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## Newsletter 14 01 22

Dear Families,

This has been another good and settled week with very few members of our school community with a positive Covid test result. I believe the classrooms have been extra safe during the past months because of the air purifiers our families funded—thank you for these they have been invaluable. The DfE are now advising schools to have them—we were ahead of the game because of you.

### **Change of advice from Cheshire East for pupils who are close contacts with household members who test positive for Covid:**

If a pupil is a contact of a household member who tests positive for Covid then the use of 7-day LFT testing is activated to avoid potential positive cases coming into school. Pupils who are contacts can remain in school providing they have no symptoms and LFTs are negative, each day throughout the 7 day period.

The Natural History Museum has changed its theme—please see page 2 for more details.

Parent governors are due to meet with senior managers this 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**

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

### Useful information

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

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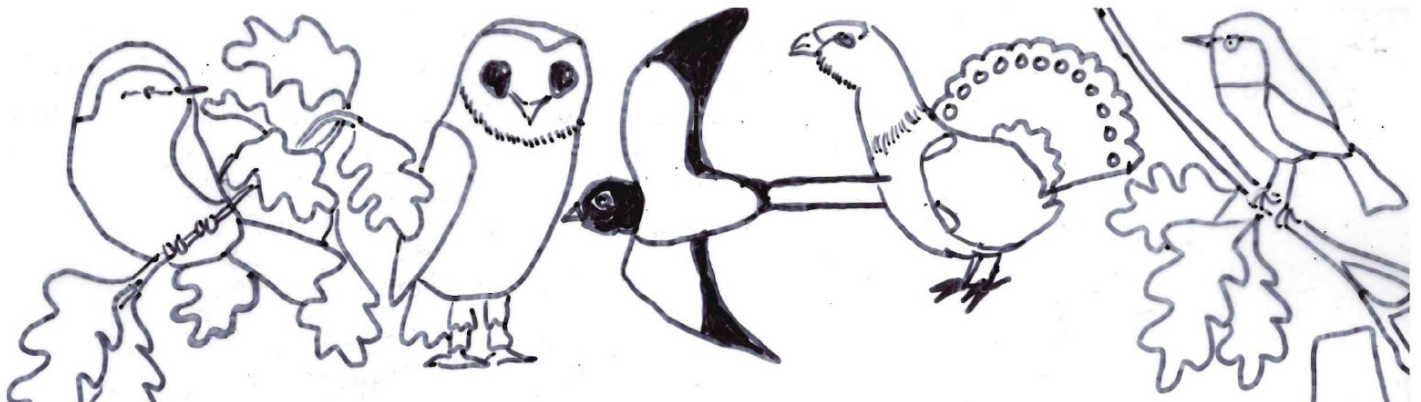
School uniform: [www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

