



01270 918940

[admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

[www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

@goostreyprimary



## Newsletter 11 02 22

**Dear Families,**

**Ms Bairstow** leaves Goostrey School next week to go to pastures new. She is moving to take up a different role in another school which will extend her considerable skills and talents. We wish Ms Bairstow every success in her career move and would like to thank her for her many years of service to Goostrey School and the children in its care. I know Ms Bairstow has a strong attachment to our school both as an employee, colleague and mother of 2 pupils who came here several years ago, leaving will not be easy. The school will not be the same without you Ms Bairstow.

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

The PTA have organised a **recycling collection on 17 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 6

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

**Finn, in Year 5 is** raising money for Alder Hey Hospital next week with a teddy bear raffle and a cake sale for the junior children. Finn had a heart operation as a very young baby and now wants to give something back to the hospital who helped him ten years ago. Finn is buying the teddy from his own money and his target is to raise £100. There is lots more information on page 4—please help Finn to reach his target.

Please read about **Jasmine** and the lamb rescue on page 3.

*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](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433)

**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>

**Jasmine Ashmore** in year 4 set herself a personal goal of swimming 50 lengths in 1 hour which she successfully completed this week. Well done for all your hard work and determination.



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.**

## Lamb Rescue

Last Thursday **Jasmine Ashmore** had a very successful morning, we came out into the garden and heard something; We heard bleating but when we looked over into the field that backs onto our house there were no sheep in the field as the farmer had not let them out yet, that's when we knew one must be stuck. We thought it might be in a well that was in the middle of the field.

We went over to the well and saw the lamb was in there. We lifted it out and saw there was a giant bump on its back, it was yellow and crusty and we weren't sure what to do with the lamb so we let it go and rang Marshall (the farmer) and told him that we found one of his lambs. We did this all before school!

He called it Lucky and thanked Jasmine for her tenacity. The farmer invited Jasmine back to the farm to check on Lucky and feed two new born lambs by bottle as they were born by caesarean section and the mother was not producing enough milk yet. The lambs were very very cute!







8th - 14th February 2021

## 8 - 14<sup>th</sup> February is Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Week

Congenital Heart Defects are the most common types of birth defect, affecting 1 out of every 100 babies that are born.



Finn was born with a heart defect and had to have open heart surgery when he was just 3 weeks old, to repair his heart and save his life.



This year marks 10 years since Finn had his surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, and he would like to raise some money for them, to help pay for equipment that can save more lives.



To raise money for Alder Hey, Finn Frith in Year 5, will be doing a raffle for the Juniors next week, and a cake sale on the last day of term - Friday 18th February. Cakes and cookies will be 50p each, and raffle tickets will be £1 for a strip of 5.

**The lucky winner of the raffle will receive a teddy bear, some chocolates, and a £10 book token. Good Luck!**



# BINGO

**FRIDAY 25TH MARCH**

**GAMES - REFRESHMENTS - FUN!**

**GOOSTREY SCHOOL P.T.A.**

**6pm-7:30pm**

**GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL**



## WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



IF UNSURE AS TO WHETHER WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR ITEMS, GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT

## WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT



## Friday update - Covid Cheshire East

### Number of cases by age band (rate per 100,000 in brackets):

Aged 0 – 3 = 52 (329.2)

Aged 4 – 11 = 564 (1580.7)

Aged 12 – 16 = 421 (1880.4)

Aged 17 – 18 = 61 (753.1)

Aged 0 – 18 = 1098 (1339.6)

Aged 19 – 24 = 124 (643.2)

**Goostrey School: 3 members** of our school community are currently absent having tested positive .

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 (in a 24 hour period) providing they have no Covid symptoms

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

National guidance now 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.



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](mailto:enquiries@goostreyallstars.co.uk)



**HOLMES CHAPEL**  
**LIBRARY**

HALF TERM FUN  
**DIGITAL DROP-IN**  
**DAY**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**FREE**

Have a go at playing musical fruit, controlling a sphero through a maze and building and programming an Ev3 Lego Mindstorm Robot

**No need to book, just pop along any time  
between 1pm and 5pm**



## 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](mailto:fs19sl@leeds.ac.uk)

Project supervisor: Dr Hannah Ensaff; Tel: 0113 34 33418; Email: [h.ensaff@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:h.ensaff@leeds.ac.uk)

**Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!**

## 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](mailto: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

<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/>



**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 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.



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/>



### 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.