



Newsletter 5th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Mrs Cowell sent an email to all families today from both of us—Story Time 1. There will be a follow up, Story Time 2 next week as I have received many positive messages from families already. It may be out of my comfort zone but happy to take on the challenge to be able to talk to the children.

I am also sending all families an email with a quick message from me—copy on page 2 of this newsletter.

Lovely newsletter, this week with lots of contributions from the children—thank you for these as they brightened my day.

House points for last half term:

1. Garner 1295
2. Lovell 1283
3. Mallory 1013
4. Harding 999

Well done Garner, you are last terms winner and instead of a dress down day at school we'd love you to have a 'dress up' day at home on Don't forget to send us a photo of you too.

A huge well done to all the children for working so hard at home and being awarded so many house points last term. There's a whopping total of 69 certificates to be awarded to the juniors, from bronze all the way to platinum! That means some children have managed to earn over 250 individual house points!!

Keep an eye on your emails to see if you've got a certificate this term.

Miss Bairstow

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—but above all please keep safe and well

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.

SENCo: mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk .

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

Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by thanking you for all your messages of support and appreciation over the past few weeks. Many of you have wanted to let me and the staff know how brilliant the remote learning has been and how you feel our team have gone above and beyond what you expected. I am very proud of the staff and everything they have managed to achieve over the past few weeks. We are now looking to the future and how we can adapt and improve even further. Next week we are meeting with our IT consultant to look at video options. Some staff have already been experimenting with videos but we now want to make this more uniform and follow one system to give other staff the opportunity, if they feel it is appropriate, to send recordings home to you. The deputy and I sent a video, to all families of us reading a story to the children this week- we chose to read *Wonky Donkey* – this is a first for me as I've never really enjoyed being on camera, However, I desperately wanted to speak to the children and let them know we are thinking of them and we are here for when they return. There will be Story time 2 next week.

Thank you for all the work you are doing with your children at home. We know how stressful this can be and what challenges many of you have faced but through it all you're doing a great job. We have amazing families and it is truly a privilege to lead the school your children attend. Through all this school has never closed, we have been open every day including holidays and bank holidays. We remain open and here to support you and to accommodate key workers and vulnerable children if needed. The staff are here to listen to your thoughts and ideas and appreciate the two-way dialogue between home and school even though it is a more remote format now.

Children I am so proud of all the work you have been doing and your engagement with the various activities and learning your teachers have sent you. Well done to everyone who has helped with the scarecrow competition in the village – congratulations to the winners and thank you to the family who are donating their prize money to school. TT Rockstars is going really well – children you are right up there in the league. Older children please keep going with Accelerated Reader and the quiz for each book.

There have been so many things over the past few weeks but I have thought of each year group and here are some examples of great, engaging learning – I can think of so many more as well.

Reception – your virtual grandparents' picnic

Year 1 – Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

Year 2 – retelling a story and then sending in your videos reading it

Year 3 – Friday baking sessions

Year 4 – Extreme reading

Year 5 – Captain Tom Moore research and the NHS

Year 6 – PowerPoints on the class book *The Good Thieves* and science with satsumas!

School is now undergoing final preparations for the return of the three year groups. Team Reception on the 15th, Year 1 on the 22nd and Year 6 on the 29th. Our key workers' group is admitting more children in now as adults are moving back to the workplace. We have a team dedicated to the key workers' group and as with the other teams we are meeting over the next two weeks to refine and discuss the specific risk assessments for each group. We know school will look and feel different when the pupils return, as they get used to being in their own group bubbles. Please be assured that we will do our best to make the children feel as safe and happy as possible – that is and always will be paramount.

It will not be compulsory for your child to attend and there will be no sanctions for non-attendance. We will endeavour to follow all the guidelines and to take all the precautions we can to keep your child safe should you decide to send your child to school; however, we understand that you will want to make your own decision about what is best for your child under these circumstances and we will support and respect whatever you decide.

