



## Newsletter 6th December 2019

### Last week:

Best attendance: Y3 99.4%  
Unauthorised absences: 0  
Lates: **202 minutes (19 pupils)**

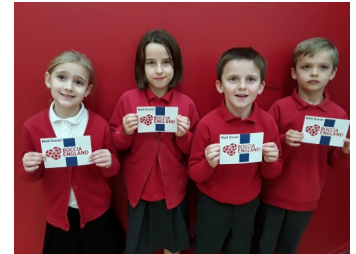
The yellow zig zag lines outside the school mean **no stopping or parking**. This applies even if you are dropping off your child and are only there for a minute or two. A parent sent me a photo of a car stopped on the yellow lines, outside school this week. They considered it to be unsafe especially for families trying to cross the road behind it.

### Dear Parents,

I am delighted to tell you that Goostrey School was in the Sunday Times **top 250 State Primary Schools** for reading, grammar and maths end of KS2 SATs.

Well done **Goostrey Boccia team**—photo of you holding your certificates.

Well done, also to all our **musicians** who entertained the residents in Mount Pleasant yesterday—more information on page 2.



**Christmas Jumper Day** is on Friday 13th December for Save the Children. There will be a minimum £1 donation per child for this very good cause. Thank you

**Christmas tags** are now on sale - please see page 6 for more information from the Eco Team.

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

### December

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| Wednesday 11th 9.30 | Infant Nativity  |
| Thursday 12th 2pm   | Infant Nativity  |
| Friday 13th         | Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Christmas Shop                            |
| Monday 16th         | PTA Christmas Shop   |
| 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](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)

## **Junior Band entertains at Mount Pleasant Residential Home**

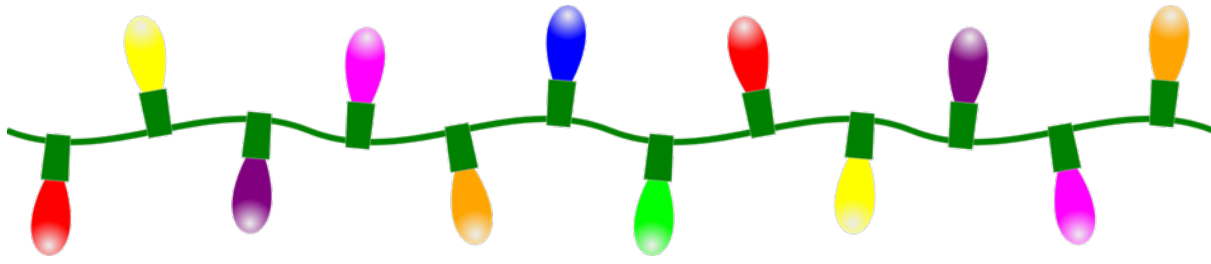
On Thursday afternoon 17 members of Mrs Hext's Junior Band entertained the residents at Mount Pleasant Residential Home.

The children played Christmas songs and sang carols with the residents. Individual children played solos on a range of instruments including the guitar, flute, keyboard and clarinet.

The children's behaviour was exemplary. They had very little space in which to set up their instruments and stands, but they quickly and sensibly organised themselves and were then ready to play.

We know the children's visit was greatly appreciated by the elderly residents and we were all really proud of the way the children represented our school.

Thank you to Miss Bayley, one of our piano teachers who came with us at the last minute, and also to Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Hammond, Mr Burgess and Mrs Withe who helped with transport.



## Christmas Decorations For Sale



Alfie's grandma have been working super hard to create these superb Christmas decorations.

There are all hand knitted. Alfie will be selling them on 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday and 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday December at lunchtime, in the junior playground.

## Elizabethfontein Summer Visit – June 2020



Thank you to everyone who supported our auction to fund the visit by children and teachers from Elizabethfontein Primary School next summer.

We are delighted to confirm that 10 children and 2 adults will be coming to Goostrey for 2 weeks next June.

If you would like to host one of the children or would like more details, please see or contact Miss Atkins or Mrs Saxton.

**Beau** has received his 3rd Blue Peter badge. This time he has achieved the music badge for starting a new Instrument- the guitar



**Ralph Worsley** from reception recently achieved his 5 meters at swimming. We are all so proud of him

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.**



# Eco News

The Eco Team have been hard at work with Mrs Walker making some unique, stylish and environmentally friendly Christmas tags. The tags will be on sale next week and at the PTA Christmas shops.

