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Newsletter 20th December 2019

Last week:

Best attendance: Reception 97.3%

Unauthorised absences: 0.04%

Lates: 261 minutes (18 pupils)

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made the **Carol Service** such a joyous and wonderful occasion. Children your singing and enthusiasm was outstanding. Thank you to Reverend Buckley for allowing us to use St Luke's beautiful church.

House points for this half term have been added up and are on page 2. Thank you Ms Bairstow for co-ordinating this.

Thank you for supporting our Jumper Day—we raised £186.30 for **Save the Children**.

Parent governors will be meeting with school staff on January 13th. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to discuss.

Swimming Gala report is on page 3—well done to all the children who swam so brilliantly for their school.

We are very sorry to hear that Goostrey Pre-School has fallen victim to theft. While we are completely separate organisations we do offer our support to the Trustees and staff if needed.

School finishes today for the Christmas holidays and the children return on Tuesday 7th January. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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

December

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

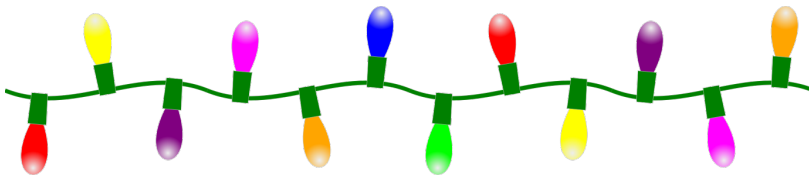


Thank you to everyone who has supported the Eco team by buying Christmas tags this year. We would be grateful if you would please recycle cards received this year by sending them into school in January. Thank you and Happy Christmas .

House points for this half term:

1. Lovell 1,073
2. Harding 1,056
3. Garner 919
4. Mallory 769

Lovell your free dress day will be on Friday 10th January



Well Done Alfie – SOLD OUT!



A huge well done to Alfie and his team of Christmas elves. This great team sold all the decorations made by Alfie's super talented grandma, at breaktimes.

Alfie raised **£234.76** which will go to help support the visit by the children and staff from Elizabethfontein Primer – South Africa.

A massive well done to **Jules Brown** for getting player of the week at Sandbach rugby club. He showed excellent team work and great passing skills.



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

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 11th December we attended a swimming gala at Sandbach Boys School against Holmes Chapel Primary, Peover Superior Primary and Chelford Primary schools. Goostrey was represented by Harrison, Joe, Holly, Lucy, Ted, Tom, Eva, Mollie, Eban and Elliana.

We began with the boys' freestyle heats and Harrison and Joe both got through to the finals with Harrison taking third place and Joe coming forth. Then we had the girls' freestyle final with Holly coming first in her heat and Lucy third in her heat. Holly then qualified for the final and came in second place getting the silver medal. Next was the boys' breaststroke heats: Ted and Tom swam like fish and both finished first in their heat. They were both in the final with Ted taking gold medal and Tom the bronze medal. Lucy and Eva swam the breaststroke but missed out on the final by seconds. Boys backstroke saw Eban coming in third by a millisecond and Harrison came second so in the final Eban came second taking the silver and Harrison the bronze medal. In the girls' backstroke Eva and Elliana came second in their heats but only Elliana made it through to the final coming third. Then it was time for the boys' freestyle relay and Ted, Harrison, Eban and Tom came first so we knew the final was going to be an exciting one. The girls, Holly, Lucy, Elliana and Eva, came 3rd in their heat and third in the final.

The boys' freestyle relay final proved ridiculously exciting and we thought we had won as Harrison swam his heart out to catch up to the Holmes Chapel. Unfortunately we came second by what I would say was a hair's breadth but a race well worth losing one's voice in due to me screaming so loudly!

A most enjoyable afternoon spent in the warmth of the poolside. A big thank you to Mrs Howarth, who came along to help and support us. Thank you also to the many parents for transporting their children to the event. Thank you to all the swimmers for taking part, it was lovely to spend such a fun afternoon together.

Have a happy Christmas holiday from all at St Luke's

You are welcome to any of our Christmas services

The Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm is for young families.

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 _____

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 Vizilogger 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 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

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

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/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.