We miss the children and all the staff want them back as soon as possible, as soon as it is safe to do so to protect the wellbeing of the children and adults. As a Cheshire East school we will continue to follow the local authority's advice and guidance about when the children should return. At Goostrey School our only consideration is the very best provision for all the children and adults in our small but wonderful school community.

When your children return, I know the space will be different and I know the way we work will be different.

What won't be different however will be the amazing team of staff that we have in our school. I have every confidence that they will continue to make Goostrey School a great place to learn.

Hoping you are all safe and well,

Miss Atkins

“Year 4 friends Gabriella Ashbrook, Kate Pearson and Isla Machin celebrated their 9th birthdays over May half term and earlier this week.

They had lots of fun in the sun celebrating with their families and are looking forward to seeing their school friends once lockdown is over.

Since they couldn't have their usual birthday get togethers this year, we're sharing a photo from birthday celebrations taken last year.



Some of the pupils from our twin school in South Africa in their classroom - keeping safe and socially distanced.



Year 4 Remote Learning



Archer



Finley



Alfie Sh

Extreme Reading Challenge In Year 4
This week, Year 4 have been Extreme Reading. What an inventive bunch we have in Year 4!



Finley



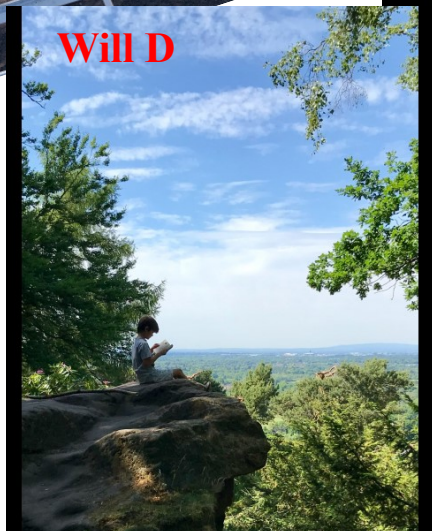
Charlie



Oliver



Ollie



Will D

Year 4 Remote Learning—Geography

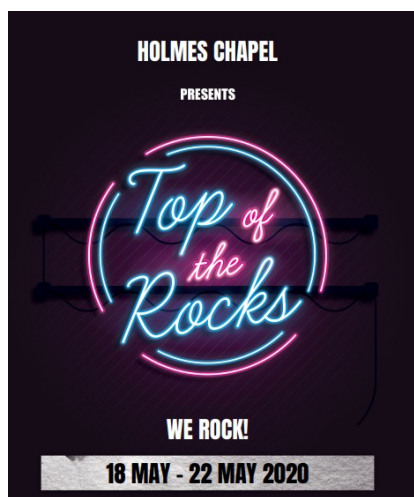
Also in Year 4, we have been looking at European physical and human features. We looked at the volcano Mt Vesuvius as a natural or physical feature. Will Downer's aunty sent him some pictures she had taken whilst visiting the area. It is brilliant to see our pupils sharing their learning with their wider families.



Mt Vesuvius

In
nearby
Pompeii





Results Board For Goostrey
Goostrey Second Overall

Class Scores	2 nd Goostrey Year 4 4 th Goostrey Year 5 7 th Goostrey Year 6 10 th Goostrey Year 3 17 th Goostrey Year 2
Pupil Results In The Classes	
Year 6	Charlie Anderson Eva Pearson Jack Saunders
Year 5	Joe Anderson Eban Cowell Monty Burgess
Year 4	Alfie Sharples Daniel Morris Lucas Knowler
Year 3	Mia Barwell Beau Burgess Henry Moulton
Year 2	Matthew Gray Sydney Hawcroft-Adams Charlie McKenzie

**Well done to all of the children who took part.
You helped the school achieve the second place overall.
What a team of rockstars!
Mrs Cowell**

Year 4 - Creative With Teeth!