Please support the Eco Reps work by buying a pack. Thank you!



## **TAGS ON SALE FROM TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**50p for one pack or £1 for three**

JUNIORS : Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Break times in playground (in the Hall if wet).  
INFANTS: Lunchtimes next week

PTA Christmas Shops are open on Friday 13th  
and Monday 16th

Please make sure your child brings a named  
purse and a bag to carry gifts home in.

Thank you

# 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.

Preloved toys, games and nearly new items on 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*



Have a naturally

# UPCYCLED CHRISTMAS

With gifts from 20P for  
all the family (inc the dog!)



We are having a Stall at the  
Bazaar to raise funds for  
Elizabethfonteins visit. Thank you.

Year 2 crafters





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

SEARCH FOR US ON THE TOY APPEAL JUSTGIVING.COM

@thetoyappeal

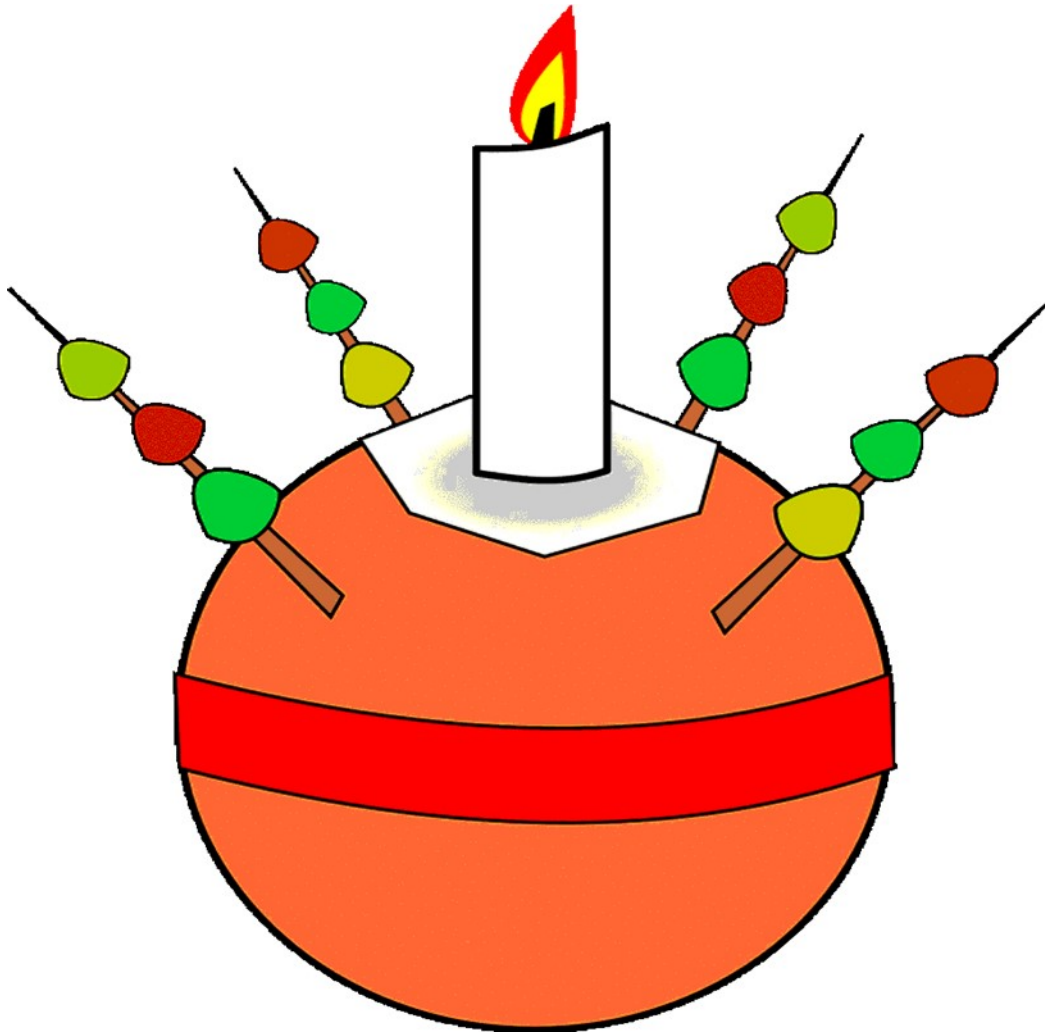
The Toy Appeal

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



**ST LUKE'S**  
**GOOSTREY**



**CHRISTINGLE  
SERVICE**

*SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
AT 4PM*

## Love Goostrey Xmas Scout Dates Dec 19

### SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey Scouts

#### Dates for the Diary

##### **24th November - Woodland Trust Big Climate Fightback at the Scout Hut**

Our young people consistently tell us that protecting our environment is one of the most important things they care about. On Sunday 24th November Cub Leader, Paul Kemsley, is inviting all young people from babes-in-arms through to young adults to drop in at the Scout Hut and Youth Centre with their families between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm to help plant our wildlife hedge as part of the Woodland Trust's Big Climate Fightback. Please bring a spade, energy and enthusiasm – and hope for dry weather!

##### **Countdown to Christmas**

The Scouts run a range of events for the community each year, which help to raise funds and/or support the work of the Parish Council. The countdown to Christmas is a very busy period.

The **Christmas Light Switch on Event** will be held at its usual location on the Bogbean on **Sunday 1 December from 5 pm onwards**, when Santa will, we hope, be able to call in to meet children, while seasonal fayre will be on offer including mulled wine, mince pies, BBQ food and hot drinks and cakes. Join in singing Christmas carols to music performed by the Rode Hall Silver Band - which is kindly funded by a donation from the Parish Council.

Watch out for **Santa's Sleigh in the first week of December**. Santa is planning to visit Goostrey West during the evening of **Wednesday 4 December**, and Goostrey East on **Thursday 5 December**, ably assisted by some of 1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey's Scout Leaders and parents. Bring the children out to meet him.

The route on December 4<sup>th</sup> **Goostrey West** will be : Main Road both sides from Long Shoot, Hermitage Lane, New Platt Lane, Boothbed Lane, Forest Avenue, Mulberry Avenue and others.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> - **Goostrey East** : Main Road (north side), Mill Lane, Woodlands, Buckbean Way, Brooklands Drive (and side roads), Station Road, Main Road (south side to Long Shoot)

