



Newsletter 8th November 2019

Week commencing 21st October:

Best attendance: Y6 98.4%

Unauthorised absences: **2.36%**

Lates: 45 minutes (4 pupils)

Bagtoschool recycling collection is on Tuesday 19th November. Bags will be sent home next week.

Thank you

1. Garner 774
2. Lovell 764
3. Harding 736
4. Mallory 527

Garner you have a free dress day on Friday 15th November

Dear Parents,

EXHIBITION Thank you to all the staff and children for a wonderful exhibition. Thank you to all the parents and voluntary helpers who came and assisted us to make this such a fantastic event. Thank you to Four Oaks for the loan of the plants and Flower Club for the amazing floral display. Thank you to our visitors and artists—Mark Haig Gizmobot, Jo Risley metal worker, Paul Draycott who brought the drone, the farrier champion who taught us to make horse shoes and Andi (who asked for no fee) from the Cheshire Dining Experience who came and talked with the children about environmental issues and seasonality—reducing waste. Thank you to Mayor Councillor Barry Burhill and Mayoress Sue Bidwell for opening the exhibition. Thank you to everyone who made cakes—we raised over £700 on the café and juke box and this will all go towards funding our South African visitors next summer. Well done to all the children who entered the inventions competition—details and winners on page 2.

Elizabethfontein are looking forward to coming next June—they recently sent the following message in an email:

Thank you so much!!!! We would like to visit Goostrey Community with the main aim of Learning and Achieving together! Looking forward.

Thank you for getting our Wednesday on the 'happy, exciting' path!!!!

Have a great day

We won the **Tag Rugby**—both teams A & B—full report on page 4

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

November

Tuesday 12th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13th	Christmas Card Workshop
Thursday 14th	Parents' Evening
Friday 22nd	Y5 Cake Sale

December

Friday 6th	School Bazaar
Wednesday 11th 9.30	Infant Nativity
Thursday 12th 2pm	Infant Nativity
Wednesday 18th 6pm	Junior Carol Service
Thursday 19th 10am	Junior Carol Service
Friday 20th	School finishes for Christmas and children return Tuesday January 7th.

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. 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 Mrs Freeman She is available every Wednesday afternoon in the Year 2 classroom (3.30-4pm)

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

Inventions competition – Summer Holiday homework

The children were invited to design an invention for people with specific difficulties.

The winning inventor:

- identified a problem faced by many people
- researched the issue and talked to people affected
- identified the requirements to solve the problem
- developed a solution to meet the requirements
- recorded her thought process as she designed and developed her invention
- identified risks and developed mitigation to ensure that the invention is safe
- constructed a working model
- confirmed that her invention actually solved the identified problem

She has done a brilliant and remarkable job – well done -

LUCY BOARDMAN

Lucy will receive 100 housepoints.

**The runner up Eban Cowell will receive 50 housepoints,
and Ollie Rachubka, Mathilda Pickford, Alfie Warren and Isla Machin will
receive 20 housepoints each.**

Well done to all the inventors in our school.

WILD ABOUT GOOSTREY

In a bid to help reverse the national decline in pollinators and other wildlife the Parish Council launched “Wild about Goostrey”; a scheme for us all to join – where we can all make a difference (even on the smallest plot) by creating a wildlife-friendly habitat to attract bees, butterflies, bats, owls and the much-loved hedgehog.

It’s not a competition, is free to enter, and has been inspired by the RHS and Wildlife Trusts’ “Wild about Gardens” initiative together with the Parish Council’s resolve to make Goostrey an even more attractive and biodiverse village, in the face of the threat of climate change.

Join in! Everyone who pledges to take part in the project will receive a bronze, silver or gold award, in the form of a plaque to display, once they have undertaken a simple scheme to encourage more wildlife into their garden.

More wild garden information can be found at www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk

These are the three categories that will be awarded after the simple measures to improve habitat have been inspected:

BRONZE award (one or more of the following): Erect a standard nest box or bee box, plant nectar-rich flowers/ shrubs, plant a native tree, leave a patch of grass unmown from March to September, create a wood pile.

