's classroom and they will be stored in the Sunshine Room. If you are bringing any alcoholic items please leave at the reception desk with Mrs Carroll, marked with the class number .

**Tropic Fundraiser in next weekend—
please see pages 7 8 and 9 for more
details.....**

Natural History Museum



The Natural History Museum is now open again and the new theme is **Bats**.

The Infant children had a special assembly on Monday, led by Mr Pearson who is a scientist and mathematician, and a parent of children at Goostrey school. They were enthralled as Mr Pearson shared his knowledge of and fascination with bats.

After the assembly, two of the curators showed him around our museum.

Mr Pearson (who studied at the Natural History Museum in London) said he was very impressed with how engaged the children are with the museum and how keen they are to be involved.

We were delighted that Mr Pearson came to help us learn more about bats and for sharing his interest in our museum. Thank you.

Team Seas

Ollie R, Finley C

Year 6

Cup U Like

If you would like to donate yourself please go to teamseas.org.

After following Team Seas ventures, we have decided to organise a CupUlike to raise money for this worthy cause. We could do with your help.

If you could donate sweets on week beginning the 15th of November. (Please make sure they are small sweets or chocolate that could fit in a small cup.)

We will then create the cups and sell them the on the 1st December for the juniors and 2nd infants. The cups will be £1 each and we will sell them straight after school. For every £1 we make, TeamSeas will clean a pound of plastic from the oceans.

Friday update - Covid

Currently in Cheshire East we have: 425 per 100,000 this is only slightly above North West and National rates so we are travelling in the right direction.

0-3 177 per 100,000

4-11 685 per 100,000

12-16 754 per 100,000

17-18 321 per 100,000

19-24 238 per 100,000

Goostrey School: 3 members of our school community are currently absent after having a positive PCR test for Covid—they are not connected.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with UK Health Security Agency and the Local Authority. We are hopeful not to be in an outbreak situation this term as this could restrict a lot of our plans.

Schools are no longer involved in the contact tracing process—if your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice.

Individual families who have pupils with a positive test receive a separate letter containing more information/advice.

Please note that we are unable to share with you any details of staff or pupils affected.

Advice from Cheshire East:

All adults and children aged 11 plus are advised to take part in twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) home testing, and we would strongly advise that this continues. If your child is under 11 years old, then we recommend that all adults in the house continue to test regularly using the free LFD kits. Any results should be reported to the NHS and all positive results reported to us.

We also encourage those adults or young people in the household, who are eligible for the vaccine to take up the offer.

What to do if anyone in the household develop symptoms of COVID 19

If anyone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Anyone with symptoms can request a test for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Don't forget we have our Tropic Festive Event on Friday 19th November at the Crown between 12 and 4. There has also been lots of fantastic raffle prizes donated that are up for grabs. All you have to do is select your chosen charity, click on the link to donate and for every £1 you spend you'll receive an entry into the prize draw. Check out the flyer for full details about all the prizes you can win.

All money collected from the raffle will be donated to each charity as well as 10% of the sales from the event. Don't worry if you can't make it on the day, you can contact either Emma or Melissa to place an order up until 8pm on the evening of Sunday 21st November.

Here's a link to view Luxury Festive Gift Guide

<https://bit.ly/NewSeasonLuxuryGiftGuide>

Here's are the links for you to donate

Goostrey Primary School PTA –

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8EkbMZffFk>

Goostrey Pre-School -

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8EygsUOlgt>

We hope to see you all on Friday,

Thanks

Melissa & Emma



Tropic Festive Fundraiser

Join us from 12 noon till 4pm
On
Friday 19th November
In the conservatory
at
The Crown

To help raise funds for
Goostrey Primary School PTA
& Goostrey Pre-School

We'll be taking donations for each charity and for every
£1 that is donated you'll be given an entry into the prize draw.

For every order that is placed over the
weekend from 12 noon on Friday 19th until
Sunday 21st at 8pm we will be donating 10%
of the sales to your chosen charity

For more information or to get your hands on the
Luxury festive guide before the event please contact

Emma Shanahan 07837 548259
Melissa Bairstow 07519658488



Tropic Festive Prize Raffle

Goostrey Primary School PTA

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8EkbMZffFk>

Goostrey Pre-School

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8EygsUOlgt>

Click on the link for your chosen charity to make a donation and for every £1 that is donated you'll be given an entry into the prize draw.
For your chance to win one of the following

- * Tropic Dream team collection (Emma Shanahan)
- *Tropic Signature Gift Collection (Melissa Bairstow)
 - *File and polish (LS Therapies)
 - *T shirt from bumpkin designs
 - *Cupcakes from Castles Cakes
- *Photography session (photo boutique by Annie Jones)
 - *April's kitchen £50 voucher
 - *Bouncy Castle (Kath Wilford)
- * Bottle of Fynoderee Manx Dry Gin

You can donate up to midday on Sunday 21st November
Prize draw to take place at 8pm the same day



**ST LUKE'S
GOOSTREY**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

**Saturday, 27th November
11.00am – 1.00pm
in the Village Hall**

**FATHER CHRISTMAS
Tombola, Raffle, Gifts,
Cake stall, Games,
Tea or coffee and cake**

**This year everyone is invited to wear a
Christmas jumper.**

**Father Christmas will judge the best jumpers
in groups:**

Littlies

Middlies

Oldies

Judging at approx. 12.15pm

Year 2 & Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the **end of June 2022. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.** Y6 SATS are scheduled for WB 9th May.

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.



Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



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. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.

The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the 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.



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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 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

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.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.