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Newsletter 26 11 21

Dear Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas—Nativity singing and carols are ringing through the school. There's an Elf Run happening soon and a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December (£2 to join in). Christmas Shops are ready for WB 6th December and every child will be watching a film on the big screen, in school, on Friday 17th. This is as well as Christmas lunch (bring your crackers this year) and classes celebrating in their own special ways. Only four weeks to the big day.

Reminder—Individual photographs are next week on Wednesday 1st December

Covid update for Cheshire East and our school is on **page 6**

Class hampers are ready—tickets now on sale £1 a strip—please see **page 2** for more information and photos of the fabulous hampers.

Cups are waiting for Cup U Like next week— Wednesday for the juniors and Thursday for the infants. Please see **page 3** for more information and a photo of the waiting cups!

Our Natural History Museum has a new theme—see **page 4** for more details

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 for ms 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

Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

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

Christmas Hampers

Our Christmas hamper PTA fundraising raffle is ready to be launched on Monday 29 November. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and we have many fantastic hampers to be won.

Each class has prepared a hamper and children can buy tickets at £1 a strip to win their class hamper which will be drawn before the end of term.

A selection of the hampers are pictured below and the children will also be shown their hampers in class.

Many thanks for your generosity and Happy Christmas from the PTA.



Cup U Like

£1 a go (please bring a £1 coin)—everyone wins a cup. Cups will be on the playground next Wednesday from 3.25pm for the juniors and outside the Sunshine Room on Thursday for the infants.

All cups contain sweets and some have money in as well. One has a £5 note. What you get is all the luck of the draw. Children will be able to buy one cup only and if they want a second one will be able to join the queue again after all classes have had a chance to buy. Hurry, hurry, hurry—when they're gone they're gone!

This has been organised by 2 Y6 boys Ollie and Finlay to raise money for a charity that helps remove plastic from the ocean. Other Year 6 have helped get the cups ready—well done everyone and thank you to all our families who have donated the sweets and to staff for the money.



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 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.

Natural History Museum

The theme in the Natural History Museum from the beginning of December is **Christmas**.


The Year 2 curators are looking forward to decorating the museum for Christmas as they wish, and there will be craft activities for children to enjoy when they visit the museum.

If you have any surplus decorations that you would like to donate to the museum, please see Mrs Raven in the Reception classroom, or your child can give them to their class teacher.

We would like to plant a Christmas tree outside the museum, so if you know of any spare please will you see Mrs Raven or email Mrs Saxton. We would love to hear from you. Thank you__
(mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)



For boys and girls



Holmes Chapel CC
Junior Cricket
Taster Sessions

From 1st December
until 22nd December
Every Wednesday
5:30pm-6:30pm

8-11 years old
with a view to
starting under 9
and under 11
teams from April
2022

at Holmes Chapel
Leisure Centre
(indoor sports hall)
Contact Ollie 07880
557250



Friday update - Covid

Rates

416 per 100,000 overall

0 – 3 = 297 per 100,000 up significantly

4 – 11 = 1087 per 100,000 (807 per 100,000 last week) up significantly

12 – 16 = 701 per 100,000

17 – 18 = 321 per 100,000 down from 418 last week

19 – 24 = 727 per 100,000

New figure 0 – 18 therefore is 754 per 100,000 – taking this against full population can still see school age is significantly above general population

Primary cases 423 compared 273 in previous week

Outbreaks up from 15 to 21 in primary schools over last week.

Goostrey School: 0 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/>



**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/>



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.