



Last week:

Best attendance: R and Y1 99.3%

Unauthorised absences:0.2%

Lates:135 minutes (11 pupils)

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www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk



@goostreyprimary



Dear Parents,

Coronavirus - yesterday the government announced that they will not be closing all schools at the moment. However, they are keeping this situation under review and if they do decide to close us we will look at how we can still get work to your children through distance learning. We continue to remain vigilant, keep up to date with information and modify plans as and when necessary. Families may find the following link useful;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please do not come in to school if you feel you may put children and adults at risk. Thank you.

Thank you to our sports team who represented the school at the Hi5 netball last Monday—full report on page 2.

Juniors, please see page 4 for information on an exciting event next week, on your playground , at break.

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

Friday 13th and Monday 16th

Friday 20th
socks!

Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

April

Thursday 2nd

Friday 3rd

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

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

HI-5

On Monday afternoon, two teams of year 6 children went to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School to play in a Hi-5 (primary netball) tournament against several other schools from our cluster.

Unfortunately, the rain came down so all of our best laid plans had to be changed at the last minute. The weather didn't stop the tournament taking place – we just played all of the shorter matches indoors instead. Both teams played extremely well and, in fact, improved as the tournament progressed as they quickly picked up on the best tactics. All of the children played several games and in different positions – quite a skill changing from attack to defence and remembering which part of the court you are allowed to play in. The nets also seemed somewhat higher than those in our playground but that may just be because they look taller inside. We had some super play and scored some excellent goals. Luca P and Charlie M excelled themselves at goal-scoring but everyone did their best and a good time was had by all. We acquitted ourselves well and came a close third in both leagues.

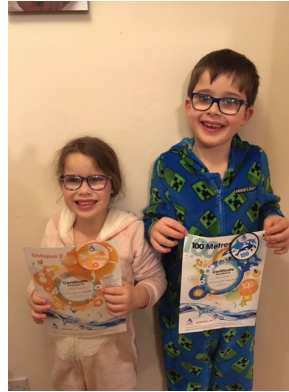
The children behaved very well indeed and it was a pleasure to accompany them. Many thanks to all the parents who transported children and those who also stayed to watch. Well done Martha, Heidi, Holly, Polly, Eva, Lillie-Grace, Luca D, Luca P, Charlie M, Jack S, Ted, Fraser and Josh for their enthusiasm and effort.

Mrs Cooper

The link below is a short survey asking for parents/carers views around the wellbeing needs of children and families. All questionnaires need to be completed before 30th April.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/22KJFDW>

All participants will be given the opportunity to enter into a prize draw to win a £25 Amazon Gift Voucher at the end of the survey. The winner will be drawn at random on 30th April and they will be notified via email.

Poppy and Alfie are both doing brilliantly in their swimming lessons. Alfie has persevered well and has just gained his 100m badge, and Poppy has passed her Octopus 2. We are very proud of them



We are really pleased that **Chloe** has passed Stage 4 Swimming. She has worked really hard. Well done Chloe



We are very proud of **William H** in year 1 for getting his 5m swimming badge!

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

FOR ALL JUNIOR PUPILS:



RAISING MONEY FOR MANCHESTER
& CHESHIRE DOGS' HOME



**FINN & ARTHUR'S
CAKE SALE**

PLUS! GUESS THE NAME OF
THE DOG COMPETITION

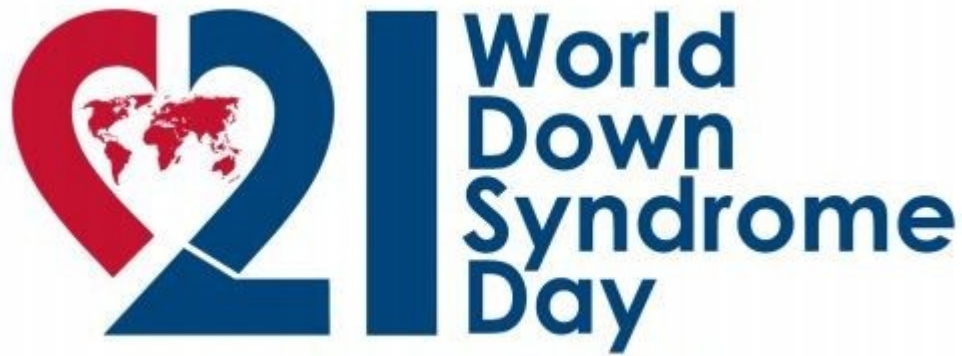


**WEDNESDAY 18TH AND
THURSDAY 19TH MARCH**

Look out for
us at break
time...

... and bring
your 50p's





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

Film Night
Friday 20th March
The film to be shown is
Sonic The Hedgehog (PG)



Tickets on sale from Monday 16th 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

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

Licensed cash bar



Junior Tennis Coaching Programme 2020

Children wanting to begin at tennis, or looking to improve their playing skills, could take part in this year's Goostrey Junior Tennis Coaching at the Boothbed Lane courts.

The 15-session programme by LTA Coach David Richardson runs from Friday April 24th to Saturday September 26th – excluding school holidays and Rose Day weekend. There's a choice of sessions on Fridays in the early evening or on Saturday mornings, and school-age children are grouped according to LTA junior coaching guidance for age and ability.

Junior coaching is open to children aged between 5 and 16, with sessions ranging from beginners and 'parent-and-child' classes, to more advanced coaching for older children. The programme is structured, with the emphasis on having fun whilst learning and developing tennis skills and ability.

Participation is open to juniors who live in Goostrey and the adjacent parishes of Allostock, Over Peover, Lower Withington, Twemlow, Cranage and Swettenham, whose families are already VHPFF members – or entitled, through living in the above parishes, to apply for VHPFF membership. Contact Sally Ball (sally.ball@lineone.net) with any Village Hall & Playing Field Foundation (VHPFF) membership queries.

The cost for the junior coaching programme's 15 sessions is £67.50 (cheques payable to 'Goostrey Tennis Club'). Booking forms are available by emailing coach David Richardson at play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk or by phoning Alison Richardson on 07885 804246.



EASTER CAMP

There will also be an Easter holiday camp for children, from Monday April 6th to Friday April 10th, with warm-up sessions, games, fun drills and competitions – before the weekend coaching programme begins. These will be held at the Boothbed Lane courts from 10am to 3.30pm each day. Booking is available by the day, or there is a special rate for all five days. To enquire about availability or to obtain a booking form, please contact David or Alison Richardson as above.



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

Closing Date: 16th March 2020

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

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.

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:

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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.