

Newsletter 26th June 2020

Dear Parents,

Some parents are asking me what September will look like in school. This is a difficult one to answer at the moment, although it does seem that the government are planning for the full return, full time for all children in primary schools. Further details will come out to schools in the following weeks and will no doubt be subject to change depending on the COVID –19 situation. Although we are due to close for the summer on the 17th we will still be communicating with families over August, so you are kept up to date with what school will look like for your child in the autumn term. Staff are already making tentative plans for the new school year but at the moment our priority is the next three weeks. Once school has finished, in July, we will then start to look in detail at September.

Year 6 return on Monday in 3 bubbles—we now have our Reception, Year 1, Year 6 classes all able to attend full time as well as our Key Workers' group. Years 2,3,4,5 have two after school sessions booked in as well as remote learning, Google Meet sessions and face to face family meetings. I know none of this is ideal for families, or school but I promise you we are doing the best we can with the criteria we have to follow. The amount of work for staff to facilitate this has been enormous—whatever they do is always for the children and in their best interests. Everything is thought through and carefully planned and the top of their agenda is always safety and wellbeing for all. Staff remain positive and optimistic and appreciate all the support from families who understand and know the staff here are outstanding—but then we are lucky as we work with outstanding children and families.

Relationships and Health Education is statutory for all primary schools. Our updated RSE Policy, in line with DfE requirements will be on the school website from Monday so you can understand how these elements of our curriculum will be taught. The updated Behaviour Policy, with additional information around COVID will also be available for families to see from Monday on the website. Please do contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss regarding these 2 policies.

We are moving forward in replacing our after school provision for September and will provide more details as soon as we are able to.

More work from children to celebrate in the newsletter this week. Well done everyone and thank you.

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

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

Ralph with his brilliantly made Solar System.



Brianna Hamilton in Year 4 did “the longest walk of my life!” on Sunday. She walked 16km with her family, including her two dogs, Monty and Margot, for the St Luke’s Hospice annual fundraiser ‘The Midnight Walk’. Well done for making it all the way round!

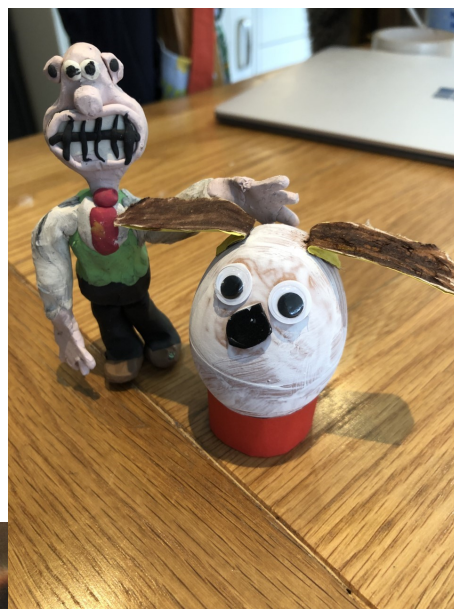
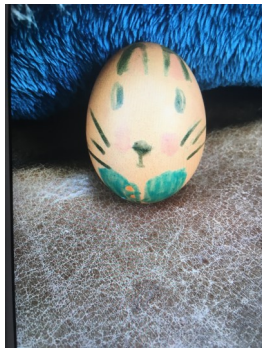




