



Newsletter 24th January 2020

Last week:

Best attendance: Y3 99.4%

Unauthorised absences: 0.09%

Lates: 245 minutes (22 pupils)

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Mrs Benson for organising the meeting with Mr Kotwal -

On Tuesday we were very pleased to welcome Imran Kotwal to visit our school. Mr Kotwal is an Hafidh al Qur'an (he can recite the entire Qur'an by heart!) and a qualified teacher, with a track record of being an excellent practitioner; he has trained and worked as an Ofsted Inspector and he has extensive experience of teaching Islam to young people of all faiths and none.

Imran spoke to a group of parents and governors about the Islamic faith and about aspects of the faith that are that included in our school curriculum.

We all learned such a lot and we enjoyed the conversations with Mr Kotwal, who answered many of our questions! He was a very engaging speaker and we enjoyed his good humour and his insight.

I would like to thank Miss Atkins for allowing me to arrange this meeting and also thank the governors and parents who gave their time, (some people took time off work!) to attend this excellent, informative session. There were a lot of positive comments about this experience.

Karen Benson

RE Subject Leader

POP UK is on the way—on Thursday 6th February every child in Goostrey school will be singing two PopUK concerts for parents. These will take place in the Village Hall - first concert at 1:15pm and the second, at 2:15pm . Page 2 for lots more information

Thank you to all the children and staff who went to the athletics tournament on Wednesday—report on page 3.

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

January

Friday 24th

Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 30th

Young Voices

February

Thursday 6th

POPUK Concert pm

Friday 7th

PTA Beetle Drive

Friday 14th

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

Friday 28th

Year 3 Cake Sale

March

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th

Parents' Evenings

Friday 13th and Monday 16th

Mother's Day Shops

Friday 20th

PTA Film Night

Thursday 26th

Comedy Night

Friday 27th

Year 2 Cake Sale

April

Thursday 2nd

Year 4 residential to York (one night)

Friday 3rd

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



POP UK.org is a charitable music trust that has been working in schools all over Britain for 14 years, writing and teaching new songs about positive values in life, and giving children the confidence to record and perform them in their own communities.

On Thursday 6th February every child in Goostrey School will be singing two PopUK concerts for parents. These will take place in the Village Hall - first concert at 1:15pm and the second, at 2:15pm

Tickets will be issued for the two afternoon concerts. These tickets do not cost anything! Buckets for donations to cover the cost of this singing project will be on the door as you leave the concert you attend – please give generously! (The cost of this experience is substantial and the PTA has kindly donated a sum towards it along with money from the school budget so the money from the buckets will hopefully make up the shortfall.)

The songs we are singing at the concert will be learned on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week in school time, and on the Thursday (30th) we shall be recording these songs! We are all looking forward to an exciting, music filled week!

If you would like to order a CD of your child singing these songs in Goostrey Community Primary School, please fill in the form below and send this to school in an envelope with the **correct cash** . A CD costs £8.

(We will not be handling this money – it will go directly to POP UK.org, so we will not have change or be able to handle cheques. The CDs will be available for you to collect on the day of the concerts.) LAST ORDERS ON THURSDAY 30th January 2020

I (Name) _____ would like to order

(Number) _____ copies of The Goostrey CP School CD, recorded by POP UK.org.

My child (Name)

_____ ***is in Year*** _____.

I enclose £ _____ cash

Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 20 children from across the juniors took part in an indoor athletics event at HCCS.

The children took part in field and track events. The afternoon started with the boys then the girls' obstacle relay race. The boys and girls then alternated with field and track events. First up in running were the girls with 1x1 (one lap each of the hall) and the 2x2 (two laps) races for girls while the boys took part in the field events which included: chest push, vertical jump, speed bounce, standing long jump and standing triple jump. They then swapped over with this rotation happening 3 times. The races however changed to 6 paarluf (6 laps of the hall), hurdles and javelin (including Mrs Freeman's fantastic effort!).

