



## Newsletter 6th March 2020

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### Last week:

Best attendance: Y6 99.1%

Unauthorised absences: 0.2%

Lates: 128 minutes (7 pupils)

### Dear Parents,

**Coronavirus**— we have talked with the children this week about effective hand washing and reinforced the message: Catch It, Bin it, Kill it. We are receiving information daily from GOV.UK and it is still stating schools should stay open at the moment. Senior managers and Chair are continually reviewing our practice and risk assessments to maintain an appropriate response and lessen any risk as far as we can. These may change in the future and we will keep you informed through the newsletter or messaging service. We will continue to take advice from Public Health England and Cheshire East.

Please make sure we have all up to date contact details for your family, that we are aware if you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positively for Coronavirus or you have been in close contact with anyone who has recently visited any of the high risk areas in the world and if you are having to self isolate. Thank you

**PC Liz Chesters** came to school last Monday and delivered a session to Year 6 on internet safety and being responsible online. She also offered individual, 1 to 1, talks which several pupils found useful. Many of our children, in the junior classes, access sites at home which they are not old enough to use. We are increasingly getting reports of online behaviour, outside of school, that upsets other children. Please be aware of what your child is doing online to ensure their safety as well as the wellbeing of other children.

School had a very relaxed feel to it yesterday, as the children (and staff) moved around very quietly in their slippers for **World Book Day**. I'm thinking of keeping my slippers in school now!

**Zumba**, next Friday for Sport Relief—please see page 2 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. The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.**

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

### March

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th

Friday 13th and Monday 16th

Friday 20th

socks!

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

### April

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

Parents' Evenings

Mother's Day Shops

PTA Film Night and Down Syndrome Day—wear your bright, mis-matched

Comedy Night

Year 2 Cake Sale and Grandparents' Tea party

Year 4 residential to York (one night)

School closes for Easter holidays, pupils return on Monday 20th

### 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)

## **Sport Relief Zumba!**

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> may be unlucky for some but not for us at Goostrey!

We are going to Zumba for charity.

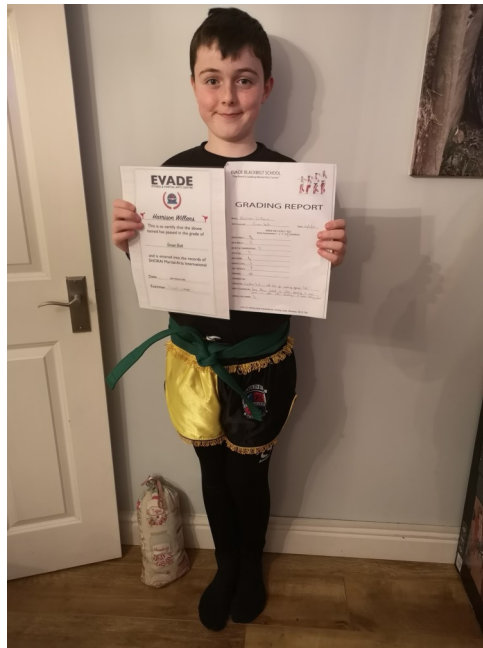
Come dressed in your active gear for the whole day.

We are going to Zumba on Friday afternoon.

Please bring a donation for the Sport Relief fund.



**Harrison** has passed his Kick Boxing grading and is now a green belt! We are super proud of him!



Well done to **Sydney and Iris** on successfully completing their 400m and 50m swimming badges.



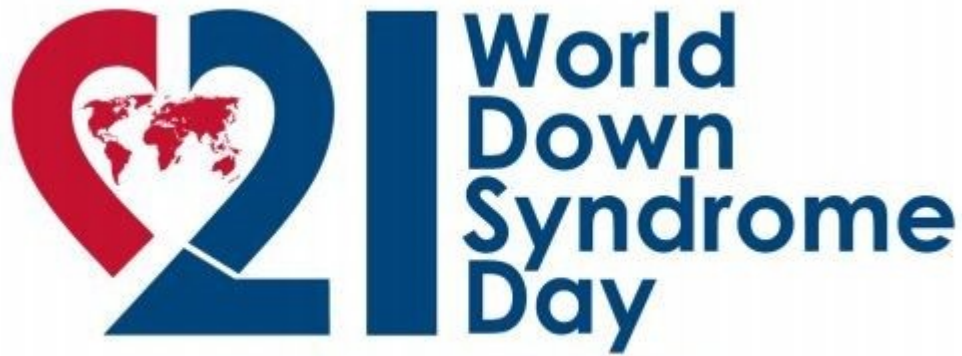
Please let me have the details of anything your child has done that we can all celebrate. Send me the details on an email and I will cut and paste them into the newsletter as well as celebrating it in assembly. **The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies 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*



[www.worlddownsyndromeday.org](http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org)

### **World Down Syndrome Day**

Every year World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated on 21st March. World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness event...and we need you to help spread the word. It was created to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome and to make sure people with Down syndrome have the same opportunities as everyone else.

