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## Newsletter 20th May 2022

Dear Families,

We have owls joining us on Monday from Lower Moss Wood (more information on page 5). We are not being charged for the visit but they are asking for donations of food etc. I know they will be most grateful if you bring in to school, on Monday, any of the following items. Thank you

Items we are desperate for are:

Cat food – tins or pouches, jelly based but **no fish flavours** and **no dry meal** please.

Dried Mealworms   Hedgehog food/mix   Kitchen Paper towels   Milton sterilising tablets

Queen's Jubilee celebrations in school—please see page 3 for more details

School finishes next Friday for May Half Term, we all return on Tuesday 7th June.

Items for the newsletter will need to be with me by 12 midday on Thursday for inclusion in next week's newsletter, thank you.

*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](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:**

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



## **ROUNDERS** **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> May 2022**

On Wednesday a team of children from years 5 and 6 took part in a rounders tournament against other schools from our cluster at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.

We played three matches in the round robin part of the tournament and had brilliant results in all of these matches, beating our opponents comprehensively. We then had to play the winner of the other group. Unfortunately, we lost this very close match but only by one rounder. As a result, we achieved first place in our group and our very happy team were all presented with gold medals to celebrate this terrific achievement.

The team played brilliantly with some excellent striking, running and fielding – we truly have some amazing players! They all supported each other really well and their behaviour was exemplary. They all applauded and praised the achievements of the other teams and remembered to thank everyone who had helped with the tournament. It was lovely to see some ex-Goostrey children there too.

Many congratulations to Myles, Laurie, Frank, Lucas, Kate, Brooke, Finley and Henry and many thanks to parents and carers for bringing them to the tournament and supporting these children so well.

Mrs Cooper



# Queen's Jubilee Celebrations at Goostrey Primary School



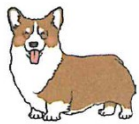
On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at school.



The children are invited to wear



**red**, **white** and **blue** clothes.



Glitter and glam is encouraged to add sparkle and majestic-ness to the day.



(No football kits please).



There will be a special picnic Jubilee lunch.



Children will be kite building and flying them in the afternoon.



**Esmée Kent** in Year 5 took part in her first gymnastics competition for 2 years (thanks to covid) and came away with a silver medal. Absolutely amazing, your hard work and dedication paid off!!



Well done to **Alice** (year 3) with her Stage 2 swimming certificate and badge which she achieved recently. It has been a long time coming due to the Covid lockdowns (she moved up to Stage 2 around Feb '20) and then moving house and not being able to get into lessons!



**Reggie Green** from Year 3 with his Improver Level 3 Swimming Award. Amongst many things he has now achieved Push, Glide & Swim in backstroke, front crawl and breaststroke, swimming unaided wearing pyjamas, and retrieving an object from the pool floor.

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.





# LOWER MOSS WOOD

EDUCATIONAL NATURE RESERVE  
& WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Registered charity number: 1078209

We have some special visitors coming into school next Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Ian Daniels from Lower Moss Wood nature reserve and animal hospital is bringing some of the owls that he cares for to show the children. He will spend the day with us and the children will have the opportunity to see the owls up close. Ian doesn't charge for his time but asks for donations for the "Need 4 Feed Scheme".

## Need 4 Feed Scheme

Here at the Wood we are constantly improving facilities, increasing our capacity to involve more children and adults into experiencing and helping care for Cheshire's injured wildlife and our rescued resident birds and animals. To continue our work providing medicines, food and care for injured or orphaned wildlife, until they can be released back into the wild, or for several resident raptors rescued from maltreatment by the RSPCA or just passed on to us by members of the public due to a change in their circumstances we need your help.

### One of our biggest expenditures is the ever-increasing cost of feeding and cleaning the animals and their cages

Please bring your donations from the shopping list on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Thank you for your support.

#### Shopping List

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Thank you



**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GOOSTREY**  
invite you to  
a **Thanksgiving Service to celebrate**  
**Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee**  
**on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am**  
**in the Village Hall**  
**followed by refreshments.**  
**Everyone is very welcome.**

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM

## PARENT WORKSHOPS



### Parental Separation – Looking after yourself and your family

Visyon's Family and Community Well-being Team are pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent Workshop** which will explore Parental Separation. This workshop will look at how your children may be feeling and ways to support them.

We will look at ways to take care of your own wellbeing and how to work together to support the whole family.

This workshop is available to families 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 Workshop, 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.



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

<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.*

### **Dates for your diary:**

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 afternoon

**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.**



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>