



Newsletter 10th January 2020

Last week (w/c 16.12.19):

Best attendance: Y5 98.2%

Unauthorised absences: **1.8%**

Lates: **367 minutes (19 pupils)**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and thank you for all your cards and generous gifts that you gave the staff at the end of last term.

Mrs Benson has decided to retire from her teaching post in the juniors and leaves on Thursday 13th February. Thank you Mrs Benson for all your dedication and commitment to the school. There are so many things we will miss when you leave us — your expertise in leading RE, your enthusiasm and talents developing the singing with such passion and joy, your determination to get the very best out of the children in our care and the wonderful cakes you bake, to name just a few. Mrs Benson you have been part of the Goostrey family for many years and we all wish you a long and happy retirement.

Goostrey School has launched a new official sports top that we would like the children to wear for their PE sessions. When your child's top is ready to be replaced please consider buying one from our provider: https://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey/boys/training_top.



The PTA have also purchased a set of tops for our teams when they represent the school in sporting events.

Governors meeting with school staff on Monday 13th to discuss any comments you may wish us to consider

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

January

Tuesday 21st

Friday 24th

Thursday 30th

Imran Kotwal talk for parents on the teaching of Islam in our school

Year 4 Cake Sale

Young Voices

February

Thursday 6th

Friday 7th

Friday 14th

Friday 28th

POPUK Concert pm —whole school—families invited

PTA Beetle Drive

School finishes for half term break, pupils return on Monday 24th.

Year 3 Cake Sale

March

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th

Friday 20th

Friday 27th

Parents' Evenings

PTA Film Night

Year 2 Cake Sale

April

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

Year 4 residential to York (one night)

School closes for Easter holidays, pupils return on Monday 20th

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.

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

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

Assemblies

The children had a special visitor to lead the Infant and Junior assemblies on Wednesday.

Matthew Flint spent a week last summer working at our twin school (Elizabethfontein Primary) in South Africa. He talked to the children about the school and his experiences during his time there, which included helping to teach English and Music, joining in morning yoga sessions and rock climbing. We thank Matthew very much for taking the time to come and talk to us about what was for him a very special and rewarding experience.



Elizabethfontein Visit - June 17th - 30th

We are holding our first meeting on January 27th with Goostrey school families who have expressed an interest in hosting a child from Elizabethfontein in June.

If you are not able to host a child but would like to help in any other way or have ideas about how we can make the visit as successful as we can for both Goostrey and Elizabethfontein schools, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

Data capture date for grant funding is next Thursday 16th January

As you may be aware, infant classes are provided with a free school meal under the above scheme. School is charged for these meals and we are provided with grant funding to cover this cost. The grant funding is allocated on data captured on January 16th school census information. This means that every Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupil taking a school meal on this date generates £430 towards our grant funding. Obviously, we want to generate as much funding as possible so our Catering Team have altered the menu for next week to hopefully encourage those Infant pupils who do not usually have a meal on a Thursday to register for one.

The meal option for Wednesday 15th will be what is listed on the weekly menu for the 16th; Beef Hot Pot or Veggie Sausage Roll

Census Day Thursday 16th the menu will be;

Hot Dogs with Chips/Sauté potatoes
Or Cheesy Pasta (V)
Salad Bar

Jelly, Ice-cream and Fruit



If your child does not usually have a school meal on a Thursday, please support our funding by registering for a meal on this date!

All you need to do is let Mrs Williams or Mrs Carroll know via telephone or email; mrs.williams@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or mrs.carroll@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you.

A huge well done to **Charlie Anderson** in year 6 on receiving the award for 'Most Improved Pianist Autumn Term 2019'. Charlie, who is currently working towards his Piano Grade 1 examination, always puts 100% of energy into his piano studies and this shone through even more so last term. Well done Charlie!



Well done to **Monty Burgess** has passed his grade 1 Rockscool acoustic exam.

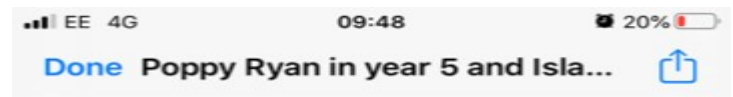
Each term a certificate and trophy will be presented to one of the children taking piano lessons in school with me in recognition of their enthusiasm, determination and individual progress.

The award was introduced to acknowledge that while the children are all working towards various academic music achievements, no matter what level, their enthusiasm and practice efforts should be recognised.

It is wonderful to see each pupil's confidence building as they learn and master how to play a new piece or technical exercise. Charlie is the second recipient of the award.

Eleanor Stutfield in year 5 was awarded 'Most Improved Pianist Summer Term 2019' for her constant determination and positive approach to learning.

Miss Bayley Music Tutor



Poppy Ryan in year 5 and Isla Machin in year 4 train at Polegym in Goostrey and have both recently competed in the International Pole and Aerial Arts tournament (IPAAT 2020) in the Youth Hoop Category. They both scored really highly and made it into the semi-finals. We're really proud of them and their commitment to the sport.



Isla Machin has also passed her Grade 1 Piano exam with honours this month. We're really proud of her hard work.



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 _____



PLOUGH SERVICE SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY AT 10.30 AM
THE LOFT: BIDLEA – BROWN'S FARM TWEMLOW
ALL WELCOME – COME AND JOIN IN

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.

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

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

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.