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Newsletter 01 04 22

Dear Families

School finishes today for the Easter break and we all return on Tuesday 19th April. We hope you all have a very happy Easter.

Thank you to all the staff who organised and/or accompanied the Year 5 on their 3 day residential this week—Mr Campion, Mrs Flint, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Cowell, Mrs Cuttle and Mrs Beardsworth. The pupils had a great experience, behaviour was exemplary and the children gained such a lot from their fun packed and educational adventure.

We have had 2 residential visits this half term and a day visit to Jodrell Bank. On each visit, the staff at the centres have commented that our children's behaviour and manners as outstanding.

Thank you for all your donations for the auction for Ukraine which raised over £2000. The money will help buy new mattresses and items that are needed both at the border and in the accommodation that they are providing. The organisers have asked me to thank everyone for donating so generously and playing their part in helping in this dreadful situation

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.

House points for the half term are on page 2— does your house have a free dress day children?

Excellent Bingo night last Friday and record numbers came—thank you to everyone who helped run the event and to all our families who supported it. Mrs Cowell and Mrs Flint excelled as the callers once again!

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

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

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>

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 by Monday April 25th.

End of Term House Points

Yet another fantastic term for House Points!

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 4990 house points this term! It includes 27 individual certificates for the junior children. 13 Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points. 10 Silver Certificates for achieving 100 house points and 4 Gold Certificates.

The overall results for the half term were close with results as follows:

Garner: 1474

Mallory: 1311

Harding: 1104

Lovell: 1101

Well Done Garner and well done to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points. Garner will be awarded a free dress day on Wednesday 20th April

Thank you
Miss Beardsworth

KIDS IN THE WILD

IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?

ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?

DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

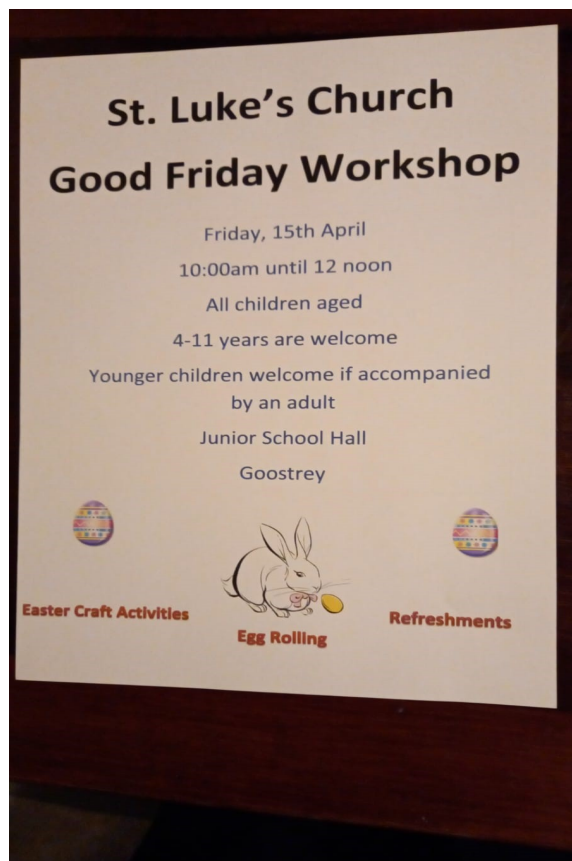
By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

VISIT WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK

OR EMAIL KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

<https://loveproductions.co.uk/contributorprivacynotice>

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Just a note to let you know JAM is not meeting in the junior school hall at present.

We are having family time on our first Sunday service in the month called CRAFT CONNECT.

You will be welcome this Sunday, 3rd April at 10.00 am.

Reverend Buckley

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.