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Newsletter 29 04 22

Dear Families

School is closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday—we are all back on Tuesday

Film Night opens at 5.30 this afternoon and the film will start at 6pm. It is 1 hour and 40 minutes long—the children will wait in the hall for you to collect them from there at 7.45. Thank you

A group of our Year 4 children attended the governors' meeting last night to show them how they use TT Rock Stars and how this helps with their speed and accuracy with tables. The governors were so impressed with the children's confidence and knowledge and want to send a special thank you to Tommy, Imogen, Sydney, Fred, Charlie and Ben and of course to Mrs Cowell.

Photo competition—please see page 2—well done to everyone who entered and a big thank you to Mrs Beardsworth for organising this

Our older children were involved in a cricket tournament this week—more details on page 3. Thank you to Mrs Flint and Mr Champion for organising and attending this event.

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

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>

Well done to all those who entered the Spring photo competition! There were 36 Infant entries and 34 Junior entries and all were full of spring joy and sunshine! The photographs were judged anonymously by a professional photographer, taking into account the Joys of Spring theme, photo quality, layout and lighting.

The Junior winners are:

Overall Winners – **Thomas and William Hopkins** (Year 5 and 3)

Runners Up – **Amy Bayes** (Year 3) and **Ben Hunsley** (Year 4).

The Infant winners are:

Overall Winners – **Harry and Eleanor Hodgson** (Year 2 and Reception)

Runners Up – **Jessica Beardsworth** (Year 1) and **Obi Jackson** (Year 2).

All pupils who entered will receive 10 house points each, 25 house points for the Runners up and 50 house points for the winners.



Infant Winner – Harry and Eleanor Hodgson



Runner up - Jessica Beardsworth



Runner Up - Obi Jackson (Year 2)



Winner – Thomas and William Hopkins



Runner Up – Amy Bayes



Runner Up – Ben Hunsley

Cricket Tournament

On Monday, we took a Year 5/6 cricket team to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive for a tournament against local schools.

Our team played brilliantly – the bowling and fielding were superb, and we were very strong at batting too, scoring a number of boundaries. We very nearly won the tournament, narrowly coming second by a few runs.

The best thing about the afternoon was the lovely atmosphere and spirit in which the cricket was played. Our children were brilliantly behaved and great sportspeople.

Well done to Finley, Daniel, Scarlet, Laurie, Emily, Cole and Beau.

Mr Champion & Mrs Flint

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 or 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.

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please contact Mrs Schurer-Lewis, who can complete a referral form for you.

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Parenting Journey

SPACE
Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally

What will the course involve?

You will attend a total of 5 sessions which will be two hours long at your local Children's Centre

Contact your local children's Centre to find out more

The SPACE course is a programme designed for all parents with the aim of providing information and awareness about children's and adult's emotional well-being.

We discuss some of the factors which might account for challenging behaviour in children, and we look at how our adult behaviours can have an impact on children. The course aims:

- To develop strategies for building your resilience and that of your children
- To gain a better understanding of the impact that early life experiences have had on you and your children.

Highly recommended by the parents who attended the course so far with Cheshire East.



Charity Football Match in aid of The Ukraine Red Cross Appeal



Sunday 29th May at the Booth Bed Lane Playing Fields. Midday kick-off.

The Goostrey Friendly Football Club will host this event which pits the east of the village against the west. The winner receives the Simon Weston Trophy.

Everybody is welcome to watch this event for which the teams have already been selected. Admission is free but donations will go towards the Ukraine Red Cross Appeal.

There will also be two PENALTY SHOOT-OUT COMPETITIONS. One for children aged 11 and under, and one for Mums and Grandmas! £1 entry fee on the day.

After the match there will be a CROSSBAR CHALLENGE COMPETITION for children aged 12 and over. £1 entry fee on the day.

Hot and cold drinks and cakes will be available for purchase.

ProACT are pleased to be delivering a series of autism-related training courses at The Ark Café in Northwich; The first of which is detailed below.

All courses are £20 per person and places are limited to 20 per course.

Please check out the ProACT website

<https://www.cheshire-autism.com/training-upcoming-courses> or call 07976 041391 for more details

The first course is "An Introduction to Autism" and will take place on 19th May 2022 – 6-9 p.m. The short course will offer a detailed overview of this complex and fascinating subject and is perfectly suited for people who support individuals on the autism spectrum including parents, teaching staff or support workers.

The course will explain what autism is, including a brief history, alongside dismantling some of the most popular myths and misconceptions around the condition, before looking at the diagnostic criteria.

Our experienced trainer will offer supportive strategies and advice throughout the course.

We also offer a variety of autism related courses at different venues and also during the daytime - please email or message us for more details.

Thanks - The ProACT Team

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.

Dates for your diary:

Swimming pool arrives

Year 6 SATs

PTA

Cake Sale Y2

Classes and whole school photo

Cake Sale Y1 and June Evening

New Starters' evening

Sports Day

Reserve Sports Day

Cake Sale Reception

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Monday 9th May

WB 9th May

Tuesday 10th May 7pm Junior Hall

Friday 13th May

Thursday 16th June

Friday 17th June

Thursday 23rd June

Tuesday 5th July

Friday 8th July

Friday 15th July

Friday 22nd July in the afternoon

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#).

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1 as the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources.

You can apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school, nursery class or an Academy nursery if it has the same Ofsted number as the primary school.

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.



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.

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



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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.



Contact Hub for families and health professionals to contact local children and family health services in Cheshire East, including Infant Feeding, Health Visiting, School Nursing, Immunisations and Family Nurse Partnership (FNP).

One telephone number – [0300 123 4058](tel:03001234058) – the Contact Hub makes it easier for families to contact children and young people's services in Cheshire East

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>