SILVER (one or more of the following) Create a pond, plant a native hedge, erect a bat box or owl box, dispense with slug pellets and weed killer, create local freedom of movement and housing for hedgehogs.

GOLD (one or more of the following) Do five or more of the bronze and silver projects, manage a lawn or paddock as a meadow for butterflies and ground-nesting birds, plant 10+ native trees or manage a wood for wildlife.

Dr Stafford presented 14 Bronze awards and 4 Silver awards to the children at assembly on Wednesday. She reminded all the children of the importance of the Wild About Goostrey scheme. She hopes that more children will become involved and also that some will continue to work towards their Gold award.

Operation Christmas Child - Christmas boxes for children

We will be collecting Christmas shoe boxes filled with lovely items for a child again this year.

We are waiting for leaflets about these boxes but in the meantime if you look on www.samaritans-purse.org.uk you will find details and labels to download.

We will send a text to give the collection date but it will be one day within the next 2 weeks. Thank you and we are sorry for the late notice.

Tag Rugby Tournament



On Tuesday 22 October we joined Holmes Chapel, Peover Superior, Chelford, and Hermitage for a tag rugby tournament. We had entered two teams and all the children were very excited to get playing as soon as we arrived.

The path to the 3D pitch at HCCS was lined with flags from different nations playing in the Rugby World Cup. Katie Saunders kindly took charge of the A team in the absence of Joel Saunders while Chris Machin and I managed the B team. Well it was a most thrilling afternoon and what came through very clearly was how well the children played as a team. They were excited and focussed and just gave their very best. The A team won both their games, scoring 6/0 to Holmes Chapel and 8/5 to Hermitage. The B team won all three of their games too, scoring 7/6 against Peover Superior, 5/2 to Chelford and 3/2 to Holmes Chapel. Well I was beaming as were the many supporting parents. The children have had many practice session with Mr Townsend on Friday afternoon's building up to the event and this preparation together with their talents made for excellent game play, running and tagging.

Well done to Jack S, Noah, Martha, Eva, Holly, Elliana, Harrison, Issy, Tom M, Harry A, Jack P, Alex S, Frankie, Frank and Harry.

Thank you for a most entertaining afternoon.

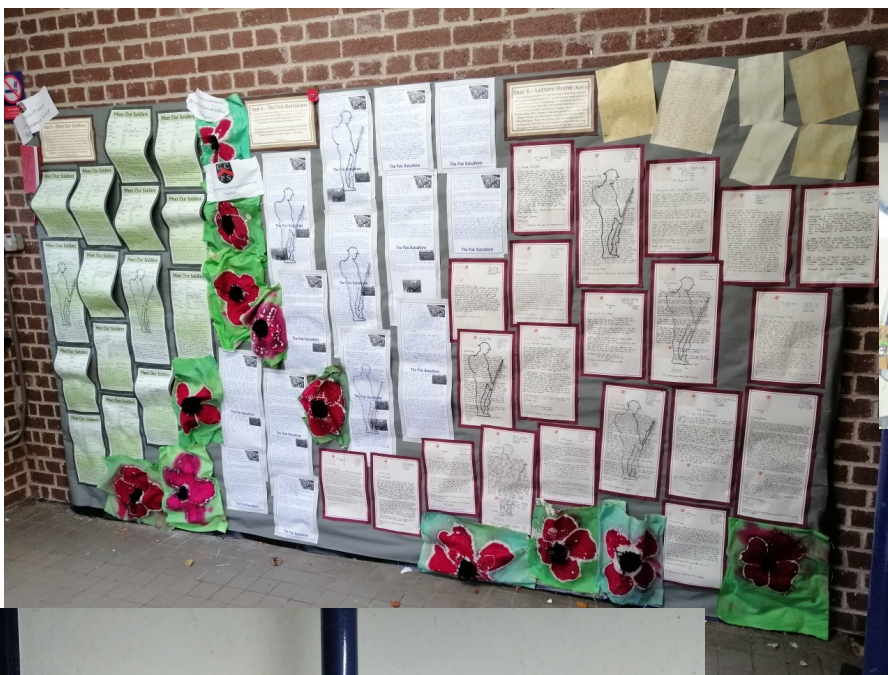


Remembrance Display At Goostrey Train Station 2019



As a school we have put up a new display at the train station for Remembrance. The display includes work on the Pals Battalion as well as letters home from the front.

