

## Newsletter 20th September

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### Last week:

Best attendance: Reception and Y6 100%

Unauthorised absences: 0.4%

Lates: 35 minutes (2 pupils)

*Dear Parents,*

**Our Open Morning is on Thursday 3rd October at 9.30 in the Sunshine Room. Anyone interested in a place at our school is very welcome to come to this event.**

Congratulations to **Mr and Mrs Riddell** on the birth of their baby boy. We are all delighted for them and the staff are eagerly waiting for baby Riddell to come and meet us all in school.

A reminder that **school starts at 5 to 9**. Children are not supervised by school staff before that time. We do not want to close the gate on the junior side because of the close proximity of the road and obvious safety issues. Therefore please understand that all children remain the responsibility of their family before 5 to 9 (unless it has been agreed by a member of staff that a pupil can come in early or they are at Before School Club).

This week the children have listened to P.C. Chesters deliver talks on **road safety** and many of our older children took part in a **cross country** event at Holmes Chapel High School. More info on page 5.

This newsletter is full of wonderful things the school is involved in and the children have achieved as well as some community events.

*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](mailto: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 Mrs 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](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

# Goostrey Community Primary

## Annual Exhibition 2019 - Inventions

**E**very year in October, we hold our annual exhibition; a very special event in our school calendar.

The school works hard to produce a visually stimulating display to showcase the work of the children. Our annual exhibition has been a regular part of Goostrey school life for the last 17 years.

Previous exhibitions have had a variety of themes including Japan, South East Asia, The British Isles, Rainbow, Cold and Peace. The children work on topics related to the overall theme, in their classes, as well as enjoying the enriching and invaluable experiences that visitors bring for the children. In previous years we have had ice

sculptors, artists, mural painters, wood carvers, llamas and even Levi Roots!

This year the theme of the exhibition is 'Inventions'.

We have a café, which serves delicious cakes as well as a Fairtrade stall run by our Fairtrade officers. Let us entertain you with performances, inspire and inform you the work we are proud of and welcome you into our school community.

Please come along and share this experience with us at school.

*Goostrey Community Primary School*



Exhibition open to all on Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 24th October from 2pm until 7pm School Hall Victorian building Main Road, Goostrey

Please look out for this in the October edition of the Villages Mag. There will be some copies at the reception desk if anyone would like one.

We are rebuilding our bug hotels and would appreciate some materials to help with this.

If you could bring in any of the following: corrugated card, plant pots (with holes in the bottom), bricks with holes, pine cones, straw, terracotta pots, moss, old roof tiles, wood chips, hollow bamboo canes and sticks. Thanks in advance for your help.



### **Mid-Day Assistants Vacancies**

We are seeking enthusiastic and caring people to join our team supervising our pupils over the lunchtime breaks, for a minimum of two days per week. Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs J Schurer-Lewis on 01270 685658 or via e-mail; [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) to request an application form and job description.

Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. Successful applicants will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding training

We also have a vacancy for a Before School Club assistant.



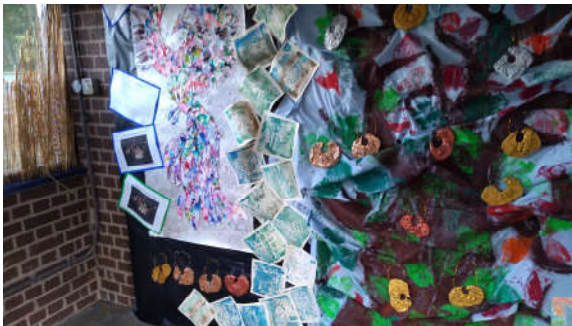
# Children's Work At Goostrey Train Station

## Summer Holiday Display - Take One Picture 2019

As part of the school's continue support in decorating Goostrey station with art work. The children were inspired by the picture of 'An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump. By Joseph Wright of Derby

This was part of the National Art Gallery Project—Take One Picture

The children across the school explored different media in art and design to create their pieces. Please take some time to have a look.



On Tuesday the PSCO came into school to talk to the children about road safety in assembly.

Here are some of Year 4 and 6's recollections, thoughts and feelings about the session.

Things to remember:

- Make sure you have lights on your bike
- Wear Hi-viz and light clothes – make sure you are visible on your bike
- You should have a helmet on when riding your bike
- Make sure you have seatbelts on in the car
- Don't distract the driver (arguing with your siblings)
- Make sure others in the car are wearing their seatbelts
- Don't mess around on the pavements or play chase near the roads
- Use zebra crossing or a sensible place to cross the road
- Don't play chicken on the road – it is very dangerous
- Never cross between parked cars
- Take care on car parks (football is not a good idea)
- Don't ride a bike too close to buses or trucks (they have a blind spot)
- 160 children are killed or injured a week on the roads
- Remember STOP LOOK LISTEN AND THINK! When crossing the road

Feelings about the assembly:

- Shocking that so many children are hurt on the roads
- The children thought it was a good idea to be reminded to be careful near the roads, as the nights are getting darker.

