

Newsletter 13th December 2019

Last week:

Best attendance: Y5 98.5%
Unauthorised absences: 0.09%
Lates: **360 minutes (18 pupils)**

.Elizabethfontein Summer Visit – June 2020

We still need families to host one of the children from Elizabethfontein School next summer.



If you would like to host one of the children or would like more details, please see or contact Mrs Saxton
mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you



Dear Parents,

Last Monday two **Buddhist monks** visited our school and talked to the children about their life and beliefs. It was so interesting and beautiful to listen to them and a privileged experience for all of us especially as it was their first ever school assembly.

Thank you to the infant team for the brilliant **Nativity** performances this week. To quote one parent—the children were all stars and it was fantastic.

Thank you to the PTA and everyone who helped at the **Christmas Bazaar**—we have made approx. £2000 for our pupils and hope to get some match funding as well.

Some of our older children represented us in a **swimming gala** this week and I am delighted to tell you that we gained lots of medals and silver for the whole tournament. There will be a full report next week.

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

December

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 . 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



So proud of **Tippi** she has been awarded her green belt in karate - well done!!

Beau achieved his yellow belt in his karate grading at the weekend.

Frank has passed his grade 4 piano exam with 1st class honours.

He's also the happy recipient of a Blue Peter music badge!

Rory Emmett, Year 4, performed in Congleton Youth Orchestra's 25th anniversary concert a couple of weeks ago. He plays the cello and the orchestra brought the house down!

Rory really enjoyed performing alongside his sister **Élodie** (pictured) who plays the clarinet.



At the Christmas Bazaar **Team Elf** raised an amazing £200.53 for the Elizabethfontein visit in 2020.

The children told us -

I loved being part of Team Elf. I loved being part of the Christmas Craft Club.

I loved being part of the stall. I loved coming out of class to set up the stall.

Earning lots of house points. I loved making the gnomes in the cones.

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

Planning for the New Year?

Please include the following date in your diary;

Tuesday 21st January 2020, 2.15 – 3.15 in The Sunshine Room.

We have invited Imran Kotwal, a Specialist RE Advisor, to run an information session explaining what we, in Cheshire East, teach about Islam in the RE Curriculum.

Please read about Mr Kotwal by following this link.

<https://www.muslimlearnerservices.org/mobile/about-us1.html>

At the end of KS2 the children are expected to know at least 15 aspects of the Islamic faith! Come along on the 21st and be as informed as your child!

For further information contact;

Mrs Karen Benson
RE Subject Leader
Goostrey Community Primary School
mrs.benson@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Please indicate below if you will be attending the session.

Thank you

I plan to attend the talk by Mr Imran Kotwal about ***Islam in the RE Curriculum***, on Tuesday 21st January 2020.

Name _____



FLU-LIKE ILLNESS IN SCHOOLS INFORMATION FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND STAFF

General hygiene

The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please ensure that you and your child wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after using the toilet, after using a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze, and before eating. If you are in a place where you are unable to wash your hands wet wipes or hand gels can be used.

Influenza (Flu)

Flu and flu-like viruses spread easily between people from coughs and sneezes. They can live on hands and surfaces for up to 24 hours. Symptoms of flu may develop quickly and can include:

- sudden fever
- dry, chesty cough
- sore throat
- aching body
- headache
- tiredness
- diarrhoea or tummy pain
- nausea

For most healthy people flu is an unpleasant but self-limiting illness. However, some people can be more at risk of developing severe illness or complications including the following groups:

- those aged 65 years or over
- pregnant women
- those with a long-term medical condition – for example, diabetes or a heart, lung, kidney or neurological disease
- those with a weakened immune system – for example, because of chemotherapy or HIV

If you or your child are affected by flu-like illnesses please stay off school until recovered and not had a fever for at least 24 hours.

If you or your child are in an at-risk group AND develop symptoms of flu, please seek prompt medical assessment via NHS 111, by a GP or a nurse who will be able to provide further advice.

If you or your child are not in an at-risk group but develop flu like illness and are concerned about your symptoms, please consult NHS 111, your GP or nurse in the normal way.

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.

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 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. 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.