



## Newsletter 4th October 2019

### Last week:

Best attendance: Y1 99.6%

Unauthorised absences: **0.2%**

Lates: **80 minutes** (6 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

So many great things are happening in school please read about the excellent visit from Athlete **Kurts Adams** on page 3, the fantastic pupils who represented our school at the **cross country** events on page 4 and the opening of the **History Museum** on page 4. We're now all systems go for our annual exhibition—read all about it on page 2.

Reminder— **Auction of Promises** (pages 6, 7, 8, 9) and food for the local foodbank for our **Harvest assembly** this year. Please send any food donations in WB 14th October.

**Holiday dates 20 21** are now on the website and the parent survey goes live later today until next Wednesday—details will be through School Spider app. If you need a paper copy of the survey please email [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you to all our parents who have accompanied the classes on their visit to **MOSI**—we couldn't have done these visits without you.

The **Open Morning**, yesterday, was a big success —thank you to our parent governors for showing people round and chatting about our school. If you know of anyone who is considering sending their child here please let them know that I am very happy to meet them and give them a tour of the school.

*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.*

**Holiday dates for 19/20 and 20 /21 are on the website under 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](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 are some copies on the reception desk if anyone would like one.



## Kurts Adams—aspiring British Olympian!

### Elite Canoe Slalom Athlete

Kurts arrived on Monday morning with a huge smile and firm handshake. He started his day with a full school assembly which was inspiring and motivational. This young man (17 years old ) had the children and staff

captivated with all he said. He told of his journey to choosing Canoe Slalom, at the age of 10, as his favourite after trying his hand at many different sports. Kurts had not been born into a sporting family but his mother, who is his role model, has supported him in all he does. He told the children that **hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard**. Kurts said that finding what you really love is the key to staying focused and that is what keeps him going even when training in the winter!

### He spoke of developing your mindset:

“Developing a growth mindset isn't easy, however it is achievable with time and effort. Students develop a growth mindset by recognising that the brain isn't a fixed entity and that improvements can be made through learning new information. Another way in which you can develop a growth mindset is by talking to yourself in a positive way, for example instead of saying I can't do it, say I **can't do it yet**”.

Kurts spent time with each class showing them some exercises that he does in training and then they had time for a Q&A session.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and we have raised **£1933.91** towards helping Kurt and other young athletes achieve their goal of going to the Olympics.

## Cross Country

Thomas H, Laurie B, Elliana, Myles, Arthur, Issy, Isaac, Libby, Ted, Lucy, Tiah, Alex S, Ella W, Daniel, Emily H, Jack S, Maddie, Rose S, Beau, Monty, Richie, Zachary, Frank, Isla M, Joe, Frankie, Molly, Jack M and Archie.

Thank you to all the children who took part in the two cross country events. Goostrey put on a super show and we have had great comments on their behaviour and sportsmanship.

Mrs Freeman has said: "Our children were fabulous when I went with them on Thursday. Behaviour was great. They supported each other at the finish and all year groups cheered everyone on. Laurie in Y3 did very well with third place for the second week running. They were very supportive of each other, encouraging girls who were nervous to have a go. I was very impressed with their approach, cheering on the winning school at the end and we had a special mention from Mr Capewell too. He was impressed with our performance".

**Year 3/4 boys took first place overall over the two events.**

Thank you to the parent who took the time to write to me and let me know how good they thought this event was and how well the children represented their school.

### Natural History Museum – The Grand Opening

On Wednesday 2 October 2019 the new museum was opened beautifully by Mrs Timmins on the Infant Playground. Mrs Timmins has donated many dinosaur items for the museum which her son, Joe, grew up enjoying. The theme is linked into our upcoming exhibition with Ernest Rutherford who invented radio metric dating.

The children were very excited and they will get a chance at break and lunchtimes to visit the museum.



