



Last week:

Best attendance: Reception 100%

Unauthorised absences: 0

Lates: 20 minutes (4 pupils)

Dear Parents,

School finishes today for the February half term break, the children return on Monday 24th February.

Well done to all our pupils who represented the school in the recent football tournament. More information on page 2.

Children, how has your house done this half term? See page 2 to find out.

If your child is interested in the Tai Chi club starting on Monday 2nd March, 8am to 8.45 please see pages 4 and 5 for more information and a booking form. Thank you

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

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

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 . 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

Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Last Wednesday, we took part in a 5-a-side football tournament for Year 5/6 children on the 3G pitches at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive.

The competition was tough, and there were some great young footballers on show - but we more than held our own, picking up a couple of great results.

The children, as always, displayed great sportsmanship and brilliant behaviour. Well done to **Luca, Harrision, Rosie, Jack M, Tom and Frankie** for representing the school so well.

Many thanks to Mr Machin for helping to coach the team on the evening.

Mr Champion

1. Lovell 3033
2. Harding 2905
3. Garner 2769
4. Mallory 2710

Lovell (blue) you have a free dress day on Friday 28th February.

Children if you are in Rainbows, Brownies or Guides you may wear your uniform to school on Monday 24th February 2020, after half term.



Harriette, Rupert and Arthur took part in the 2020 District Beaver Challenge as part of a team of 6 from the 1st Goostrey Beavers and the team won! A leader from another beaver group gave extra bonus points to the team for being so pleasant to work with.

Henry Northwood was awarded Player of the Week at Holmes Chapel Hurricanes Soccer School last weekend! Henry really enjoys football training and is improving all of the time.



Just to say Education Sunday was a beautiful occasion and the children who took part and their teachers did the school and you proud! The response was excellent so thank you.
Reverend Buckley

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

Goostrey Community Primary School
Early Morning/ Before School Club
From Mon 2nd March 2020:

Tai Chi

for Kids

*Does your child shy away from competitive forms of exercise?
Do they have difficulty maintaining focus?
Would improvements in 'calmness and self discipline' be welcome?
Or are you simply searching for screen free kids activities?*

*Then **Tai Chi** might just be the answer.*

As an ancient Chinese meditation exercise, Tai Chi combines deep breathing and relaxation with flowing movements. It helps with balance, agility and coordination as well as reducing stress, improving concentration and helping children to focus. It is the perfect exercise to be performed in the early mornings before a busy school day and has been successfully introduced in many primary and secondary schools across the country. For further information, please contact me or visit my website.

"Joe" (Dr Xianglin Li)

**To book your child's place, please
contact the school office on 01270
685658 and for any questions: Joe on
07500 827965.**

Days: **Mondays**
From: **02nd March 2020**
Time: **8:00h -8:45h**
For: **Everyone from Reception-**
incl. physical disabilities or behavioural disorders
Place: **GCP School Hall**
Fee: **£4.00 per session, i.e. £28.00 for**
7 weeks, after free taster session
Discounts: **2 siblings: £3.50- per child/session**
3rd sibling goes free!
Teacher: **"Joe", Dr Xianglin Li**
Website: **www.taichiforlife.uk**
Min group size: **12 children**



Parents and School Staff welcome to join!



Goostrey Before-School Club

Membership form

One form per person please

Participant's Name: _____

Age: _____ *Year:* _____

Relevant Medical Information: _____

Parent's/ Guardian's Name: _____

Mobile Phone number: _____

I hereby consent or
 do not consent

to be added to the Club's WhatApp-Forum for club-relevant communication.

I will receive information and updates, short term cancellations and fees via the Forum, but will also able to use it to ask questions etc.

Date _____ Signature _____

Please tick applicable Fee (total cost for 7 weeks) and method of payment, and return the form either to school office or to me asap:

- £28.00 for **one child** for one session per week (**i.e. £4.00 per session**)
- £49.00 for **two children** for one session per week (**instead of £56.-**)
- Fee enclosed (if paid by cheque, please make it payable to 'Xianglin Li')*
- Fee paid via online banking to "Xianglin Li", Sort Code 20-55-59, Acc 40090433*

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 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
- 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 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.