How can you help? By wearing #LotsOfSocks!

But not just any socks... lots of socks or brightly coloured, mis-matched socks.

We will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day on **Friday 20th March** and would like every child in school to wear lots of socks or brightly coloured, mis-matched socks.

Thank you

Mrs Hughes



We invite you to take part in  
Goostrey Community Primary School's  
**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** (24.2 to 8.3)

# Poster Competition

Can you design a bright and eye-catching poster to  
advertise Fairtrade products or to encourage us to  
think about how to make the world better for all of  
us?



**Film Night**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
The film to be shown is  
**Sonic The Hedgehog (PG)**



**Tickets on sale from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March from  
Junior Reception priced at £4.00 each.**  
**Please note tickets will not be available for sale before  
8.55am**

Showing in the Village Hall  
Doors open 6.00pm  
Film starts 6.30pm

Tuck shop open 6.00 to 6.30  
Reception children to be accompanied by an adult



**GOOSTREY PTA FUNDRAISER**

# **COMEDY NIGHT 2020**

**TICKETS SELLING FAST: [www.bit.ly/goostreylol](http://www.bit.ly/goostreylol)**

lineup:

**MARVYN DICKINSON - (CBBC) - MC  
SULLY O'SULLIVAN (AS SEEN ON TIM VINE TOUR)  
HARRIET DYER - (BARKING TALES MCR)  
CHRIS WASHINGTON (MOCK THE WEEK)**

**26TH MARCH 2020 - VILLAGE HALL - 7.30PM**

*Tickets £12 each*

*Visit our booking form at [www.bit.ly/goostreylol](http://www.bit.ly/goostreylol)*

*Licensed cash bar*



## GOOSTREY ROSE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 3 - 4.30pm in the Village Hall.  
For children in pre-school, reception, year 1 and year 2. Children in  
pre-school and reception must have parents stay with them.  
Tickets cost just £1 per child and please could you donate a tombola  
prize for Rose Day.  
Tea, coffee and cake available for adults for a small donation.  
Snack and drinks are provided for the children.

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.





## **New Job Opportunity Goostrey Village Hall Supervisor**

Day to day management of the Village Hall on behalf of Goostrey Parish Council.

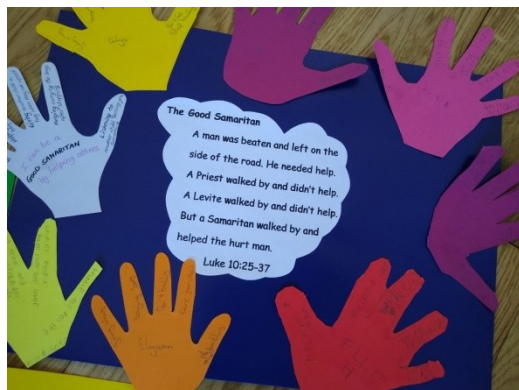
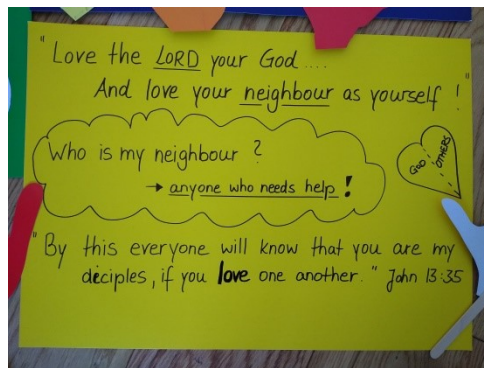
- 16 hours per week. Evenings and weekends when needed to meet needs of hirers.
- Duties include: Hall bookings; meet and greet hirers; caretaker services and cleaning.
- 4 weeks paid holiday plus Bank Holidays.
- Pay is £160.00 per week, plus caretaker services.

Contact the Parish Clerk for details on 01477 535825 or at [parishcouncil@goostrey.info](mailto:parishcouncil@goostrey.info)

**Closing Date: 16th March 2020**

Job Description and Application form can be downloaded at <https://Goostrey.info>

*St Luke's Second Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.45am.  
Come and see and hear what the children  
have been doing in JAM this Sunday, St  
Luke's Church 9.45 am*



# COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP!

**“You have not because you ask not”**

**James 4:2**

Praying for  
Goostrey  
Primary School  
and connected  
families.

**9- 9.45am**

**Mondays**

**Goostrey Village  
Hall,**

**Committee Room**

**All welcome, of any faith, or none!**  
Come and receive a prayer for yourself,  
or a loved one.

Or email your prayer request to  
[RosieTabner@gmail.com](mailto:RosieTabner@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

<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*

**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

**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/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.