Thank you to those of you who have sent materials for our bug hotel, however, we are still in need of some things. If anyone has any of the following they would be greatly appreciated:

- Wooden pallets
- Straw / hay
- Wood strips
- Wood chips
- Soil
- Bark
- Corrugated cardboard
- Dry leaves
- Pine cones
- Moss
- Bamboo sticks
- Kitchen roll tubes
- Small stones

**Max** passed his 7th Kyu orange belt in Karate last week. We are proud of his achievement.



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*



## **Auction of Promises – Elizabethfontein Pupils' Visit (June 2019)**

The Staff of Goostrey School have assembled an Auction of Promises to raise money to help fund the visit by children from our twin school, Elizabethfontein Primêr, in South Africa. We hope to raise enough money to enable 10 children and 2 members of staff to visit Goostrey in June, 2020.


If you wish to place a bid for any of the Promises listed below, then please enclose your bid in a sealed envelope (with the number of the lot) and hand it to your child's class teacher or to Mrs Williams/Mrs Carroll in Reception. All bids must be in by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



You may bid for as many Promises as you wish and the highest bid will win in each case.

The successful bidders will be notified by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Payment should be made to school on or before Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November please. You can then contact the identified staff/parent responsible to arrange the date and time for the promise to be fulfilled.

If you would like to offer a promise that we could add, just let me (Mrs Cowell) know and I will include it.

Activity	Staff/ Parent responsible	Lot number
Nativity front row tickets	GCPS	1
Carol service front row tickets	GCPS	2
Year 6 Production front row tickets	GCPS	3
Miss Atkins' special recipe Chicken and Chorizo Paella (no seafood), for four, with a bottle of champagne. Paella to be made for an agreed date and picked up from school - either in the week or at the weekend to suit the winning bidder. Minimum bid £40	Miss Atkins	4
Airport transfer for up to 4 people	Mr and Mrs Cowell	5
Mrs Benson's lovely baking (2 cakes. Choice from the following list - Irish Apple, Lemon Drizzle, Victoria Sponge or Cardamom and Orange Victoria Sponge)	Mrs Benson	6
Planting out a tub of summer bedding (though that will have to wait till May 2020!	Mrs Benson	7
One nights babysitting	Ms Dean	8
One nights babysitting	Mrs Williams	9

Dog sitting 2-3 nights	Mrs Cooper	10
<p>Patterns in Patchwork  4 x 1 hour sessions for up to four primary pupils to learn how to make small patchwork patterns and decorations, after school. I'll provide all the materials needed.  It would probably be on Fridays when I work all day and run from 3:40 to 4:30 and can be taken at any time during this academic year.</p>	Mrs Timmins	11
5 hours of dog walking	Mrs Cooper	12
<p>The painting will be of a small bird of the winning bidders choosing, with reference images to be agreed with the artist.</p> <p>The artist will be using Brusho and acrylic inks to produce a painting similar to examples shown.  The finished painting will be approximately A4 (excluding any mount and frame).  Steve Ellwood.</p> 	Miss Bairstow	13
<p>Alderley Edge Mine Trip  Tour for up to 8 people.  Tour of a disused Victorian copper mine with the Derbyshire Caving Club.  The tour will be tailored to the ages in the group. Old clothes essential, (uneven surfaces and muddy) headlamps and hard hats will be provided.</p>	Mrs Cowell	14
<p>"A trip round the Blackpool Tower at 1000 feet!"  For one person - (18+) a flight from Liverpool up to Blackpool and round the tower!</p>	Mr and Mrs Benson	15
<p>Tropic facial – Ali Sandywell  Value—£40</p>	Miss Bairstow	16
<p>1 hour reflexology session – courtesy of Karen Wilson  Value—£40</p>	Miss Bairstow	17
<p>Cranage Hall - overnight stay for two Inc breakfast  Value—£120</p>	Miss Bairstow	18
<p>The Vicarage, Holmes Chapel - Afternoon Tea</p>	Miss Bairstow	19
<p>A visit to Pen y Garth Bed and Breakfast in Harlech for 2 nights for 2 adults in the Castle room. To be taken between now and Easter (excluding school holidays) It can be weekdays or at a weekend. Please note – adults only.  <a href="http://www.pen-y-garth.co.uk">www.pen-y-garth.co.uk</a></p>	Mrs Saxton	20