In Year 4 we have been learning about teeth, as part of our remote learning. Year 4 had a task to be creative and produce a final piece of work about teeth. Here are some of the wonderful things they did....

TOP TEN FACTS ABOUT TEETH

Children have 20 teeth.
A full set of adult teeth contains 32.
Canines are used to rip and tear food.
Babies are born with all their teeth even their adult ones, they're just hidden under the gums.
Humans have 4 main types of teeth, canines, incisors, pre molars and molars.
Pre molars are used for grinding up soft food.
Molars are used to grind hard food.
You can tell what animals eat by looking at their teeth.
Carnivores have large canine teeth used for ripping and tearing tough meat. For example wolves, lions, tigers and crocodiles.
Humans should brush their teeth twice a day, every day. If they do not, the acids and sugar from food eat away at the enamel, which is the protective layer of the teeth. Once an adult loses a tooth a new one does not grow in its place.

By Will D

Teeth Rap

In my mouth I have lots of teeth
I use them every day to eat some beef
I floss and brush to keep them clean
So they don't get rotten or go green
I have incisors at the front which bite
They are so big they could give you a fright
I have canines to the side that shred and tear
They are so sharp they could rip your hair
My premolars and molars chew and crush
So food goes down my throat like a mush
When I am older I may get teeth of wisdom
If I don't they must be wrong for my system

By Oliver

This is my Teeth Rap hope you enjoy !!!

Teeth Rap

Morning and night
I do what's right
I brush my teeth clean white

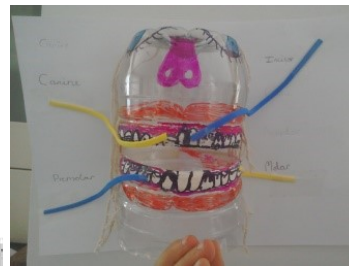
I have pre-molars and molars
that chew and crush
Make my food go down like mush

My incisors are at the front which bite
If you take a close look 🦷
you might have a little bit of a fright

Lastly I have canines that could
rip your hair apart

And if I am lucky 🍀 when I am older
I could have wisdom teeth

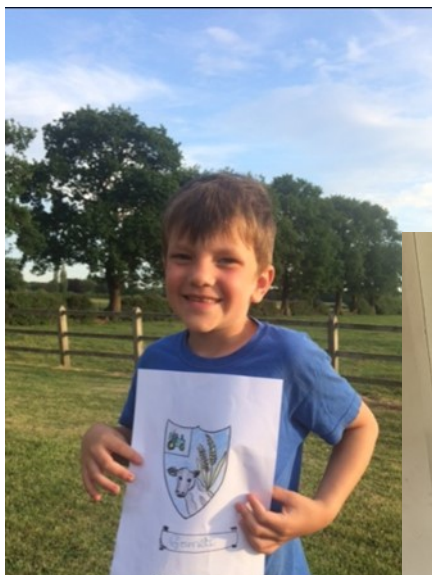
By Brianna

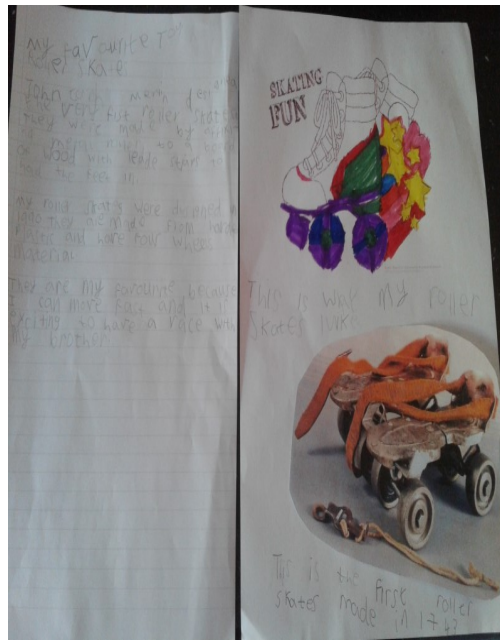
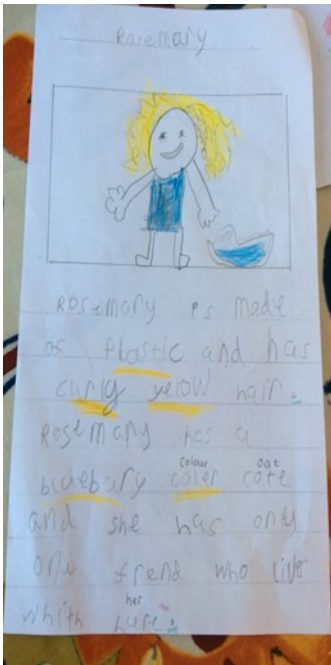


