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Newsletter 28 01 22

Dear Families,

My main message this week is thank you. Thank you to all our families for your support over the past week. Thank you to our wonderful children who the Ofsted team commended very highly and loved talking with. Thank you to the staff for their continued professionalism and care for our pupils. I continue to be very proud of this wonderful school and feel so privileged to be here.

It has been a very challenging week and the fact we are working with such great families has helped enormously. The official report from Ofsted, about our school, will be published in a few weeks time.

We have just received the final figure from St Luke's Hospice regarding the Elf Run—we raised £1488.47—a fantastic figure, thank you everyone.

Book Fair arrives this week, more details will be coming out from Mrs Timmins later today.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO LFT ALL PUPILS IF THEY ARE CLOSE CONTACTS OF ANYONE WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE. IF YOUR CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS THEN A PCR TEST IS REQUIRED. We have had a lot more cases than usual in school this week and are currently running our outbreak plan in one class.

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
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

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Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

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



BINGO

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

GAMES - REFRESHMENTS - FUN!

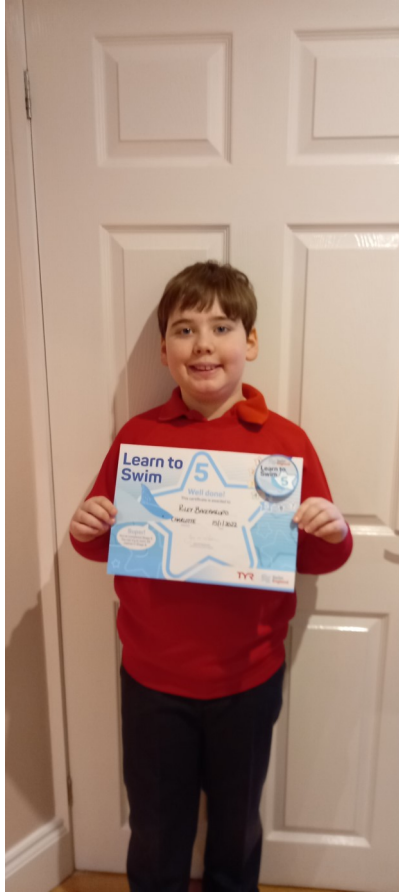
GOOSTREY SCHOOL P.T.A.

6pm-7:30pm

GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL

Riley B from year 4 completed his Stage 5 at swimming last week.

Well done Riley!



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.

Friday update - Covid Cheshire East

Number of cases by age band for 7 days to 21/01/2022 (rate per 100,000 in brackets):

Aged 0 – 3 = 145 (917.9)
Aged 4 – 11 = 937 (2626.1)
Aged 12 – 16 = 325 (1451.6)
Aged 17 – 18 = 53 (654.3)
Aged 0 – 18 = 1460 (1781.2)
Aged 19 – 24 = 151 (783.3)

Goostrey School: 15 members of our school community are currently absent. Because some of the cases were connected, especially in one year group we have implemented our outbreak management plan.

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.



Can you offer a dog a loving home?



The heart-warming show The Dog House is returning and looking for applicants. Want to rescue a dog? Apply now!

<https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house>



FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Helping children manage worries and anxiety.

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer an 8-week Parent Workshop Programme which will provide information, advice and strategies to empower parents to effectively support their children, with their worries and anxieties.

The Programme is available for Families in Cheshire East and will be held at Visyon in Congleton. If you would like to book a place on the Programme, please contact lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.



Parent Workshops – Helping children manage anxiety.

- 02/02/2022 – Parenting problems and difficult behaviors.
- 09/02/2022 – Securing the parent/child bond.
- 16/02/2022 – Understanding your child's anxiety.
- NO SESSION DURING HALF TERM WEEK
- 02/03/2022 – Using praise and rewards to build confidence.
- 09/03/2022 – Setting limits on anxious children's behavior.
- 16/03/2022 – Managing children's worry.
- 23/03/2022 – Managing difficult behavior.
- 30/03/2022 – Review and celebration.

Each session will start at 11:00 am and finish at 12:15 pm.

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.

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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.