In addition, there is a display about modern conflict inspired by the storybook 'The Journey'.





At the weekend **Quinn** joined a new football team at Middlewich football club. He played really well and took instructions from his new coach on board. As a result he scored on his debut and got man of the match! Well done Quinn.

Alfie and Poppy did their first brass band concert on Tuesday 22nd and they both did brilliantly. They only started in September and we are very proud of them indeed!



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

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.



GREETINGS CARD PROJECT

The PTA has arranged with South Cheshire Print to professionally print your children's artwork for you to order packs of personalised Greetings cards. Cards could be Christmas cards, Thank you cards or whatever you choose.



Workshops After School

Mrs Cowell has kindly offered to run a drop-in workshop to which parents/guardians are invited to come along with their children to create the artwork for cards using a range of resources and ideas, this will be held on the following date:

Workshop – **Wednesday 13 November 2019** in Year 4 classroom – from 3.30 - 4.30pm

The Workshop is open to both Infants and Juniors accompanied by parents/guardians

Create at Home

If you can't attend the workshop and want to create at home here are some tips:

- The artwork must be A4 in size on a background of any colour.
- Using card or thick paper rather than copier/printer paper produces best results
- Bolder colours work better

Please **DO NOT USE GLITTER**, the order will be rejected!

Cards are **not just for Christmas** you can create a card for any event. Last year some of the children created lovely **Thank You cards**.

Make an Order

Order forms will come home in your child's schoolbag on 15 November 2019.

The printed cards will be ready for your children to bring home from school in early December 2019.



Further Guidance on the **GREETINGS CARD PROJECT**

Artwork Guidelines if you plan to create something at home

ALL ARTWORK SHOULD BE CREATED ON A4 SIZE PAPER (297mm x 210mm).

Using card or thick paper rather than copier/printer paper produces best results
Artworks may be portrait or landscape.

Coloured or white paper or card may be used for the original artworks.

DO NOT USE GLITTER as this can damage the printers.

Everything visible on the front of the artwork will be printed, however 2-3mm around the edge of the design may be lost due to the nature of the scanning process. To avoid losing any letters or words, encourage the children NOT to write up to the edge of the paper.

Please fix any pastel or charcoal drawings with either fixative or hair-spray to avoid smudging during transit or the production process.

Reflective materials such as foil papers, pearlised or metallic paints **DO NOT** reproduce well.

Fluorescent/highlighter pens will not reproduce well as there is no depth in the colour – they are bright but the pigments are different to other pens.

Please note that due to copyright we cannot reproduce pictures from books, magazines, the Internet, or School photographs produced by an outside agency without permission from the owner of the image(s). Collaged artworks made from pictures cut from magazines are allowed in most circumstances.



Just to thank you for supporting Friends of Goostrey Station - our photo won!!



Remembrance Day Service at St Luke's Sunday 10th November 10.00 am.

We have agreed to participate in the Toy Appeal again this year. Please bring any toys you have for this after half term and before Monday December 9th.

• THE TOY  APPEAL •

GIVE A CHILD A CHRISTMAS

Providing toys to under privileged children in
the Manchester & Cheshire area

Please donate a
spare present or stocking
filler at one of our drop
off points (see website)

WE ARE
COLLECTING FOR
AGES 0-17
YEARS OLD



3 ways to help - Donate a toy (at a drop off point) Donate money (via justgiving.com) Donate time (volunteer with us)

www.thetoyappeal.com

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

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.

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.

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

Thank you
www.superkidsltd.info
Ofsted registered Out of School Care

Goostrey Preschool-
www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 -
available during pre-school hours only.

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:

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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/Mrs Carroll 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.