



Newsletter 17th January 2020

Last week:

Best attendance: Y3 100%
Unauthorised absences: 1.04%
Lates: **74 minutes (8 pupils)**

Dear Parents,

Parent governors and senior staff met last Monday. There were many lovely comments from parents about last year's Carol Service and appreciation for the staff and all the hard work and effort. Rockstars and children's enthusiasm for Accelerated Reader was also discussed. One family has commented on the new books in the infants finding them more inspiring with more substance. There was a suggestion that new children are welcomed in the newsletter. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions.

We would love you to come and listen to Imran Kotwal speak, next Tuesday, at 2.15 in the Sunshine Room. Imran is coming to our school to talk about how we teach Islam to our pupils. Please come and support this talk if you can — more information on page 4. Thank you

Health and Safety reminder: *there are no school staff on duty on the playgrounds before school starts at 8.55. If you choose to send your child in before this time they remain your responsibility until the school day begins. We consider locking the gates before 8.55 poses a high risk for families and children waiting to come into school on the narrow pavement next to the main road. For this reason we choose to keep the playground gates open.*

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 (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

Arthur has completed his
50m swimming badge .



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.




On behalf of everyone involved with The Storehouse Foodbank based at New Life Church, we would like to thank the numerous individuals, local businesses, schools, churches, clubs and organisations for their amazing generosity in supporting the Christmas Hamper and Christmas Present initiative.

Over 450 hampers, and presents and food parcels were distributed throughout Congleton and surrounding area, either directly to individual homes or through the various support agencies, and all were received with great appreciation.


Local companies and schools released teams to help with the wrapping and packing and the distribution was facilitated by friends at the Bosley Warehouse.

The Storehouse team are also very grateful to The Chronicle for the free community advert and the regular publicity reports and photographs.

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There are parents living near you who are finding life overwhelming making it difficult to support the children they love so much. Just 3 hours a week can make a difference to parents under pressure. Our volunteers spend time visiting families, sharing parenting skills, talking, listening, playing with children, enjoying outings and in turn enabling families to cope.

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www.homestartcheshire.org.uk

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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

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

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/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.