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## Newsletter 25 03 22

Dear Families,

One of our staff cars was damaged yesterday by a grey car reversing off the Village Hall car park. Unfortunately the driver, a man, did not stop. We have reported it to the police who would appreciate any more information. If you know anything about this incident please let the school know. Thank you

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who supported World Down Syndrome Day this year by either wearing odd socks, donating money or buying a gingerbread sock. School raised a fantastic £176.00 for Down Syndrome Cheshire. Thank you so much!

Last Friday Year 4 invited their families in to listen to them talk about the residential visit to Delamere. It was so lovely to have an audience again supporting the children.

Bingo Night tonight 6pm Village Hall—everyone welcome.

Mother's Day Shop—thank you to our PTA for this great experience for our children once again—the gifts are beautiful.

Photo competition for the children to enter on page 2—please have a look and consider entering—it could be worth a lot of points for your house.

**Film Night is after Easter on Friday 29th April—£5 per ticket and sweets available to buy on the night . More info to follow.**

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

School uniform official supplier - other options are available, please see prospectus or start of year packs.

[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:**

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

## **Easter Photo Competition**

Time to get snapping and enter a photography competition! For a chance to win lots of house points, get out and about over the holidays and see what amazing photographs you can capture.

The theme is **the joys of spring**

Please make sure that any people included in your photo have given their permission to have their picture included in the competition.

Email your photographs to [mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) by Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Brianna in Year 6 has kept training hard at home over the last two years during the lockdowns when her gym had to close. Her efforts have been rewarded with winning the Positive Attitude award at the Cheshire Gymnastics Awards Night, and winning silver in the North West Regional & Challenge Tumbling Competition at the weekend. Brianna was competing against gymnasts up to a year older than herself and from all across the North West. Well done, we're all really proud of you!



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.**



Hello,

You will have now received your Rose Day registration forms but may have a lot of questions. Rose Day is happening as normal with floats and walking groups. These will be allocated according to year groups as usual. Your registration form will ask specifically if your child wants to do a main role, please tick if they do, there are a few main roles for most year groups. If they do not want to do a main role, then do not tick anything but still fill in the form and return it to the box in Infants or Juniors.

During the Easter holidays each child will be allocated a float and character. A list of characters will go up in School, but I will also email each parent to inform them of what their child has been allocated. Some classes have two floats. These can be on an actual trailer, which you will need to decorate the week of Rose Day or a walking float, where you need to make a banner.

The usual float themes are:

Reception: Wedding (float) and Garden Gang (float)

Year 1: Under the Sea (float)

Year 2: Cops and Robbers (float) Rose Bud Queen (float) any girls not wanting to do Rose Bud Queen can join Cops and Robbers or be Cheerleaders as a walking group.

Year 3: Circus (float)

Year 4: Pirates (float) we have usually done children of the world as a walking group, but we would like to change this, so parents can choose a new theme for the walking group.

Year 5 Harry Potter (walking)

Year 6 Funky Disco Dancers (walking)

Boys usually do main roles but can do a walking float if they wish

Costumes are provided by the Rose Festival committee for all children. We welcome any help with this mammoth task.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: [martine.nicholson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martine.nicholson@yahoo.co.uk)

Martine Nicholson

Costumes, Rose Festival Committee

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 of **primary school age** children, in **Cheshire East** and will be held at Visyon in Congleton for **face-to-face** delivery. 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.

27/04/2022 - Parenting problems and difficult behaviors.

04/05/2022 - Securing the parent/child bond.

11/05/2022 - Understanding your child's anxiety.

18/05/2022 - Using praise and rewards to build confidence.

25/05/2022 - Setting limits on anxious children's behavior.

01/06/2022 - NO SESSION DUE TO HALF TERM

08/06/2022 - Managing children's worry.

15/06/2022 - Managing difficult behavior.

22/06/2022 - Review and celebration.

**All 8 sessions need to be attended** consecutively to complete the course and benefit from the learning techniques.

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



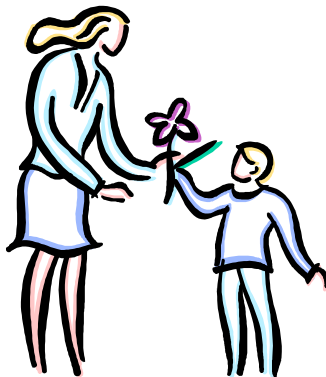


**ST LUKE'S**  
**GOOSTREY**

A service for all ages  
to celebrate

**MOTHERING**  
**SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at  
10.00am



Everyone is welcome

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/>



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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](http://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](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.