



Newsletter 24th April 2020

Dear Parents,

We've had a lot of great comments about **the NHS banner** we've made and put up outside school. All credit to Mrs Raven for her fabulous artistic skills. More to come next week—keep an eye on the front of school!



Safeguarding our children continues to be a priority—the Safeguarding Policy has been updated to reflect the current situation and we are reviewing our practice regularly in line with ongoing, official advice. As pupils are now communicating with their teachers, through the learning platform, we are asking parents to be aware of everything they are posting. If photographs are being posted we are asking the parent to be on the photo too. The updated advice is on page 2.

Thank you **Year 4** for your wonderful letters you sent to a local care home—more information on page 3.

We are doing everything we can to support our children, in the best and most appropriate way we can. **We can't wait for the return of normal school life.**

Please see page 4 for information on the **Goostrey Scarecrow Competition.**

Please remember : If parents would like to email me a message (and photo if you wish) for one of our pupils, who has a birthday, I will cut and paste it in the newsletter for us all to share and celebrate.

Please keep sending me children's achievements for the newsletter for us all to celebrate too .

Miss Atkins—a head teacher who is very proud of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.

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.

Holiday dates are on the school website.

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

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

If pupils are being asked to share photographs of their work remind them about key messages around online safety.

You should not ask for any photographs/recordings of the pupil without the parent knowing.

Photographs / recordings of work requested by the teacher should not ask for the child to be visible.

We should make it clear to the pupil and their parents that pupils should never privately send you photographs/recordings of themselves. If they do you should let the parent and headteacher know immediately.

Photographs / recordings through the official learning platform (School Spider) are open for the whole class and administrators to view and therefore not private.

Parents should be aware of everything their child posts on this forum .

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has recognised this is a worrying time for children and their families and in response has published some useful COVID-19 resources for parents and carers on its website. This includes a poster providing advice to parents/carers about what to do if their child is unwell, or injured, whilst we are being asked to stay at home as a result of the coronavirus.

The resources can be accessed via the weblinks below:

<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/covid-19-resources-parents-carers>

https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/covid19_advice_for_parents_when_child_unwell_or_injured_poster.pdf

Year 4 'Pay It Forward'

Pay it forward - *to do something for someone else, just to be kind.*

Following a request for letters to brighten up the days of elderly folk, who receive regular care from Bluebird Care, Year 4 stepped up to the challenge!

The class created individual letters to brighten someone's day, who is feeling down and isolated from their families and friends.

We have received a lovely thank you message.

'Thank you so much to the children at Goostrey Primary School for their lovely letters which we will be sharing with our customers. The letters will certainly cheer our customers up during these tricky times. THANK YOU!'



Well done Year 4

Your Proud Teacher Mrs Cowell

GOOSTREY SCARECROW COMPETITION!

April 13th - May 24th (voting until May 31st)
Over £200 of prizes to be won!



HOW TO ENTER

- Make your scarecrow and display it!
- Take some photos and upload them at www.lovegoostrey.com/scarecrows
- Get out and spot the scarecrows!
- From May 24th-31st check www.lovegoostrey.com and vote for your favourite.

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BBC offers biggest online education push 'in its history'The BBC will offer daily programmes to help parents and children with schoolwork at home during the lockdown.

Starting on 20 April, videos, quizzes, podcasts and articles will appear on BBC Bitesize Daily via the BBC iPlayer, red button, BBC Four and BBC Sounds.

Children's lessons will feature presenters including Oti Mabuse, Katie Thistleton and Karim Zeroual.

BBC director general Tony Hall called it "the biggest education effort the BBC has ever undertaken."

The corporation said every child in the UK would "have their education supported" and it has teamed up with organisations such as the Royal Shakespeare Company, Premier League and Puffin Books to keep the lessons fresh.

The initiative will include 14 weeks of core subject learning to offer "rhythm and routine" for pupils "whatever your child's age".

'Life's been turned on its head'

CBBC presenter Karim Zeroual told BBC Breakfast: "Lots of people will be enjoying being home with their children, but... parents are trying to build different roles - the mum and dad and the teacher - and that's really tough.

