



Newsletter 13th September 2019

Last week:

Best attendance: Reception 100%

Unauthorised absences: 1.2%

Lates: 68 Minutes (2 pupils)

Dear Parents,

This week the children have listened to P.C. Chesters deliver talks on **internet safety**. PC Chesters' talk supports the work we do in school on keeping children safe online.

Homework Club, for the juniors, is starting on Wednesday 25th September. Letters will be going out on Monday—places limited to 22.

I am delighted to tell you that there is the opportunity for year 5 and 6 pupils to join a **mindfulness** course. This will be delivered in school's Sunshine Room, every Wednesday, 3.30 to 4.30. The course will begin after half term, until Easter. More information to follow. There will be a charge for this club but any family in receipt of free school meals would be able to have this funded by school from Pupil Premium Funding.

Some key dates for the year can be found on page 2.

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

Dates for your diary.

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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.

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

Key dates for the year 2019 / 20

Please keep checking the newsletter for dates and events

October

Thursday 3rd 9.30	Open Morning in the Sunshine Room
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November

Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th Parents' evenings

December

Wednesday 11th 9.30 am	Nativity
Thursday 12th 2pm	Nativity
Wednesday 18th 6pm	Junior Carol Service TBC
Thursday 19th 10am	Junior Carol Service TBC
Friday 20th	Pupils finish for the Christmas holidays and return Tuesday 7th Jan.

March

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th Parents' Evenings

April

Friday 3rd Pupils finish for Easter break and return Monday 20th Apr.

May

Friday 8th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Pupils finish for half term and return Monday 1st June

June

Wednesday 3rd	Class photos
Monday 29th	Sports Day (reserve Monday 6th July)

July

Friday 17th Leavers' Assembly and pupils finish for summer holidays

Well done to **Tomas Lomax** who has moved up in his swimming group this week, well done Tomas we are very proud of you



Harrison recently took part in the Sandbach 2k race. He not only completed it in 10 minutes, he also came first in his age group!

Very proud!

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

On my drive to school last 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 I will cover the postage cost. Please bring to SBM office on Junior Site.

Please note Sal's Shoes request a £1 donation to cover distribution per pair of shoes.

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

Thank You.

Mrs Schurer-Lewis



GET INTO HOCKEY

Knutsford Hockey Club JUNIOR Section

New players welcome



Aged 7-12

Come and try a training session
Every Tuesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Knutsford Leisure Centre
On the all weather pitch

For more info email norman.Jamison@Hotmail.com
Hockey sticks available, bring shin pads and a gum shield



National tests for Y6 pupils are WB 11th May. However, Year 2 & 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

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 2019-20

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

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.