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Newsletter 04 02 22

Dear Families,

Thank you to Emily, Henry, Hugo and Rose who presented to our governing board last night. They discussed with governors how history is taught at Goostrey School and about the tour they gave one of the Ofsted inspectors. Your confidence and pride in your school shone through children—just brilliant ambassadors for our very good school. I believe Mrs Cowell gave you 25 house points each—well deserved children.

Lots of information about our Book Fair is on Page 2.

World Down Syndrome Day and Gingerbread Sock Sale - Monday 21st March. More information to follow.

Pyjama Day is on Thursday 17th February—£2 to enter and wear your pyjamas for the whole day in school.

World Book Day 25th anniversary is on March 3rd, we are therefore asking the children to wear party clothes to celebrate books and reading. More information to follow.

The PTA have organised a recycling collection on 17th February at both infant and junior bike shelters. Please collect and bring to school in the morning in your own bin bags clothes and shoes and bags. They don't accept any printed items or uniform. Goostrey uniform in a good condition can be donated to the school for the uniform sale. More details about what they will and will not accept is on page 5.

The more bags we donate to Roberts Recycling the greater the donation they give the school..

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

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>



The ever-popular Scholastic Book Fair has arrived in school and pupils are invited to browse the wonderful array of books with their classes, during the school day.

Our pupils might be bringing home a "wishlist" of titles they are interested in so that they can "negotiate" with families about which texts they might be allowed to purchase. You can browse the titles by clicking on this link:

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

When you have decided, please return the form with the confirmed, "paid for" titles to me - Mrs Timmins - in school and I will then pass the book onto your child.

The easiest way to pay is online. There is a link on the wishlist, but I've also included this below. If you wish to pay with cash, please do pop the exact amount in an envelope with your child's name on, and pass this onto me.

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

Hopefully, our pupils will enjoy lots of new titles.

Thank you - Mrs Timmins

Book Fair Coordinator





BINGO

FRIDAY 25TH MARCH

GAMES - REFRESHMENTS - FUN!

GOOSTREY SCHOOL P.T.A.

6pm-7:30pm

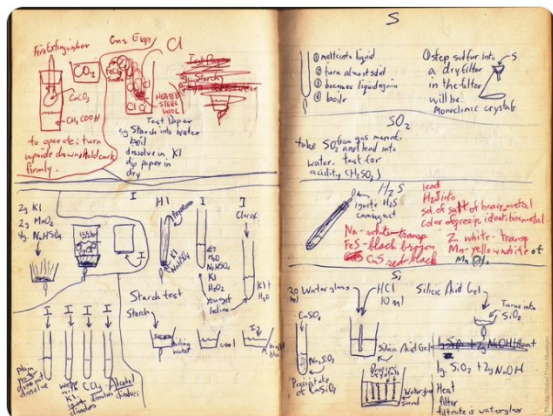
GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL

Jules Brown, aged 6 – on his way to being a future chemist and Nobel prize winner in Chemistry?

Jules Brown in year 2 has been doing science experiments at home since receiving a chemistry kit for Christmas from Santa.

Yesterday on twitter The Nobel Prize Committee had shared the lab book of a child who went on to win the Nobel in Chemistry later in his life.

The Nobel Prize @NobelPrize · 20h
Take a look at the notebook that belonged to the future chemist and #NobelPrize laureate Roger Tsien as a child. His blossoming interest in chemistry is evident in his lists of basic elements and minerals. He also copied sketches of chemistry experiments from his chemistry book.

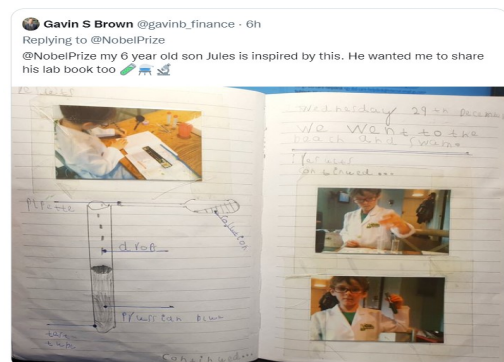


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Jules took a photo of his lab book and his family sent it to them.

The Nobel Prize @NobelPrize
Inspired by chemistry laureate Roger Tsien's childhood notebook 6-year-old Jules has shared his own amazing lab book with us.

What does your lab/note/sketchbook look like? We'd love to see it!



8:36 AM · Feb 2, 2022 · Twitter Web App

12 Retweets 119 Likes

The Nobel Committee loved Jules' lab book so much that they retweeted it and have asked their one million followers for their lab books from childhood too.

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT



Friday update - Covid Cheshire East

Aged 0 – 3 = 620.4 (917)

Aged 4 – 11 = 2813.9 (2626)

Aged 12 – 16 = 2108.2 - (1452)

Aged 17 – 18 = 802.5 (654)

Aged 0 – 18 = 1999.6 (1781)

Aged 19 – 24 = 814.4 (783)

Goostrey School: 17 members of our school community are currently absent. Because some of the cases were connected, in 2 year groups we have implemented our outbreak management plan.

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.



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!



We have an exciting opportunity for a new person to join our amazing team at Goostrey All Stars.

We are the after school provision based at Goostrey Primary School, we operate 3 - 6pm weekdays during term time and we serve the school and the local Pre-school.

We are looking for a part-time member of staff and we offer flexible working.

If you would like more information, please email enquiries@goostreyallstars.co.uk



St Luke's Church

**Jesus
And
Me**

All children welcome in the Old School Hall.
Sunday 6th February at 10.00am

Theme: Love

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.

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.