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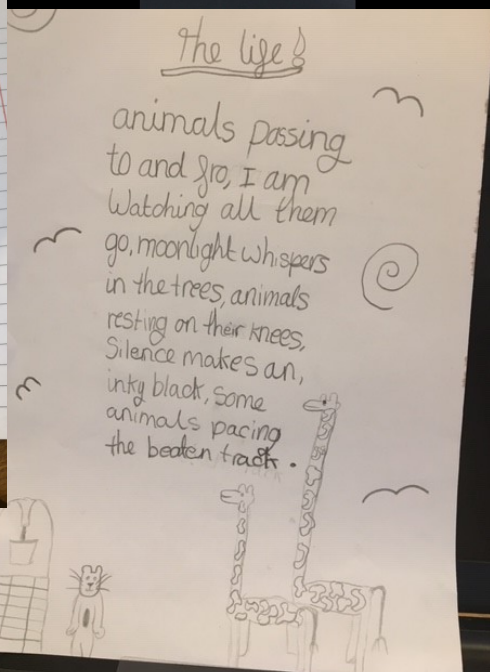
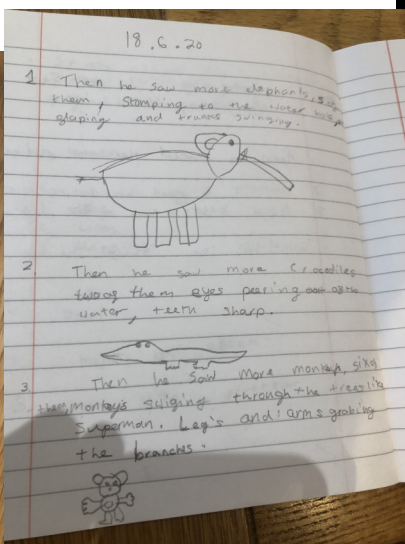
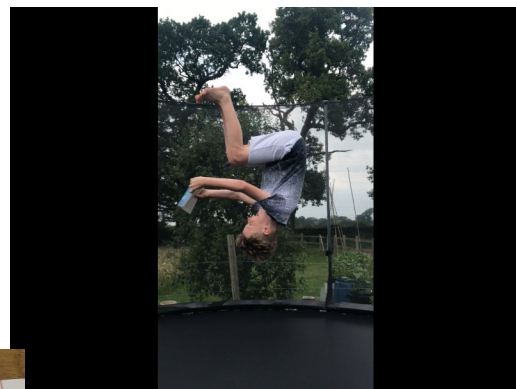
Year 4 Remote Learning



We have been looking at the animal habitats in our gardens



Writing about the book the Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo



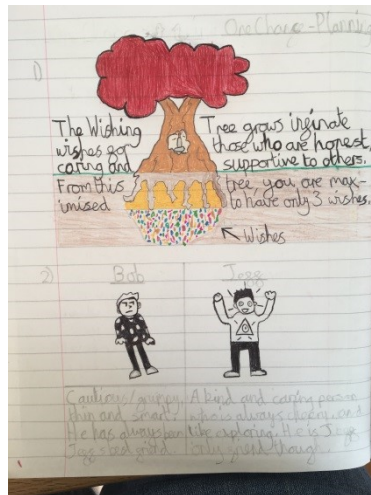
This Week's Home Learning in Year 5

This week we have...

- Written a 'wishing' story.
- Researched the five pillars of Islam.
- Done lots of maths work.
- Done lots of Chester Zoo themed activities.
- Undertaken some science work on life expectancy.
- Done lots of origami.



Monty's origami and Amazon work. Monty was also Mr Pybus' (guitar tutor) guitar star of the week!



Max's great planning work for his 'wishing' story.

[MINI PROCESSION WILL MARK GOOSTREY ROSE DAY AT HOME](#)

There will still be a procession through Goostrey [on Saturday \(27 June\)](#) to mark Rose Day even though this year's event has been cancelled because of the Coronavirus.

A line of traction engines, vintage tractors and a steam engine accompanied by the Rose Bud Queen's family car will make its way through the village [from 1pm](#), the same time the usual procession, featuring more than 200 children, would be setting off.

The parade of vehicles will start from the Trading Post and make its way through the village. The Rose Bud Queen Rose Worsley will stop at the church to place a bouquet of flowers from her own garden on the cenotaph.

The organising committee, who have arranged Rose Day at Home this year, are encouraging villagers to put up flags and bunting in the usual way and mark the occasion with afternoon tea in their garden while listening to a special programme on Dane Sound Radio. To find out more just visit <https://danesound.com/> <https://danesound.com/>

The special Dane Sound Radio programme will be broadcast via the internet [from 1pm to 4pm](#), coinciding with the times Rose Day usually takes place. The programme will include the thoughts of villagers and young people on past Rose Days, music associated with the event, some of the history which dates back more than 100 years and a special link to the children of Elizabethfontein School in South Africa who had been due to visit Goostrey this year.

The Rose Queen elect 12-year-old Cate Clayton and a team of volunteer bakers will be making cakes and delivering them to people who have been isolated during the Coronavirus lockdown. Cate has designed a special card which will be included with the cakes.

This year's Rose Day President Stuart Smallwood has arranged a village treasure hunt with the prize of a small hamper that families are asked to complete [before 28 June](#). The treasure hunt questions are available free of charge from Goostrey News.

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>

- The NSPCC has created an information and advice resource for parents/carers of young people with anxiety about Coronavirus.

<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.

Watch this space for the new after school provider's details

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.