



## Newsletter 31st January

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### Last week:

Best attendance: Y2 and Y3 98.7%

Unauthorised absences: 0.04%

Lates: 112 minutes (4 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

Its been a great week for singing—**POPUK and Young Voices**. Amanda Spielman, Chief Inspector for Ofsted gave a speech recently which included the following: ***Learning to sing is key for young children – singing is the most natural thing in the world. The voice is the first musical instrument we all learn and mastering singing sets children up well for a musical future. But it's not just the musical and emotional benefits that singing together bring. Songs include vocabulary that stretches children. And singing also helps with articulation in terms of speech and language difficulties.*** Thank you to all the staff who have led and facilitated these two events for the children and we look forward to the POPUK concerts next week.

Well done to our hockey teams and staff who have trained the pupils and accompanied them at the tournament this week—full report on page 3.

Page 2—they're on their way—arriving June.....

Book Fair is coming next Tuesday—more details on page 4.

Tai Chi is starting on a Monday morning for years 4 , 5 and 6. Please see page 6 for more information.

**Please keep checking the weekly newsletter and the class pages on the website—always lots of information to keep you up to date.**

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

### February—next week:

**Tuesday 4th**

**Thursday 6th**

**Friday 7th**

**Sunday 9th**

Friday 14th

Friday 28th

### March

Thursday 5th

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th

Friday 13th and Monday 16th

Friday 20th

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

### April

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

**Book Fair starts**

**POPUK Concert pm**

**PTA Beetle Drive**

**Education Sunday—more information on page 4**

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

Year 3 Cake Sale

World Book Day—bring your slippers or bed socks to school

Parents' Evenings

Mother's Day Shops

PTA Film Night

Comedy Night

Year 2 Cake Sale

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](mailto: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](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

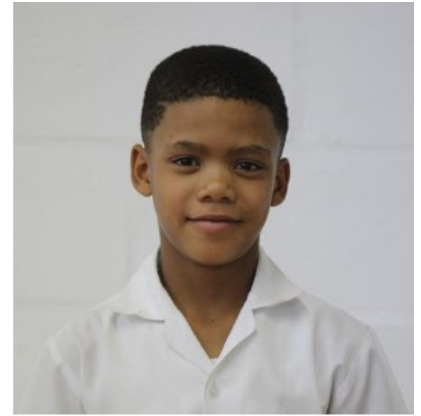
The children from Elizabethfontein School who will be coming to our school next June. We are so looking forward to meeting them.



**Ferlin Farmer**



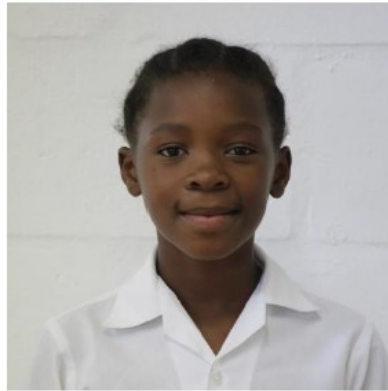
**Francios Zimri**



**Allan van Vught**



**Gwyneth Swarts**



**Amyoli Kwepile**



**Juliano vir Rooi**



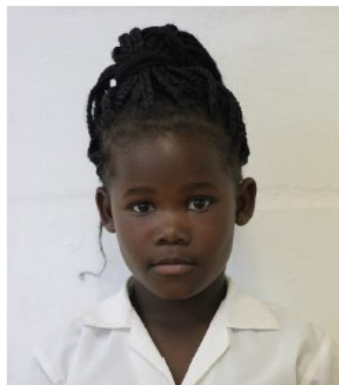
**Genique Persens**



**Cameron Boois**



**Breghet Perrang**



**Itumeleng Moeketsi**



### Hockey Cluster Tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive

A wave of 14 excited Year 6 children arrived at HCCS, proudly clad in their bright red pristine Goostrey team tops – very kindly donated by the PTA. Some of the children were keen to improve on last year's Bronze position. Both teams played 6 matches each and the results are pretty impressive.

#### Goostrey A

Won 5      Lost: 1      Goals for : 14      Goals Against : 2

Goal scorers: Joe, Jack, Ted, Eva. Incredible team performance overall, only losing one game to Brereton (tournament winner) by 2 goals. The children played some sensational hockey and stood out in terms of their passing to stick, creating space, goal scoring and gutsy performances in midfield (Ted, Jack, Lucy and Eva), and our invincible defense - Harry and Harrison. Not forgetting Joe, who stunned us all with his excellent 3D skills. Nail biting moments in the penultimate game against Brereton, when Jack and Ted dug really deep and almost beat the opposition defense. Seconds later, Harry dashed down the wing from his defensive position and missed the inside post by a whisker – outstanding.

#### Goostrey B

Won: 2      Lost: 3      Draw: 1      Goals For: 4      Goals Against: 5

Goal scorers: Holly and Charlie A. I, Mrs Flint, was lucky enough to join the team on Tuesday afternoon to help Mrs Cuttle at the tournament. The children shone in their team spirit, tenacity and skills. I am a hockey novice but I can scream enthusiastically at the best of times and I didn't stop all afternoon! My squad of Martha, Charlie M and Charlie A, James, Thomas, Holly and Archie did Goostrey proud. There was no lack of energy and they all held their positions, marked their opponents well and displayed endless energy.