3D Model of a mouth and poem by Emily

News from Year 2

The children have been very busy this week, home learning in all subjects. Here are some of the words they are most proud of doing. Well done Year 2. We think you are brilliant! Mrs Freeman and Mrs Hughes.

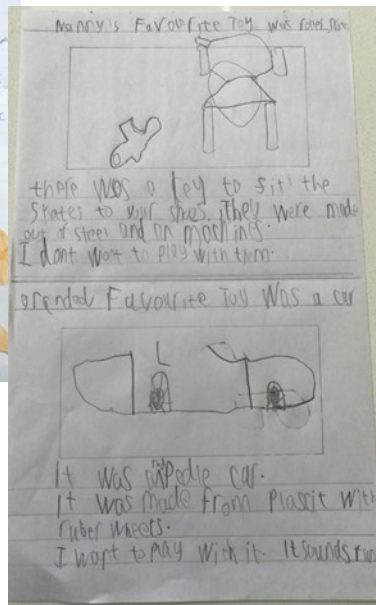
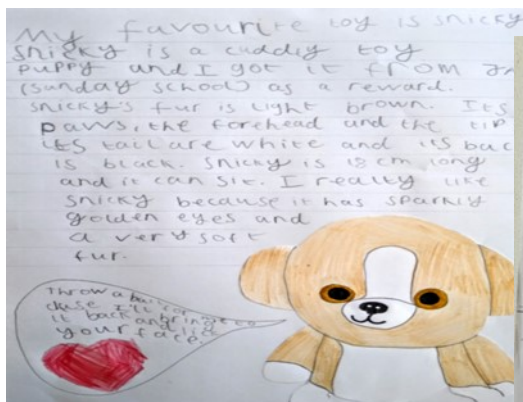
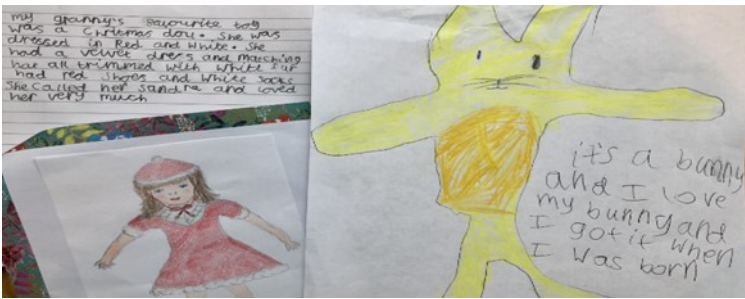




Dear Nana Toke we are watching toys in school
What is your favourite toy when you were younger.
♡♡
Can you send a letter with lots of love Zaki.

TOYS

In Year 1, we have explored our favourite toys and written to our grandparents to ask them what their favourite toy was and thought about how different it was to our own. The children have sent in some lovely photos to show their fabulous work!



Dear Grandma
Thank you for your lovely letter. It was a
nice surprise you asked for my favourite toy. I was
a little bit shy at first. I was a bit nervous but I was
happy to tell you about it. I was very happy to
hear from you. I was very happy to hear from
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When I wrote to my Nana
about her favourite toy this is
what she wrote back.
I'm going to keep this
letter forever. Zack Lomas.

