



## Newsletter 15th November

### Last week:

Best attendance: Reception 98.3%

Unauthorised absences: 0.9%

Lates: 114 minutes (11 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

Please will you consider sending something in the for the Toy Appeal, more information on page 6. Christmas shoe boxes are going to be collected on Monday, please see page 5 and the Natural History Museum needs any spare Christmas decorations you are willing to give school, page 4. Thank you

Reminder that the Y5 Cake Sale is next Friday and the PTA Christmas Bazaar is only 3 weeks away—see page 3. Free Dress Day is next Friday for every child who brings chocolate in for the bazaar.

The children have a wellbeing afternoon this Friday and the mindfulness after school club has started for Y5 and 6 children.

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

### November

Tuesday 19th

Friday 22nd

Bagtoschool recycling

Free Dress Day for chocolate and Y5 Cake Sale

### December

Friday 6th

Wednesday 11th 9.30

Thursday 12th 2pm

Wednesday 18th 6pm

Thursday 19th 10am

Friday 20th

School Bazaar

Infant Nativity

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Junior Carol Service

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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](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)

### 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)

**Arthur** has received a certificate from a charity called Dreams Come True. He came up with the idea of selling our chickens eggs and giving the money to a charity which we picked together. We're really proud of him!



**Harriette and Rupert** have achieved their Blue Ski Badge at skiing this week. They have now joined the junior club and are working towards their next badge.

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.**

# PTA's Christmas Bazaar

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Doors open at 3.15 for main hall and 3.30pm for classroom areas.

*There will be something for everyone.... And Santa is hoping to visit too!!*

We can only run this event if we have enough helpers to man the stalls. We all have our children to look after so even if you can only give 15mins to go on a stall with your child please let myself or your Year rep know. We currently still need a number of people to enable all the stalls to open.

If anyone can offer a raffle prize for the event please get in touch.

Miss Atkins has kindly agreed to give the children a *free dress day* in exchange for bringing in some chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola. This will be on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

Could we please have donations of:

Sweets ( for our cup – u –like stall) and Bottles n Biscuits (for our tombola stall) on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**.

Preloved toys, games and nearly new items on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Please take them to the Sunshine room.

Cakes and biscuits (for our refreshment area) on the morning of the Bazaar, **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

Season's Greetings from

*Sarah and all at the PTA*





Natural History Museum  
(located in the Infant playground)

**WANTED**

Any Christmas  
decorations that you no  
longer want will find a  
home with us!

Please bring them to the  
Infant school.

Many thanks  
Mrs Raven and the Curators

Thank you



# Samaritans Purse Christmas shoeboxes

Christmas shoeboxes are being  
collected at 9am on Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> November from the  
Infant School

Please look online  
[Samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://Samaritans-purse.org.uk) for a  
label and details of what to  
include in your box.

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](http://justgiving.com)) Donate time (volunteer with us)

[www.thetoyappeal.com](http://www.thetoyappeal.com)

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.*



**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.