



## Newsletter 7th February 2020

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### Last week:

Best attendance: Y2 98.3%

Unauthorised absences: 0.65%

Lates: 37 minutes (6 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

**POPUK** concerts were a huge success and a fantastic experience for all our children. Thank you to Mrs Benson for all her hard work and dedication in organising and leading this event. It will be in the children's and adults' memories for a very long time. Seeing the whole school together, singing with such happiness and enthusiasm—priceless.

**Young Voices**—another wonderful musical experience for our super singers—thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have rehearsed with the choir since September and who gladly gave their Thursday night to accompany the children to this event. More information on page 2.

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

Don't forget the **Book Fair** is still on until Monday.

**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.*

Friday 14th

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

Friday 28th

Year 3 Cake Sale

### March

Thursday 5th

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

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](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)



Congratulations to Goostrey pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 who've taken part in fencing lessons for the past month. They were inspired to try the sport after enjoying a demonstration in assembly time at school before Christmas. Pupils earned a variety of awards ranging from Bronze, Silver and Gold all the way up to Platinum. Well done to everyone, especially to Martha Bairstow who was awarded her Platinum Award after completing fencing sessions over the past 4 years.

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.**

## Young Voices 2020

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January, forty-two very excited children set off to be part of the Young Voices choir at the Manchester Arena along with thousands of other children.



**Thank you to Max Howson in year 4 for writing his review of the day .....**

“Our School has taken part in Young Voices 2020. Children from years 4-6 worked very hard with Mrs Saxton, Miss Bairstow and Mrs Sant. They practised the songs every Tuesday after school. When the day finally arrived to go to Manchester Arena all of the children were very excited. In the arena there were over 7,000 children from many schools. The children practised more, all afternoon, this time guided by a conductor. By 7pm the audience filled the arena, then the show began. The children sang for two hours with other famous faces, like Tony Hadley, The Shires and The Voice winner 2018 Ruti Olajadbagbe. The children sang many medleys, songs and a mash-up too. Everyone had a fabulous time and can not wait for next year!!”

Just after rehearsal we were lucky enough to meet Andy from Urban Strides and we even got a selfie with him!



## ECO NEWS



Wow! Well done everyone we have managed to collect 8.5Kg of crisp packets in 8 weeks!

These have now been boxed up and are on their way to Terracycle to be sorted and recycled.

Everytime we send in a parcel, Terracycle count the waste and add points to our school account which are converted to pounds so that we can donate the money to a charity. Since we have started the scheme we have already raised £13.84 and that does not include the last parcels we have sent! It really helps if you are able to flatten the packs but don't worry if you can't we are still happy to collect them.

You also don't need to be at school to send in your empty crisp packets. Goostrey residents and friends are welcome to use our crisp packet recycling boxes, which are located outside both the Infant and Junior schools.

If you have collected a large number of packets please get in touch with Miss Bairstow ([miss.bairstow@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:miss.bairstow@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)) and we can arrange a separate collection.

Happy Collecting  
The Eco Team

**\*\*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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## **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

Some of the children in Reception took part (with the help of Mrs Raven) in the annual RSPB Birdwatch. There was great excitement when they saw different birds and they tried very hard to identify them on their sheet. During the hour they counted 31 crows, 17 sparrows, 8 blackbirds, 3 pigeons, 1 magpie, 1 robin, and 1 bluetit.

## **Mr Gregory – Bentley**

Year 3 had a very interesting afternoon when Mr Gregory came to talk about his work at Bentley. The children learnt all the history of Bentley, how the cars are made and the countries to which they are exported. We heard about how Bentley is working on environmental issues and are looking to provide electric cars in the future.

We also had an insight into Mr Gregory's designing expertise and experience and had an opportunity to sketch a design for a future Bentley car!

Thank you Mr Gregory for giving up your time to come and talk to our class.

Year 3



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.

## **ATTENTION SHOPPERS IN WAITROSE KNUTSFORD**

If you shop in Waitrose Knutsford, please note that during February 2020 one of the charities you can choose with your tokens is Goostrey Sports Pavilion on Booth Bed Lane, managed and maintained by the VHPFF (Village Hall and Playing Fields Foundation).



The VHPFF are raising money for new bowling facilities, but are also keen to update and renovate the existing pavilion building, so all funds raised will go towards providing local residents, along with children attending Goostrey Primary School, with great sports facilities within the village.

Please support this local facility throughout this month and pass the word on to others to do the same!

## **USE YOUR LOCAL SPORTS FACILITY**

We currently have groups of all ages using the sports pavilion on a regular basis for football, tennis, bowling and croquet, along with members who use the facility with friends to 'kick a ball around' or play basketball. If you would like more information on how to join and use the sports facility, or you have any ideas of new sports/recreational groups or clubs which could benefit or be set up at the sports pavilion, please email or phone Sue Mottershead; [mottershead.sue@gmail.com](mailto:mottershead.sue@gmail.com) or 07952 550696.

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



**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 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](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 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/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.