Afternoon tea for 2 at Goostrey Home and Leisure	Mrs Saxton	21
Transport to and collection from a restaurant or venue of your choice, within a 10 mile radius of Goostrey.	Mrs Saxton	22
3 bird boxes of your choice from blue tit, great tit, robin, wren, tree creeper, or tawny owl. Or bat boxes.	Mrs Saxton	23
A 30 minute treatment with a chartered physiotherapist at Physiofit in Alderley Edge	Mrs Saxton	24
Gait analysis, one pair of trainers and other goodies at Running Bear  (Alderley Edge) Worth (£155)	Mrs Saxton	25
Tiger Teas Hamper of 5 x 50g packs of a variety of blends	Mrs Cowell	26
"Luxury beauty hamper *Donated by Booths Value £160 	Mrs Machin	27
Premium 5ft Nordmann Fir Christmas tree.	Mrs Liptrott	28
Dog sitting/walking - weekend only. Happy to have dog for 2 nights Friday and Saturday.	Mrs Flint	29
Beauty voucher worth £20	Mrs Sheard	30
1 litre of homemade damsons in gin	Mrs Cowell	31
Halle Orchestra Concert Tickets 2 Tickets for a performance of your choice* Instructions : go to <a href="http://www.halle.co.uk">www.halle.co.uk</a> and determine your preferred performance. Then contact Dave Hext, Principal Percussionist at the Halle, at davidhext@talktalk.net *At the Bridgewater Hall, subject to availability	Mrs Hext	32
1 hour private tuition with Lucy Alves Yoga Value—£75	Miss Bairstow	33
Half a terms dance lessons at Laura Wilson School of Dance	Miss Bairstow	34
The Barbers Holmes Chapel – 3 Hair Cuts voucher Value—£30	Miss Bairstow	35
A family ticket to the Royal Cheshire Show (June 2020) The Garnett family	Mrs Saxton	36
Astbury Golf Club A 4 ball Green Fee Voucher, (value £60) valid until September 2020 (excluding Saturdays and Sundays). Mrs G Johnson	Mrs Saxton	37



Pamper Hamper – Full of beauty products and goodies	Mrs Flint	38
Jodrell Bank - Family Pass Value - £27	Miss Bairstow	39
Seven Sisters Ice Cream Farm Voucher	Miss Bairstow	40
1 evening babysitting with Miss Bairstow, to be at family's house and obviously subject to availability	Miss Bairstow	41
Christmas or a Birthday presents wrapped for you; choose your theme/ colour and I will buy paper ribbon etc.	Mrs Schurer-Lewis	42
10" Drum skin signed by the legendary rock band Status Quo. It was used throughout their recent 'Back on Tour' summer tour. Provided exclusively for our Elizabethfontein auction	Mr Campion	43
Pole Gym - Terms class in either aerial hammock, aerial arts, kids or pole - value of £60	Miss Bairstow	44
1 Bowen technique treatment with Lucy Alves Value— £45	Miss Bairstow	45
A fantastic Just Kidding Silver Party package for 10 children. Value—£115. Reserve £80	Mrs Flanagan	46



9<sup>th</sup> October  
at Goostrey Methodist Church  
3.30 – 5.30

Come along straight from school for an afternoon of games, colouring, sticking, painting, stories and songs.

Begin with a welcome drink and snack then activities and go home after enjoying a cooked tea.

For more details contact  
Rev Yvonne Pearson 01477 537085  
[yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk)

# St Luke's Church, Goostrey

**AUTUMN**

**SPLENDOUR**

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm till 5.00pm**

**Flowers, music, cream teas,**

**Church records**

**Come and see where the bells are rung**

*(Please see the times in the Parish magazine  
for the bells)*

***HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE* with**

***St Christopher Chorale on Sun.13<sup>th</sup> at  
5.00pm***

**Everyone is very welcome**

JAM this Sunday re-starts in the old school hall at 9.45am this Sunday.

The farmer and the seeds.

Game, music, talk, activity, crafts and snack.

Lots of fun

Older children - special group discussing book Case for Christ - stimulating,  
chance to share and listen and learn.

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 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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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 Vizillogger 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](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 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.