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## Newsletter 17th June 2022

Dear Families,

Year 4 have been involved in an exciting art project called the Platinum Plaque Project — more details on page 2

Sports Day is on Tuesday 5th July at 1.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come and watch.

Whole school photo and class photos took place yesterday. It has been 10 years since the last whole school photo. As we had our photograph taken yesterday, the sun was out, everyone smiled and the photographers praised the children's behaviour.

The Before School Club will be £4 per session from September

There was a Year 5 and 6 athletics festival at HCCS this week—full report on page 3

### Health and Safety Notice

#### Email received yesterday morning from a concerned Goostrey resident:

This morning at 9am a parent parked at the tail end of the zig zag lines by the junction to church bank and dropped off a child.

Putting aside the illegal parking on zigzag lines, parking too close to a junction, it is dangerous!

**Please would you ask parents NOT to park on the zigzags or at the junction of Church Bank**

*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 (23 24 coming soon)**

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>

# Platinum Plaque Project



*The aims of the project*

***“Through the Platinum Plaque Project we aim to explore the legacy of hopes, dreams and aspirations of children living in Goostrey in 2022. Through intergenerational workshops with older residents in the village, children will explore the history of Goostrey and through their own lens create designs for a wall plaque that celebrate their own history in the making. “***

*Mrs D Goldsmith*

Year 4 students had the amazing opportunity to work on the Platinum Plaque Project with community artists last week. Mrs Goldsmith (Tippi's mother), Fiona Smith (both working artists), and Jake Ryan (film maker) collaborated with the children.

Over the course of two days, the students worked on the project, producing clay coins that will be included on a plaque that will be put at Goostrey Train Station to commemorate the Jubilee year. The class also produced drawings of themselves, their families, nature, and their interests, which will be used to construct a second plaque out of di-bond. Tracey Cartledge, an artist, and MMU students will work on this plaque. When completed, it will be shown on platform 2 at the station.

This project has provided the class with a wonderful opportunity to speak with members of the Goostrey community about their experiences of previous Jubilee celebrations. The pupils have worked with incredible artists who have been nothing but encouraging and supportive to them. A Level students from Holmes Chapel High School have also contributed to the initiative.

We hope to be able to share the final plaques and the film that documents the entire event with you in the newsletter and on the website shortly.

Mrs Goldsmith, on behalf of Year 4 and the staff, deserves a particular thank you for organising such an interesting and insightful event. The students have had a great time and have learned a lot: about the Jubilee, about individuals in their community's Jubilee experiences and recollections, about working with clay, on mastering drawing skills, regarding collaborating and working together, and about the significance of the Jubilee.

Mrs Cowell, Mrs Cooper and Year 4

## ATHLETICS Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June a team of children from years 5 and 6 took part in an athletics tournament against other schools from our cluster. The weather was just right - not too hot and dry for a change for this exciting afternoon at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.

There were lots of races of various lengths, including skipping races, several relays and also long jump and javelin.

The children acquitted themselves really well with some excellent results. Brianna won her long jump event as did Richie and Kate and Ollie won the javelin - what a brilliant outcome, especially as they had very little experience.

The highlight of the whole event was how well the children supported each other and worked together. This was particularly evident in the relay events. We won both the year 6 boys and girls races with Rose from year 5 kindly stepping in to replace one of the year 6 girls. Our teamwork was amazing!

We were delighted with the result - we came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall - absolutely brilliant against some very good schools.

It was a very busy but exciting event and the children behaved extremely well. Congratulations to Rose, Henry, Chloe, Finn, Harriette, Hugo, Isobel, Thomas, Richie, Kate, Laurie, Daniel, Emily, Brianna and Ollie.

Many thanks to all those who brought the children to the event and to those who stayed to cheer them on - your support is invaluable.

Mrs Cooper, Mrs Nicholson and Ms Cummins

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM

## PARENT WORKSHOPS



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

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing 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 [louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk](mailto:louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk), who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

#### Parent Workshop – Parental separation

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 10 am – 11.30 am.





Goostrey Methodist Church  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 3.30 - 5.30

There will be a welcome snack, crafts, Bible story, singing, games and a cooked meal to send you home full and happy!

More details from Rev Yvonne Pearson  
[Yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:Yvonne.pearson@methodist.org.uk)  
Or Pauline Whitehurst  
[Pauline.whitehurst@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Pauline.whitehurst@yahoo.co.uk)

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:**

June Evening  
New Starters' evening  
Sports Day  
Reserve Sports Day  
Cake Sale Reception  
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  
noon

Friday 17th June  
Thursday 23rd June  
Tuesday 5th July 1.30pm  
Friday 8th July 1.30pm  
Friday 15th July  
Friday 22nd July in the after-  
noon

**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.**



## Do you have a concern about a child?

Anyone can make a call if they have concerns about a child. This call can be made confidentially.

### Cheshire East Consultation Service

The Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) is the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families.

### General public

Phone ChECS on **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** Callers will be directed to a Unit Coordinator who will ask if the concerns are early help or safeguarding. You will then be directed to either Practitioner Support Officer for Early Help requests for support or a Social Worker ( ChECS ) for safeguarding concerns. The worker will gather your information and advise you of the next steps.

If you need to contact someone out of hours and you believe it to be an emergency that can't wait, please call our Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.



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 (£4.00 from September 2022) 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>

In current circumstances we are not able to operate our normal open door policy.