Holmes Chapel's Santa Sleigh is now fitted with a GPS tracker, so anyone can send a text message G123456# to 07933 617016 and they will receive a text providing a link to a google map, showing the exact location of the sleigh.

This should greatly assist in checking that Santa is on his way, and to get ready for his arrival.

Donations to Holmes Chapel's Santa Sleigh can also be made through <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hcsantasleigh>

The **Scout Christmas Post** will again be run in December by Goostrey Scouts in conjunction with Holmes Chapel Scouts. For the modest price of 30 pence per card, let the Scouts deliver some of your local Christmas cards. Red post boxes will be located at the Scout Hut and Youth Centre, as well as at Goostrey News and the Trading Post from **1 December**, with a final collection on **Tuesday 17 December**. Please include the postcode for each recipient's address, then package your cards and payment into one bag and place in the red collection boxes. Cheques should be made payable to "1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey Scouts" please.

##### **Helpers welcome**

We would appreciate help from Scouts' parents, grandparents or other residents in running all these events. If you could spare some time to help, please contact: Neil Memmott, Group Scout Leader, e: [neil.memmott@gmail.com](mailto:neil.memmott@gmail.com) m: 07970 400880 t: 01477 544406

##### **Goostrey Scouts support the Toy Appeal for Christmas 2019**

1<sup>st</sup> Goostrey Scouts have invited all our Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to help underprivileged children by showing support for the Toy Appeal 2019. All our Scout members have been asked to try to bring a new, unwrapped toy suitable for any age group from 0 – 17 to the drop off point in the hallway at the Scout Hut & Youth Centre before Saturday 7 December. Last year the Toy Appeal provided a sack of toys to 3800 children who would not otherwise have received any presents on Christmas Day.

This year, the Toy Appeal, a charity run by Chris and Dee Drake from Twemlow Green, is keen to increase the number of children helped to 5000. Group Scout Leader, Neil Memmott, said: "We are keen for our scouts to understand that there are children who are not as fortunate as themselves in our region, and it would be wonderful if we could assist the Toy Appeal in achieving its aim of helping as many as 5000 underprivileged children in the North West to wake up on Christmas Day to a sack full of toys." The Crown Inn and Goostrey Primary School are also providing collection points for donations of new unwrapped toys. Anyone wishing to make a financial donation, please see:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheToyAppeal-2019>



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> |   |  |
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| <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 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

**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. 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.