Other things the children thought we should be reminded of:

- Don't throw objects onto the road on purpose
- Drivers – when driving through the village keep under the speed limit
- Drivers – be patient, don't try to overtake near the school
- Home owners – keep your hedges trimmed, so we can see safely, to cross the road

## **GIZMOBOTS WORKSHOPS**

All the children in our school will be working with Mark Haig of Gizmobots in October in order to create wonderful inventions for the exhibition.

Mark has asked if we are able to supply some resources please.

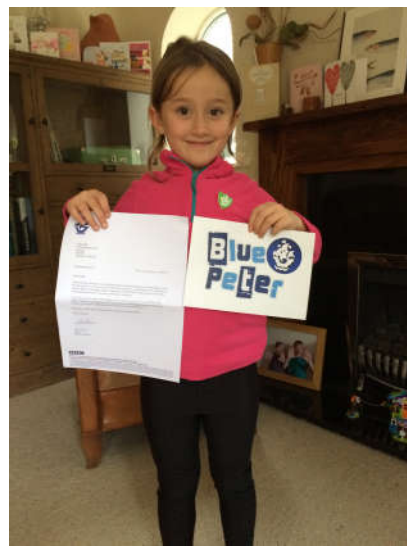
any plastic based WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment)

Things like hoovers, stereos, TVs and printers are good, **but** microwaves, washing machines and irons aren't usable in the workshops.

If you have any of these items please can you save them and bring them to school on the week beginning October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you

**Emily** is very excited to have received her Green Blue Peter Badge for creating a poster explaining about how throwing plastic away affects wildlife and the environment. Well done Emily!



We want to say “Well Done” to **Rose Downer** for completing Stage 3 swimming!  
She worked really hard to achieve this.



Congratulations to **Esmée Kent** (Yr 3) and **Quinn Kent** (Reception) who completed the reading challenge for the library over the summer holidays. Well done.



Congratulations to **Georgia Davies** Year 6 on passing her Grade 2 Piano Exam. Super proud of you. 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*

On Saturday 7th September **Laurie and Elliott Brown** took part in a very muddy and challenging event called lidl mudder. They worked together to complete a course jam-packed full of obstacles. They were completely covered in mud at the end and both had a super time. Here is a photo of Elliott with his bandana.



**Lucas**, got the Man of the Match award following a great 1st match for the season at Egerton Football Club.

He is making great progress in all he does... I couldn't be more proud!!





# Nell's Autumn Catwalk

## Fashion & Clothes Show

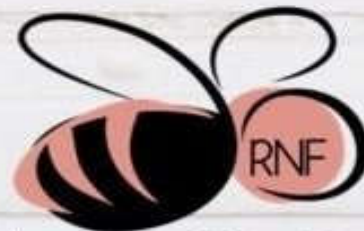
Goostrey Village Hall  
on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

7.30pm (doors open at 6.45pm)

Tickets £8 – includes glass of fizz (licensed bar)

Ladies Autumn/Winter fashion comes to  
Goostrey with a catwalk presentation  
from SOS Fashion, modelled by our own  
local ladies!

Large range of  
ladies clothing,  
suitable for all  
ages & sizes,  
Scarf demo,  
Raffle



Remembering Nell Foundation

To purchase tickets:

07836 386327 or 07841 778863

[jayne@rememberingnell.com](mailto:jayne@rememberingnell.com)

[caroline@rememberingnell.com](mailto:caroline@rememberingnell.com)

*GOOSTREY CHURCHES TOGETHER*

# **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

*SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER*

*11.00 am in the Village Hall*



*Donations welcomed for the  
Food Bank  
or cash donations for Practical  
Action*

# 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](mailto:norman.Jamison@Hotmail.com)  
Hockey sticks available, bring shin pads and a gum shield



### Yoga Classes in Goostrey Scout Hut

A new class is starting on a Wednesday @ 1pm aimed at Beginners. This is taught by Fiona Holmes, a qualified Iyengar yoga teacher, who provides all equipment. It lasts 75 minutes and costs £8. No matter what level of fitness or flexibility you currently are does not matter as this type of yoga uses equipment to help you, ensuring no injury so progress can be made.

Ring Fiona on 07775 530810 or email [fjhyoga@icloud.com](mailto:fjhyoga@icloud.com)  
You are welcome to come and try a class for free.

There are also 2 spaces available in the Monday class at 2 pm

National tests are 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 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

<b>Penalties for unauthorised absence</b>		
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>One child</b>	<b>Two children</b>
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 28<sup>th</sup> day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

**Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer [educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or you can also telephone the main office.**

**Tel: 01270 375277**

**Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews](http://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.  
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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](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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](http://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

**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](http://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](http://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.