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Dear Families,

Thankyou to Mr Alfred Jackson for giving the school his copy of **Holly from the Bongs**, a book detailing the Nativity play by Alan Garner and Roger Hill. This beautiful piece of history, set in Goostrey Village and the School is in my office. If anyone would like to look at it you are very welcome to email me head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk and we can arrange for you to come in and look through it. Some of you may well be in the book or know children who were featured in it—some may be parents or grandparents of our pupils. A big thank you to Mr Jackson.

It's the Christmas Shop next week—Tuesday and Thursday . Children can buy gifts and take them home for a lovely surprise for their families. **Please see page 4**
Christmas Jumper Day next Friday—£2 cash to join in. Recycling Christmas tags - please **see page 6**

Elf Run more details on **page 8**—there are hats (with ears) for every child.



REMINDER—tickets for **CLASS HAMPERS** are on sale £1 a strip—please see **page 3** for more information and photos of the fabulous hampers.

Cup U Like was a huge success—a big congratulations to Finlay and Ollie in Y6 for thinking of the idea and co ordinating the event. A brilliant **£160** has been raised for their chosen charity TEAM SEAS.

Thank you Mrs Cooper for accompanying our Y5 and 6 pupils to a dance workshop at HCCS after school last Monday—**report on page 2.**

Covid update for Cheshire East and our school is on **page 7**

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 are on our website

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.

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms 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>

DANCE WORKSHOP

On Monday night, ten children from years 5 and 6 took advantage of a dance workshop organised by Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School. When we arrived, the children were put into school groups and then the dance leader from HCCS explained the theme of the workshop. Children were asked to think about moving on, especially the transition from primary school to secondary. The various schools were taken to different rooms so there was plenty of room. The session started with moves suggested by the teacher but there was also time for the children to work on their own moves in small groups. There was plenty of time to practise the routines and refine them.

At the end of the session, all the schools returned to the small hall and showcased what they had created. All of the dances were performed to different contemporary tracks so each performance was completely original. Everyone was incredibly impressed with what the children managed to learn in such a short period of time and the standard of the performances.

The children worked well together and made the most of this opportunity. They were all really engaged and keen to hone their dance skills and it was also a good chance to meet some of their possible future teachers. Well done Isla, Kate, Gabriella, Finley, Scarlet-Rose, Sophie, Cole, Henry, Brianna and Emily and many thanks to parents for bringing them to this exciting event.

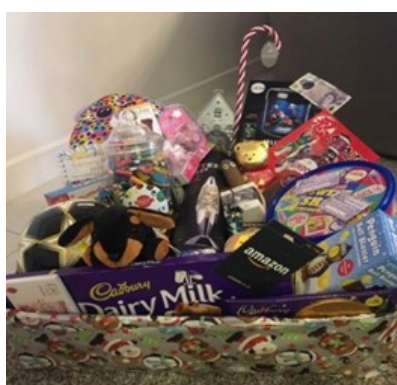
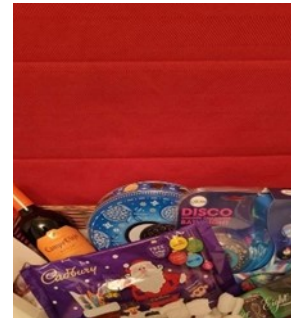
Mrs Cooper

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.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOP



CHRISTMAS SHOPS 7TH AND 9TH DECEMBER 2021

**DON'T FORGET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
THIS YEAR CHILDREN !!!**

**GIFTS FOR MUMS, DADS, GRANDPARENTS, BROTHERS,
SISTERS AND EVEN PETS! 🐾🐾**

**WE HAVE SOME GREAT GIFTS ON SALE STARTING
FROM 50 PENCE TO £5**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR MONEY IN A NAMED PURSE AND
DON'T FORGET YOUR BAG FOR LIFE TO BRING YOUR
GIFTS HOME!**



School Uniform—RECYCLING

The PTA has a lot of new / nearly new school uniform at a very reasonable price.

**If you would like to look at this for your child/ren please email Mrs Carroll to arrange a visit.
mrs.carroll@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk**

Thank you

During the October half term, **Emily** and her pony Tig attended an evaluation day with the Pony Racing Authority at Aintree racecourse. After a long 4 week wait she was informed this week that she had passed the assessment and has been awarded her licence to race in next year's pony point to point series. She is very excited to out on the track and we are all really proud of her achievement.



Emily Hemmings Yr6

Alan has achieved his red belt in Kick Boxing! He's only recently taken up the sport and we're super proud of how far he has come!!



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.



ECO NEWS
Christmas Tags

Year 6 children have been busy recycling Christmas cards. They have produced lovely colourful tags which will cost 50p per pack of 10 or 3 packs for £1. These will go on sale in school at lunch time (Junior Site) and after school (Infant Site) from Monday December 6th. Please support their efforts and use these handmade tags to attach to your Christmas gifts.



Happy Christmas from the tag making team

Friday update - Covid Cheshire East

Rates 397 per 100,000 (415 per 100, 00 last week)

0 – 3 is 227 per 100,000 (297 last week)

4 – 11 is 947 per 100,000 (1087)

12 – 16 is 638 per 100,000 (701)

17 – 18 is 482 per 100,000 (321)

0 – 18 is 678 per 100,000 (754)

Primary pupils with positive tests – 553 this week (423 last week)

Secondary and special 278 this week (162 last week)

Primary School Data

1209 per 100,000 LA level

1022 per 100,000 English

North West 863 per 100,000

Local authority data shows our primary infection levels is considerably above the national

Goostrey School: 0 members of our school community are currently absent after having a positive PCR test for Covid.

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/>



**JOIN US FOR SOME FUNDRAISING FUN
THIS DECEMBER WITH THE ELF RUN!**

This Christmas, Goostrey Primary, is supporting St Luke's by completing an "Elf Run" at school. Each child will receive a pair of elf ears for this event which they will then bring home. On Monday 29th November St Luke's will lead an assembly for all the children. We are asking for donations and you can either send these to school in an envelope or you can donate on the JustGiving link below.

We plan to do the elf run in the last week of term. All funds raised go to St Luke's.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Goostrey-Community-Primary-School

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Fair last Saturday. We raised over £1,500 and we are very grateful for your support.



Next week Christingle Bags will be distributed to the children after school.

The Christingle is adopted by the Children's Society to highlight their work with children and youth experiencing difficulties. The Christingle emphasises the light of Christ coming into the world at Christmas which motivates their work. If you wish to donate to their valuable work details will be found with the Christingle itself or donate at the service at St Luke's on Sunday 12th December at 4pm.



There will be a JAM session in the old school hall this Sunday 5th December from 10.00 am onwards. Look forward to seeing you then

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/>



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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.