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Newsletter 21 01 22

Dear Families,

Thank you for your support for Cup U Like before Christmas—Ollie and Finley were delighted to raise £160 for their chosen charity Team Seas.

Our PTA met this week and there are several things planned for the future:

Year 4 Cake Sale	Friday 28th January	Junior Hall after school
Pyjama Day	Thursday 17th February	£2 per child
Mother's Day Shops	Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th March	
Year 3 Cake Sale	Friday 25th March	
Easter Family Bingo	Friday 25th March	Village Hall
Film Night	TBC	

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th March—everyone welcome.

Thank you to the PTA for donating some money for the pupils to choose new playground equipment.

Parent governors and senior leaders met this week to consider anything you had brought to our attention. Nobody asked us to discuss anything on this occasion.

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 for 21-22 and 22-23 are on our school 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

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

SENCo 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>

****BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR**BOOK FAIR****



The ever-popular Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us soon with a wide range of exciting and imaginative story books, mixed in with some fantastic factual reads, too.

This year, the fair will be offered "remotely" with online payment systems available. Full details will be in next week's newsletter - keep those eyes peeled!



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 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. 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.

Eco News

The Eco committee held their first meeting of the year last week with representatives from Year 2 and Year 6. The team talked about what's happening for the rest of the year including plans for Fairtrade fortnight, which begins on Monday 21st February. Keep an eye out for more details. Mrs Walker wanted to thank everyone again for their help making, selling and buying our fabulous Christmas tags. She was delighted to advise everyone that we had raised £52 selling the tags. Well Done everyone. If you have any cards left over from this Christmas please hand them into school so we can recycle them into more tags.

Do you know what else can be recycled at school?

Please have a look at the fabulous Recycling poster that Finley and Ethan from Year 6 have created for us.

The committee also wanted to remind everyone about our crisp packet recycling scheme we have in association with Terracycle. You can drop off your empty packets in the recycling boxes, which you can find outside both junior and infant sites. We can then send these off to be recycled and also raise money for a chosen charity.

The committee would like to thank everyone for all their support in continuing to keep our school eco friendly.



The Queens Green Canopy event at Hermitage Thornes

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-queens-green-canopy-event-at-hermitage-thornes-tickets-244332865177>

Sun, 13 March 2022
10:00 – 16:00 GMT

Hermitage Thornes is a designated Local Wildlife Site between Holmes Chapel, Cranage and Goostrey.

Hollins Farm have invited us to help improve the site for wildlife by connecting it up to other wildlife sites.

We have a small woodland or 'thorne' to plant and a wildlife hedge. It would be great if you could come and give us a hand by stepping up for nature.

There are jobs for everyone here of all ages. For the very little ones they can plant a tree and look forward to seeing it grow. There is no hard digging or expertise required and the site is fully accessible.

All plants and planting kit are supplied, but please bring a spade or trowel. You can park at Hollins Farm, but it is also within easy walking or cycling distance of Holmes Chapel too.

We will be there on 13th March from 10:00 - 16:00 rain or shine, and it is open to everyone, you can stay for 1/2 hr or all day and we'd love to see you.

This is part of the national Queens Green Canopy, but it's also part of a local initiative that has got bigger and bigger over the last 4 years. Our aim is to get everyone involved in improving the local environment for wildlife. Wouldn't it be great if we could get 200 helpers



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Opportunity to Participate in a Research Study



I am a student in my final year at the University of Leeds and I am doing a research project on how/if parents influence what their children eat.

I am interested in parents' views and will be holding some online focus group discussions with parents. I am particularly interested in parents who do most of the food shopping and cooking for their households. The discussions will last approximately 45 minutes and will be held on Microsoft Teams at a time that suits you. We will be offering a £10 amazon voucher to parents who take part in a discussion.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me (*Sadie Lennox - BSc Nutrition student*) through my email: fs19sl@leeds.ac.uk

Project supervisor: Dr Hannah Ensaff; Tel: 0113 34 33418; Email: h.ensaff@leeds.ac.uk

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!

Friday update - Covid Cheshire East

Rates 1068 per 100,000 in Cheshire East this week -

Previous data, shown in brackets.

0 – 3 = 747 (785)

4 – 11 = 1928 (1617)

12 – 16 = 1107 (2362)

17 – 18 = 975 (2814)

0 – 18 = 1382 (1778)

9 – 24 = 1239

North West 1115 per 100,000

England 1026 per 100,000

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

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:

People are able to 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.

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

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.



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

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 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.

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 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.