"I know my sister is struggling with that, I've got three nephews and I know for a fact the BBC's going to help my close friends and family, trying to give people a helping hand."

He said the BBC was offering six 20-minute programmes on air daily on BBC iPlayer and red button, and would cover core subjects including Maths, English and science, with guidance from experts and teachers.

"Life's been turned on its head this will hopefully show people that support is there, with lessons for the whole day if you choose to use them," he said.

The presenter added that the curriculum would be for years one to 10, and that for Year 10s there would be an Instagram live with a teacher and experts exploring questions asked by pupils.

"The answers they'll get and the immediate effect from the teacher will be great," he said.

Lord Hall said the "comprehensive package is something only the BBC would be able to provide" adding: "We are proud to be there when the nation needs us, working with teachers, schools and parents to ensure children have access and support to keep their learning going - come what may".

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson highlighted the experience of many families, saying: "As a parent, I know encouraging children to learn at home is no easy task and I am delighted that the BBC has worked with experts and exceptional teachers to create this educational package."

Culture Secretary, Oliver Dowden added that this was "public service broadcasting at its best", and it will "make a big difference to millions of children across the UK while schools are closed".

"I'm delighted the BBC is working closely with the government to help make sure our children are educated, informed and entertained during these challenging times."

The content will be divided into age groups and BBC Bitesize online will publish a new Maths and English lesson for every child every day with more subjects to follow.

The lessons will be nation specific, and the BBC has "worked closely" with teachers plus "trusted education providers such as Twinkl and White Rose Maths, the Department of Education in England, the Welsh Government, Scottish Government and Northern Ireland

Please see below for recommendations of resources and tips to support parents during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

- CEOP is a well known and valuable child exploitation resource bank. Given current circumstances they are releasing a new activity pack every 2 weeks to support parents to deliver online safety activities with children at a time when they will be spending more time online at home.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

- At present many parents will be juggling childcare with working from home. Top tips for parents working from home:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/tips-parents-working-home-barnardos-colleagues>

- The NSPCC has created an information and advice resource for parents/carers of young people with anxiety about Coronavirus.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health>

- Professionals, parents and young people can be directed to the Young Addaction Pan Cheshire social media pages for daily updates, resources, tips and support

<https://www.facebook.com/Pan-Cheshire-Missing-and-Child-Exploitation-Service-1039465136264241>

<https://twitter.com/PanCheshireMFH>

The NSPCC has created an online Hub providing advice and support for parents and carers during the coronavirus outbreak. Content includes: information on keeping children safe from abuse; tips and advice to help parents working from home; and ways to talk to a child who is anxious or worried about coronavirus.

Visit the Hub: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice and support for parents and carers](#)

Mental Health Helpline - 0300 303 3972

Local NHS Trust, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP), has launched a new mental health helpline for residents of Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Wirral.

Open 24 hours a day, seven-days a week, it is open to people of all ages including children and young people who need urgent mental health support.

What to do if you need urgent mental health help:

- Please call **0300 303 3972** and our dedicated local NHS staff will support you to access the help you need;
- The helpline is open **24 hours a day, seven days a week** and is open to people of all ages – including children and young people;
- The helpline is now the **first port of call for mental health help** – it is operated by people in your local area who will know how best to support you. If you call NHS111 you may have to wait longer for help and will be re-directed to this local service – so call 0300 303 3972;
- Please note, A&E and 999 are **not the best places** to get help for the majority of mental health problems – **call 0300 303 3972** to be directed to the best local service to support you;
- You should still call 999 or go to A&E if you have an **immediate, life-threatening emergency** requiring mental or physical health assistance;

For non-urgent help and **general wellbeing advice**, the CWP website contains information and links to resources to support people with anxiety, low mood, and worries relating to the current Covid-19 pandemic www.cwp.nhs.uk

For **children and young people** there is also a dedicated website MyMind.org.uk

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

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.

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 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.