We are extremely proud to report that Goostrey A received a well-deserved Silver medal and Goostrey B, after only picking up their hockey sticks approximately 8 weeks ago – gained an amazing fourth place. We are so proud of all the children in terms of their team spirit, positive attitude, hockey skills and sporting talent.

Thank you to all our supporters for turning up in the freezing cold to cheer on Team Goostrey this evening and especially to Mrs Saunders who has helped me with Hockey Club for the last few weeks – your assistance and support has been invaluable, much appreciated and ensured all the children in Year 6 and our future hockey stars in Year 5 (Eban, Alex, Harry T and Frank) have been given an opportunity to try a new sport.

Mrs Cuttle

**\*\*BOOK FAIR\*\*BOOK FAIR\*\*BOOK FAIR\*\*BOOK FAIR\*\*BOOK FAIR\*\***

The ever-popular Travelling Book Fair will be visiting us soon with a wide range of exciting and imaginative story books, mixed in with some fantastic factual reads, too. Why not visit us after school to browse through the brilliant books for all ages and maybe take home a title that will transport you to another world. Why not come along and see what delights are on offer, maybe even buy your Easter (or summer) read for the beach.

When: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Where: Junior School Hall  
Time: 3:35 - 4:00pm

Please note that the as well as a range of wonderful children's story books, the fair will also stock a wide range of stationery items including rubbers, pencils, posters, bookmarks, pencil cases, etc. Please do have a chat with your child about what they are able to purchase when they visit us.

Each year, we are thrilled and amazed at how many new books are purchased and enjoyed by our pupils and their families. In turn, the school - or rather our pupils - are rewarded with a wide selection of free books in our classrooms. Last year, they were able to enjoy £720 worth of free books across the school.

We look forward to serving you at the fair next week - Happy Reading!

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## Goostrey Village Education Sunday Service

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [katehext@icloud.com](mailto:katehext@icloud.com)

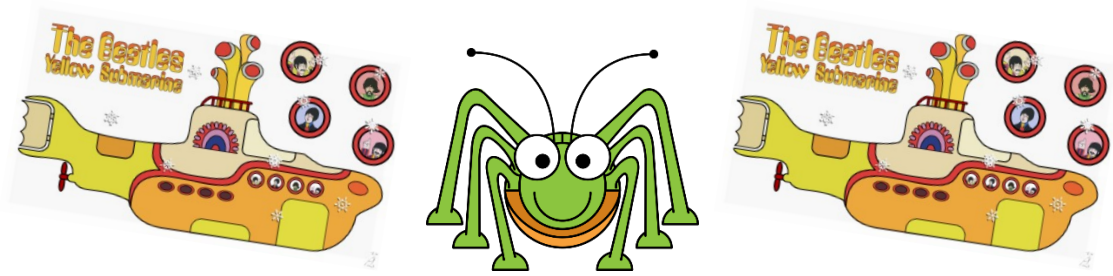
**If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)**

**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.**



**P.T.A**

# **Beetle Drive**

**Fantastic Family Fun!**

**Come and join in the fun**

**Junior Hall**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**6 – 7.30 pm**

**£1 per person**

**Prizes to be won!**

**Refreshments available**



Master Xianglin (Joe) Li

## ***Try Something New!***

**On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February** Joe, a Tai Chi Master, is coming to school to run a **Tai Chi** taster session.

**Village Hall**  
**8am**

**Tai Chi** is an ancient Chinese art. The essential principle of Tai Chi is to integrate the mind with the body through the control of movements and breathing.

Joe runs classes all over the Manchester and East Cheshire area, for people of all ages.

The class on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February is open to children, in Years 4,5 and 6 and adults who work in school.

A permission form for the taster session will go out on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and needs to be returned by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

If enough interest is expressed, classes will run regularly following this taster session. Further information will then follow.

More information, including the cost of future sessions, will be given out at the taster session.  
The taster session is free.

## 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 have been taking part in the RSPB bird count between January 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you

Mrs Raven and the curators



# LILLY AND MEGAN'S CAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

WE ARE DOING A CAKE SALE TAKING PLACE ON FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
OF FEBRUARY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THESE CHARITIES:

1. GREENPEACE ( AN ENVIRONMENTAL CHARITY THAT  
WANTS TO REMOVE PLASTICS )



2. SHELTER ( A HOMELESSNESS CHARITY)

Shelter

3. COOL EARTH ( A RAIN FOREST CHARITY)



WE WILL SPLIT THE MONEY EQUALLY BETWEEN THESE  
CHARITIES.

PRICES WILL RANGE FROM 50P TO £1.00 AND CAKES WILL  
BE SOLD ON THE JUNIOR SIDE AT MORNING BREAK.



JAM this Sunday 2nd Feb -fun, activities, songs.  
COME and JOIN in at 9.45 in Old School Hall

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*



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

<b>Penalties for unauthorised absence</b>		
<b>Timeline</b>	<b>One child</b>	<b>Two children</b>
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 28<sup>th</sup> day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

**Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer; [educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or you can also telephone the main office.**

**Tel: 01270 375277**

**Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews](http://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](http://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

**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](http://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](http://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.