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## Newsletter 07 01 22

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and we hope you have all had a lovely Christmas. Things have been quite settled first week back although we do have some pupils off having tested positive for Covid over the holidays. All staff are currently in work but that can change very quickly as we know. The other thing that is changing, almost daily, is the guidance for individuals who test positive and any close contacts—we will keep all our families updated as soon as we are made aware of any changes. Covid weekly update is on page 3.

Because of the high Covid cases in our area Holmes Chapel High School have postponed all sporting events this half term. They will review this after February and hope to rearrange some tournaments for our teams to compete in. Young Voices have also postponed all their concerts until the summer term, therefore our choir will not be singing in Manchester next month. Choir practice in school will continue every Monday, after school, in anticipation of the new concert date for Young Voices.

House point totals for last half term are on page 2, big congratulations to Garner—free dress day on Friday 14th January.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Elf Run—we passed all the money on to St Luke's and will hopefully get a total amount raised soon.

Parent governors are due to meet with senior managers on Monday 17th January—if you have anything you would like us to consider at this meeting—positive comments to celebrate or areas of school improvement please let us know.

Thank you as always for all your support—together we're a great team.

*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— 21 22 and 22 23 are on our website**

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### Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433)

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)

SENCo [mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:**

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

## End Of Term House Points

A huge well done to all the children who have managed to achieve a fantastic 7,575 house points over the last half term! That includes an amazing 38 Bronze Certificates, for achieving 50 individual points. 9 Silver certificates, for achieving 100 individual points and 1 Gold Certificate awarded to Thomas Coxon in Year 4 for achieving an outstanding 150 individual points already this year!

The overall results for last term are .....

**Garner 2382**  
**Lovell 1904**  
**Harding 1712**  
**Mallory 1577**

Well done Garner and well done to all the children on your hard work last year to achieve so many house points.

**Garner will be rewarded with a dress down  
day on Friday 14th January**

Thank you  
Miss Bairstow

Alan, in Y5 wrote this brilliant poem in school this week, inspired by studying aspects of war and the artist Henry Moore as well as syllables in poetry. Alan's poem is so good we felt we should share it with all our families.

**All I can do is stand and wait  
Wondering what will be my fate  
It was cold, creepy and dark  
Everyone waiting to make their mark**

**You could hear all the bombs fall  
The baby beside me began to bawl  
I felt very, very afraid  
Keep everyone safe, I prayed.**



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

**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. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.**

**The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the 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.**

## Friday update - Covid Cheshire East

### Rates 1788 per 100,000 (606 per 100, 000 for week at end of term)

Previous data, shown in brackets refers to last week of last term not the last fortnight.

0 – 3 = 607 (411)

4 – 11 = 1235 (1112)

12 – 16 = 1429 (616)

17 – 18 = 2432 (777)

0 – 18 = 1285 (808)

1788 per 100,000 in Cheshire Easy (England as a whole = 1587)

3542 per 100, 000 = 18 to 24 year age group

### **Goostrey School: 5 members of our school community are currently absent after having a positive PCR test for Covid over the Christmas holiday**

We continue to monitor the situation and are working closely with UK Health Security Agency and the Local Authority.

Schools are no longer involved in the contact tracing process—if your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and/or your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.

You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice.

Individual families who have pupils with a positive test receive a separate letter containing more information/advice.

Please note that we are unable to share with you any details of staff or pupils affected.

### **Pupils who test positive for Covid:**

Pupils may now take LFT's on day 6 and 7 of their self isolation period and can return to school, from day 7, if they are well and symptom free and have had 2 negative LFT's, 24 hours apart (from day 6)

**Cheshire East** are still advising all pupils who are household contacts of a positive case do not attend school for 5 days from the first symptom or positive LFT. This is due to be reviewed shortly.

## **Cleaning Vacancy**

Our contract cleaning company have a vacancy for a cleaner at our school:

**Cobwebs are looking to recruit a school cleaner to join a lovely primary school in Goostrey.**

**General cleaning duties, including: cleaning and sanitising washrooms; emptying bins; vacuuming; mopping; wiping and sanitising desks etc.**

**3 hours per day, Mon to Fri. Plus occasional holiday work.**

**Flexible, out of school hours.**

**£9.75 ph.**

**Immediate start.**

**Must hold or be eligible for an enhanced DBS.**

**Call: [07899 806389](tel:07899806389)**

**Job Types: Part-time, Temporary**

**Salary: £9.75 per hour**

**Schedule:**

- **Monday to Friday**

**Work remotely: No**

[Goostrey School Cleaner Jobs, Employment - Goostrey | Indeed.com](#)

Year 2 & Year 6 assessments will be ongoing throughout both the spring and summer term until the **end of June 2022. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.**

Y6 SATS are scheduled for WB 9th May.

## **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.*



Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



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## 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.



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### 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.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.