

Newsletter 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents,

To all our wonderful families thank you. Thank you for your resilience and positive communication with the school at this challenging time.

Goostrey staff are facilitating teaching and learning in a sensible and measured way. Our aim is to support all families with their many differing needs as well as looking after our own personal lives and health. We believe that we have the balance right. Other schools may be doing it differently but we know our community and we believe our approach is the most effective way for our children. It may not suit every family but we are adopting a collegiate approach and will endeavour to always give the best we can. My thanks and appreciation go to our fantastic staff who continue to deliver to such a high standard. Daily contact and work will not be set / supported over the Easter break – remote teaching and learning will resume on Monday 20th April when teachers will be available again to support our pupils. However, teachers have set a poetry challenge for their class.

We are all missing your children and look forward to everything being back to normal.

We also recognise that you need to think about your own wellbeing and that of your family. My hope is that this time at home will be memorable as a family and that no one feels under pressure to provide home education in any one particular way. There is no right or wrong way to go about things so remember to match home learning to your own child/children and your family. School remains open for key workers' children who cannot be looked after safely at home—my thanks to staff again for facilitating this.

Parents may find the following link useful:

[Talking to a child worried about coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)



Mrs Williams retired this week - thank you to all the families who contributed to the leaving gifts, one of which can be seen in the photo. We commissioned an owl to be carved out of wood which Mrs Williams just loves. There can be no big good bye gathering at this time but we will, in the future, come together for a party full of hugs and love to say goodbye properly. At this point I would like to thank Mrs Williams for all her years of great service to the school—for everything she has done for families, staff and children. Tracy has a kind and generous nature, a sparkling personality and an excellent work ethic—she is a brilliant ‘front of house’ and is immensely popular. Tracy you will be missed enormously—it has been a privilege working alongside you. Good luck and much love but this is not goodbye as we will see you when things get back to normal. x

NO NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS but please keep sending me children’s achievements and birthday wishes for us all to celebrate in the next newsletter, after Easter, on Friday 24th April.

House points on page 3 worth a look!

Hoping you all keep safe and well.

Miss Atkins—a head teacher who has never been prouder of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.

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

GOV.UK

Guidance for parents and carers: keeping children safe online

Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

[Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)

[Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Net-aware](#) (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)

Congratulations to **Max Perry** in Year 5 for achieving his green belt in Karate. His grading took place at home in front of his Sensei via an online video platform!



End of Term House Point Totals

1. Lovell 1019
2. Garner 907
3. Harding 741
4. Mallory 721

Well done to Lovell !!

So on Monday 6th April, rather than a dress down day we thought it might be nice for Lovell to have a "dress up" day! They could wear their school uniform or their favourite "going out" clothes and we would love to see them. So be sure to take a photo and email to us so we can put them in the newsletter (don't forget to let us know we have permission to do this in your email)

We would also like to carry on giving out house points for next term. As with everything at the moment this will be slightly different! The junior teachers will continue to hand them out and add to the class lists themselves to go towards their individual totals. The infant staff will also hand them out and add to the overall totals. If any of the children would like to email me with photos of anything that they have been up to and would like to share, I am more than happy to receive them and would love to hand out house points too. Please email them to Ms.bairstow@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk Please remember these emails must be sent from a parent's email address and let me know if you give permission for the photos to be in the newsletter.

Thanks
Ms Bairstow

Noah Hemming was 7 on Tuesday 24th March and is really missing Mrs Freeman, Mrs Hughes and all his school friends lots.



It was **Arthur's** 8th Birthday on Tuesday 31st. The cake in the photo is not his birthday cake it's one Arthur made with his family last week and it was delicious.
Happy Birthday Arthur



Happy Birthday to Jasmine Ashmore!
Wishing a very happy 7th Birthday to Jasmine on
Sunday 5th April.



With lots and lots of love,
Mummy, Daddy, Lilly and all your friends at Goostrey
School.

I'm supposed to be at School today...

I'm supposed to be at school today
But mum says I can't go
'It's our turn on the bikes' I said
But she hugged me and said 'No'

I played out in the yard today
And found some bugs within the grass
My neighbour saw me through her window
And waved at me through the glass

I get to play at home today
And sit and watch TV
Dad's been on his phone all day
But it doesn't bother me

Guess what? I went back to school today
And all my friends came back too
My classroom looked exactly the same
And my teacher said 'I missed you'

Mum made us ring Gran today
And I said that I had grown
I told them both my favourite joke
And Gran laughed loud down the
phone

Gran came round for tea today
And said something to me
'You must remember this time, my dear
'Cause they'll teach this in History

Lucy Short

No-one's playing on my street today
And I'm getting bored of TV
I got a bit upset and sad
Then mum sat me on her knee

She said
'It all feels a little strange today
Not just for you, but for me
It won't be like this forever, my love
Just you wait and see

Dad came off his computer today
And helped me read my book
Both our tummies started rumbling
So then he taught me how to cook



www.seffa.org.uk

Lovely poem sent in by the Flanagan family—thank you

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:.....

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 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.