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Dear Families,

**Please see page 2 for information regarding performances and events in school this term. Hopefully this will reassure families that we are following all current advice to mitigate risk as well as doing all we can for our pupils.**

**Y3 and 4 football tournament report on page 4**

**FYI Individual photographs are on Wednesday 1st December**

**Covid update** for Cheshire East and our school is on **page 5**

**YEAR 5 CAKE SALE NEXT FRIDAY in the junior hall  
3.25pm**

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 and 22 23 have now been released on our website***

### Useful information

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

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433)

**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)

SENCo [mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:**

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

## **School performances and events - RECEIVED THIS WEEK FROM CHESHIRE EAST**

School performances and other end events such as fairs and parties are a key feature of schools in December. Each Head will need to consider the risks, benefits and implications for their own school. This document is based on guidance for schools produced by the North West Schools Taskforce – a group of Public Health and COVID leads working across the North West Region.

### **Deciding if the event should go ahead:**

What are the benefits of the event to children, staff, parents/carers?

Can these benefits be achieved in other ways?

How easily could any last-minute changes be made as a result of COVID cases? e.g. absence of key performers, specific classes unable to join in due to outbreak or if cancellation is recommended by the local authority/Public Health, in line with the Government's Contingency Framework

What would be the impact of any cases resulting from the event on attendance, staffing, business continuity etc.?

If a school decides an event is going ahead, they should consider incorporating measures which will:

Reduce the likelihood of transmission between children in school

Reduce the likelihood of transmission between adults coming into school

For each event, a risk assessment should be completed that details the safety measures to be implemented. This risk assessment should enable the school to put in place suitable mitigation measures.

With sufficient mitigation events may be able to go ahead **unless** a school is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 in a relevant class/year group or there are local restrictions in the community following public health advice from the Director of Public Health.

A list of possible measures is included below. The school should identify which combination of measures is appropriate for each event – not all will be relevant or practical in each instance.

### **Possible measures to reduce risk at events can include:**

#### **Limiting mixing**

Hold separate performances for Key Stages/classes if possible

Using ticketing or a booking system to manage numbers

Holding an event multiple times if possible, to reduce the total number of people present at any one time

Consider and eliminate pinch points where crowding may occur, including the use of one-way systems where appropriate

#### **Reducing the risk of transmission**

Holding events in large, well-ventilated spaces

Encouraging social distancing

Encouraging wearing of face coverings whenever possible

Encouraging frequent use of hand sanitiser and handwashing

Ensure adequate cleaning before and after the event

#### **Reducing the number of positive cases attending**

Asking attendees to take an LFT before they attend (this cannot be enforced/checked on arrival, and is unlikely to be applicable to primary-age pupils)

Asking attendees not to come if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or feel generally unwell.

Asking attendees not to come if someone in their household is a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 10 days (before the date of the event).

Team Seas

Ollie R, Finley C  
Year 6

Cup U Like

If you would like to  
donate  
yourself please go to  
[teamseas.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> December for the juniors and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# Year 3&4 Football Tournament

A fantastic group of our Year 3 & 4 footballers took part in a football tournament on the 3G pitches at Holmes Chapel Comp on Wednesday. The boys played brilliantly, with some sweeping attacking play. They won all the games in their group, scoring over ten goals and only conceding one.

I was impressed with the boys' sportsmanship and behaviour.

Well done to **Charlie A, Harry D, Rory, Rupert, Jude, Elliott, Aden, Charlie M, Sydney, and Harry A.**

Mr Campion

**Amber** (Tabner, in year 2) decided to bake some cakes to sell after church to raise money for the Poppy Appeal on Remembrance Sunday. She raised £48!



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

**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. 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.**



## Friday update - Covid

Currently in Cheshire East we have are moving between:370 to 382 per 100,000 this is in line with local neighbours. However, due to additional mitigations in place we are travelling in the right direction.

0-3 164 per 100,000

4-11 807 per 100,000

12-16 603 per 100,000

17-18 419 per 100,000

19-24 306 per 100,000

We have 60-70 people in hospital across our two hospitals and 10% of those in ICU.

There is notable rise in the primary age range and the pre-school. Primary and pre-schools are the highest across the region. Data does show that actions in school are reducing the transmission from staff to pupil and pupil to staff, the core transmission is within households, through siblings, parents. This comes from parties and/or sleep overs children are attending, social interaction.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

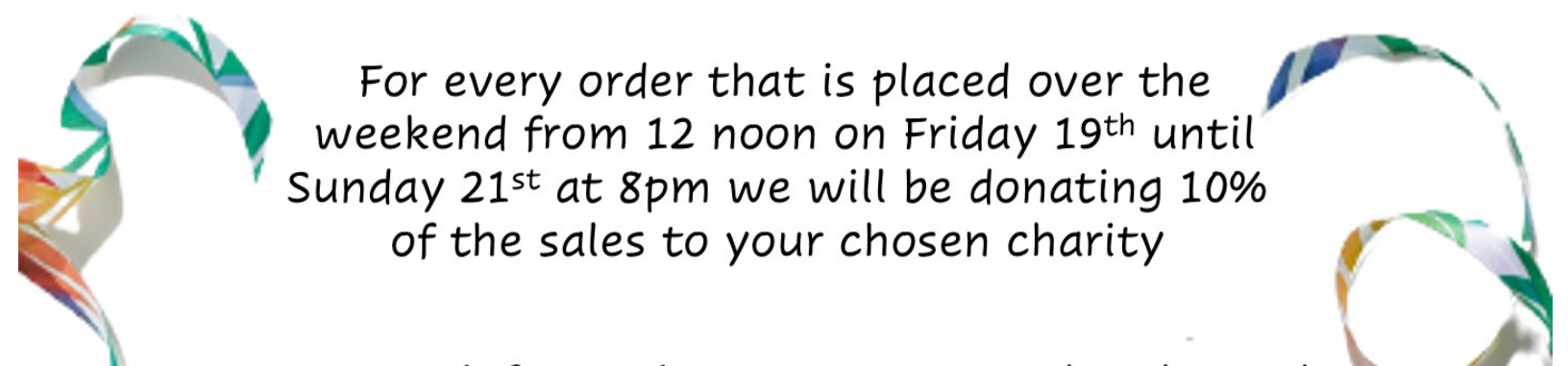


# Tropic Festive Fundraiser

Join us from 12 noon till 4pm  
On  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> until  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm we will be donating 10%  
of the sales to your chosen charity





## 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 21<sup>st</sup> November



**ST LUKE'S  
GOOSTREY**

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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

<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.*



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/>



## 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.



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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](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.

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](mailto: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.