A Week of Home Learning in Year 5!

This week we have:

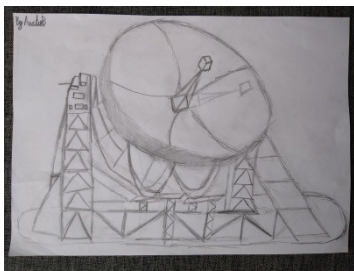
Explored the grammar of information texts, looking at the fictional animal the Rhiswanozebtah.

Explored the countries and capital cities of South America.

Researched the Atacama Desert and the Nazca Lines.

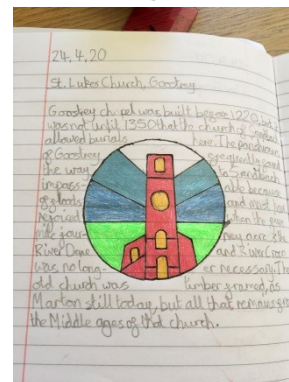
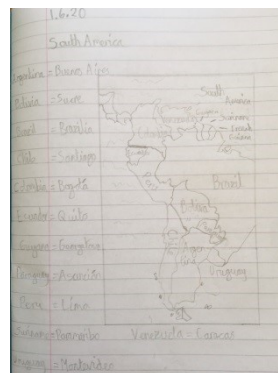
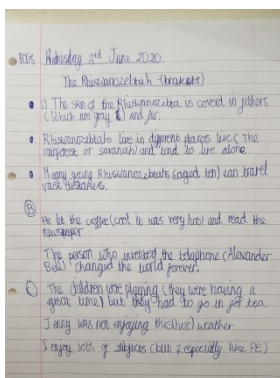
Undertaken some animal science.

Written a poem of hope.



Eban created a fantastic South America quiz.

Austin's origami and artwork!



Hannah's brackets work.

South American countries and local history by Max.



ROSE DAY

Banner ~ Bunting



Competition

Display in your garden

To enter

Upload a photo to Facebook page
Goostrey Rose Day Competitions 2020



In association with
Dane Sound Radio

www.danesound.com

Closing date
for entries 24th June

Winners will be announced on
Dane Sound Radio

Design your unique ROBOT

No taller than A5 paper size



Class E - up to 7 years old

8 to 11 years old

Upload it to
Facebook page

GOOSTREY ROSE DAY COMPETITIONS
2020



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INCLUDE
#robotcompetition

Age of child

www.danesound.com



Winners will be
announced on
Dane Sound Radio



Closing date 26th June



Design a Pin Cushion

Any traditional craft of your choice

To enter
Upload a photo

Facebook page
Goostrey
Rose Day Competitions



Closing date for entries
24th June



In association with
Dane Sound Radio



Winners will be announced on Dane Sound Radio
www.danesound.com

Our Tips for Supporting Children

There are a number of things we would recommend as lockdown restrictions are lifted and young people have increased freedoms and changes in routine.

- Have a clear agreement with children about expectations when they are out
- Consider extending the curfews that have previously been in place
- Agreed to complete increased check ins when they are out
- Make sure you know who they are with and have contact numbers for them

Many parents will be juggling childcare with working from home. This blog post includes [Top tips for parents working from home.](#)

Increased Risks during COVID-19 and Parent Resources

Young people are spending more time online during the COVID-19 outbreak as a means of staying in touch with friends, entertainment and for education. While the internet can be a positive tool to support young people during this period, they can be targeted by perpetrators and exploited. It is essential that young people are effectively monitored and supported. You can find online safety support here:

- www.nationalonlinesafety.com
- www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/resources
- www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools
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The NSPCC has created an information and advice resource for parents/careers of young people with anxiety about Coronavirus which can be accessed here:

- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health

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>

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<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

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. 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.