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>



# Natural History Museum

## News

*Our theme this half term is*

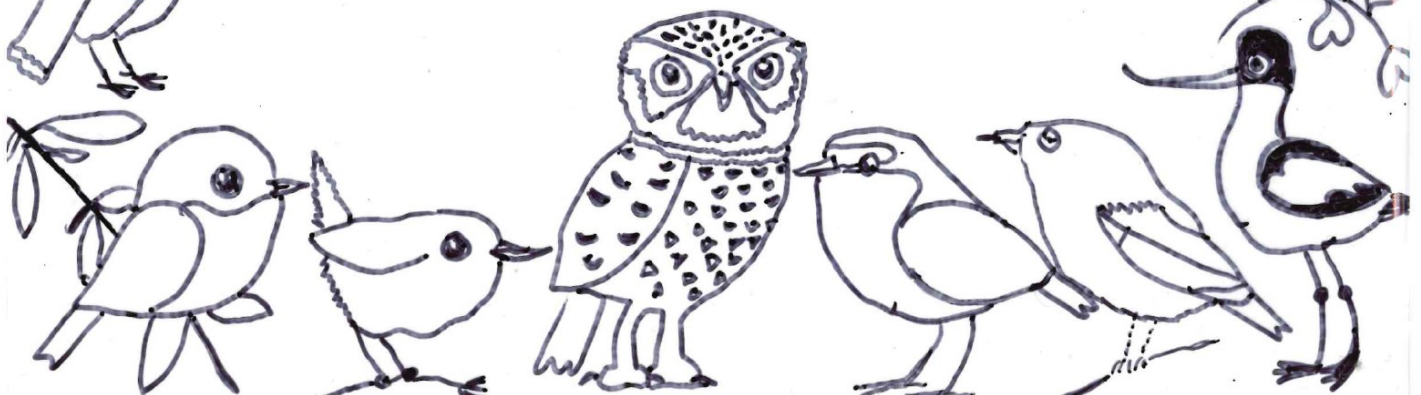
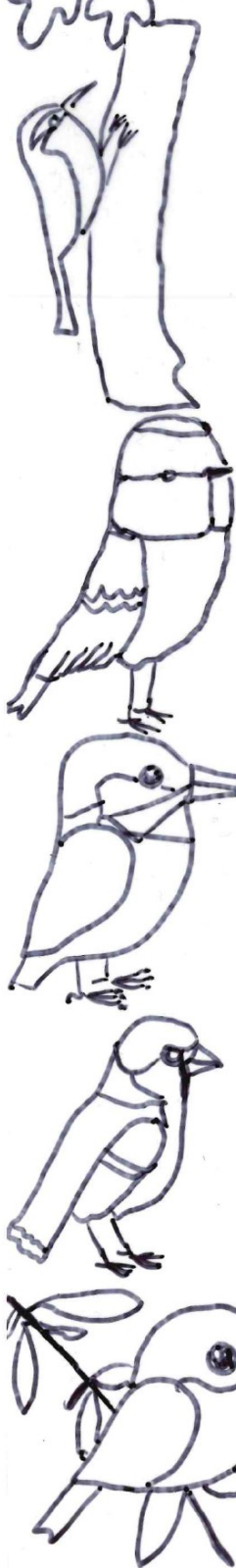
# British Birds

*Come and colour bird cards and keep your collection in our prepared boxes. 6 new birds each week !*

Many thanks to our outgoing curators who have worked with boundless enthusiasm throughout.

Welcome to our new curators who have already demonstrated the same energy.

We will be feeding birds throughout the winter months, donations of bird food would be most welcome along with bird related items of interest to display.



Cole, in Y5 wrote this thought provoking poem in school this week, inspired by studying aspects of war with his class.

Well done Cole.

**Waiting  
On this long night  
Where we all have a fright  
With family near—to feel their love as we hear  
The bombs above  
Sitting here in this mouldy tunnel  
Hear the piper and the gas tunnel  
What will happen?  
Will it end?  
Or will we be stuck there  
Looking for a friend**

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 2091 per 100,000 (1788 per 100, 000 last week)

Previous data, shown in brackets refers to last week.

0 – 3 = 785 (607)

4 – 11 = 1617 (1235)

12 – 16 = 2362 (1429)

17 – 18 = 2814 (2432)

0 – 18 = 1778 (1285)

Cases across schools, Primary: Pupils 534, staff 133

Secondary and Special: Pupils 473, staff 98

**Goostrey School: 3 members** of our school community are currently absent after having a positive test for Covid.

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

Individual families who have pupils with a positive test will receive a communication 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:**

From Monday, people will be able leave isolation from the start of day six after two negative tests providing they have no Covid symptoms

### **Pupils who are close contacts of household members who test positive for Covid**

National guidance now clearly states that if there are household contacts, the use of 7-day LFT testing is activated to avoid potential positive cases coming into school.

Pupils who are contacts can remain in school providing they have no symptoms and LFTs are negative, each day throughout the 7 day period.

## **Preparing for Goostrey Rose Day on 25th June 2022**

We would like to invite you to a special Rose Day evening at Goostrey Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 14th January. Admission is free, doors open at 7pm and there's a cash bar.

We'll be letting parents know what they need to do to ensure their children can take part in the procession through Goostrey on Rose Day and you'll hear about all the activities on the village hall field. We'll also explain how the Rose Queen, Rosebud Queen and their attendants are chosen.

During the evening two films will be shown. Rachel Kolker's film, A Summer in Goostrey from 2016-17 in which Rose Day features and part of an episode from the 1976 Granada TV series Goostrey – a Village which shows how the Rose Queen was chosen back then. For those who have not seen the Granada series it gives a unique insight into life in our village almost half a century ago.

Everyone coming to the event is asked to take a Covid lateral flow test and only to attend if it proves to be negative. Please could those attending register in advance on the Rose Festival Facebook page so we have some idea of numbers.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th January.

*Goostrey Rose Festival Committee*

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.