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Dear Families,

Year 6 have now finished their week of SATS and we have been so proud of all of them—their attitude and determination to do their best has been truly outstanding. They now have a few weeks to complete all the writing assessments.

Over the next few weeks; Year 2 have their SATs papers in class, Year 1 have their formal phonics assessments and Year 4 their national tables tests. Reception will have their baseline assessments and all year groups will have our own end of year 'in house' judgements. School is far more than just assessments though and as always our priority is to keep all our pupils safe, happy and learning a full and varied curriculum.

The PTA have kindly donated towards the running of our swimming pool which will help out enormously, especially as the electricity bill will be significantly higher this year—it also means we do not have to request donations from families.

We are having a free dress day on Wednesday 15th June and asking children to bring in bags of sweets for us to put in cups for the Cup U Like stall at Rose Day. Thank you for your support for this.

Message from GOV.UK:

All 5 to 11 and 12 to 15 year old children can now access COVID vaccinations. Bookings can be made online, for an appointment at a vaccination centre or there are walk in sites where your child can get vaccinated without needing an appointment. All families should also have received a letter from the NHS with more information. Further information on this can be found in [Education Hub blog post](#)

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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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

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Harry plays rugby for Sandbach RUFC and last weekend he was awarded the under 7s player of the year trophy at the end of season presentation. Well done Harry—brilliant achievement



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@gostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@gostrey.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.

Goostrey Open Gardens

Sunday 12th June 11.30pm- 5.30pm in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice

Tickets £8.50 Adults £3.50 Children

A tour of 14 glorious gardens of all shapes, sizes and styles around Goostrey.

Children accompanied by a responsible adults are very welcome to come along.

There is an I-spy challenge in every garden, in addition to molehill archaeology in one of them.

Moles there keep bringing up ancient treasures from their tunnels.

Children will be able to sift the molehills for treasures and an archaeologist will help to identify and date them.

Tickets are now available at Goostrey News and The Trading Post or online via the East Cheshire Hospice

<http://www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/.../goostrey-open.../>

We look forward to seeing you

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.**

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:

Cake Sale Y2	Friday 13th May
Classes and whole school photo	Thursday 16th June
Cake Sale Y1	Friday 10th June
June Evening	Friday 17th June
New Starters' evening	Thursday 23rd June
Sports Day	Tuesday 5th July
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 8th July
Cake Sale Reception	Friday 15th July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Friday 22nd July in the after noon



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>