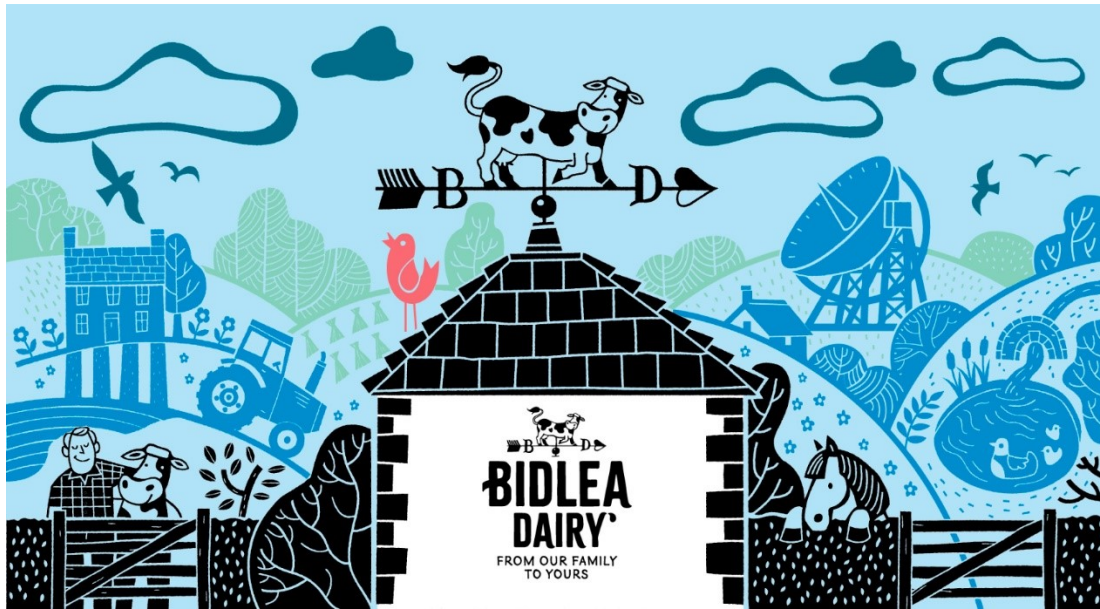
The event finished with 4 x 1 lap relay for the boys and girls. Everyone had the opportunity to participate in two field and two track events. It was a loud and busy afternoon filled with excitement and a wonderful atmosphere. The parents joined in enthusiastically and it was great having their support.

Thank you to Heidi, Martha, Lucy P, Elliana, Holly, Eva, Rosie, Tiah, Ella, Jack P, Fraser, Harry, Jack S, Charlie, Noah, Frankie, Jack M, Tom, Joe and Monty

Goostrey Village Education Sunday Service

Sunday 9th February 10am in the Village Hall
If you would like to play a solo, sing a song, say a poem, write a prayer or contribute in any other way we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or katehext@icloud.com



Mr and Mrs Brown from Orchards Farm at Twemlow came to talk to Year 3 about the life of a dairy farmer yesterday. The children learnt all about the cows, and how over the years many champions have been bred on the farm. One of their cows was European Supreme Champion in 1993! We learnt about changes in farming over the years and about the products that are now produced and sold at the farm.

There is more information about their products on BidleaDairy.co.uk

Thank you so much to Ray and Jill Brown for making time in your very busy day to come and talk to us.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM NEWS

It's a new term and so we have 10 new and very keen curators. Many thanks for all the hard work and commitment shown by our Autumn term curators, Imogen, Seren, Sydney, Bea, Freddy, Chloe, Noah, Theo, Elliott and Kacey.

Our theme this term is **BRITISH BIRDS**

If you have anything relating to this theme that we could use or display we would really appreciate it. Also any donations of garden bird food for our bird table would be great.

We will be taking part in the RSPB bird count between January 25th to 27th.

Thank you

Mrs Raven and the curators





Harriette and Rupert have both passed their swimming stages – Rupert is now in stage three and Harriette is in stage five.

Congratulations to **Archie O'Regan** for getting a Silver medal in the boys Levels Competition, at Hartford Gymnastics. There were 6 Olympic pieces of apparatus including a Physical prep routine on floor.

Mum and Dad are very proud of him.



Well done to **Jasmine Ashmore** Yr 2 for completing her stage 4 swimming badge. We are all very proud.

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.

2nd Goostrey Brownies currently have space for new members.



We welcome girls aged between 7 & 10yrs who enjoy adventures, having fun and making new friends. We meet on a Monday night from 5.30pm – 7.00pm at Goostrey Scout Hut and Youth Centre. The Brownies often choose for themselves what they would like to do. In the past 12 months we have had a go at water sports, trampolining, curling, grass sledging, a trip to Cadbury World, a pantomime visit, a swimming party, had a sleepover in a big top with 600 other Brownies and earned lots of badges!

For more details contact Sarah on 07815 538853 or email sarah@russellsoft.co.uk



Cafe Church 4pm in Old School Hall
Hopes and Dreams for 2020. Be sure of a warm welcome

Sandbach Netball Club

Do you enjoy netball? Want to be active, learn more about netball and meet new friends?

Come and join Sandbach Netball Club!

TRAINING SESSIONS @ SANDBACH LEISURE CENTRE

with fully qualified coaches (all DBS checked)

Years 2-6, Friday evenings 4.15pm to 5.15pm

Years 7-11, Friday evenings 5pm to 6.20pm

Only £2 per session, first taster session free!

For Further info contact David Chadwick
on: 07580 660301 or via email:

sandbachnc@gmail.com





Sandbach Netball Club

Ladies Back to netball!

Do you miss the game you enjoyed playing or fancy learning a new sport? Come along, keep active, have fun and meet new friends.

TRAINING SESSIONS Every Wednesday 7pm to 8pm

@ SANDBACH BOYS SCHOOL (sports hall)

with England Netball qualified coaches

Only £1 a session

For further info contact David Chadwick on: 07580 660301 or 01270 766776
or via email: sandbachnc@gmail.com



National tests 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.

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

www.goostreypreschool.org.uk

Telephone: 07471 756720 - available during pre-school hours only.

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/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.