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Newsletter 1st July 2022

Dear Families,

Since the last newsletter our pupils have represented our school superbly—Maypole, Halle and New Starters' meeting—more information on page 2. Well done to all our multi talented and brilliant children.

Year 6 go on their residential this weekend. They leave today and are back on Monday, I will visit them with Mrs Schurer-Lewis on Sunday. My thanks and gratitude to Mrs Timmins, Mrs Cowell and Mrs Cuttle for giving up a weekend with their families and friends to facilitate this for our children.

Please keep voting for us to win Shed of the Year, thank you—page 4

I am delighted to tell you that Goostrey All Stars is running for three weeks in the summer break—more info on page 3

Still to come:

Sports Day

Reserve Sports Day

Cake Sale Reception

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 5th July 1.15pm School Field

Friday 8th July 1.30pm

Friday 15th July

Friday 22nd July 1.30pm Village Hall

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 and now 23 /24.

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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>

Come and Play at the Hallé

Last Thursday, the Year 5s attended a sensational concert at the Bridgewater Hall with the world famous Hallé orchestra. The theme was Latin and South American music.

The children have been working hard in Wider Opportunities sessions over the last couple of months learning a number of musical pieces – they then had the honour of playing these alongside the Hallé. We also listened to a number of incredible pieces played by the Hallé, which was a great experience.

The children's behaviour was exceptional and it was a lovely morning.

New Starters' Meeting

Also on Thursday, five Year 5 children were involved in the New Starter's Meeting, for next year's Reception class parents. The children were there to talk about the buddy system, but also why they love being pupils at the school. They spoke so confidently and passionately.

Well done to Hugo, Harriette, Rose, Chloe and Henry.

Year 3 Maypole

Year 3 were outstanding at Rose Day as they danced around the Maypole. A heavy rain shower started just as they began and although they were getting very wet they carried on regardless. Thank you Year 3 for your brilliance and resilience. Thank you to all the staff who prepared you for this, whether it was rehearsing the dance or making sure all the costumes were clean and ready.



Holiday Club

15th August to 2nd September 2022

9am to 6 pm

Monday to Friday

For more information email:

bookings@goostreyallstars.co.uk

**We're in the finals!!!
PLEASE VOTE FOR US AND ASK YOUR
FAMILY, FRIENDS, WORK
COLLEAGUES TO VOTE TOO
THANK YOU**



We are delighted to tell you that our Natural History Museum (shed) is in the finals of the Cuprinol Shed of the Year 2022 competition!

Our Natural History Museum (shed!) has been open for 10 years, and during this time the themes have been many and varied, including: British Birds, British Mammals, Wonderful Woods, Beautiful Butterflies, Sharks, Fossils, Beaches, The South African big 5 (we have our twin school in South Africa) Frogs, Bats, Sloths, Wildflowers.

Children volunteer to become curators of the museum and have ownership of the whole experience. They decide on each theme and research and learn about the topic. They then prepare materials and text for display in the museum (so learning about the topic as they do this). They plan and display the material and text to make a creative and inviting shed. The year 2 children enjoy being curators. "We share with the little children what we have learnt".

Mrs Raven, Teaching Assistant in Reception, has been instrumental in creating and progressing the museum over the years. She says "Many children have had the opportunity to learn about our world and environment through the museum, often fostering a lasting interest and passion. I think the fact that this humble shed is still popular 10 years after we first opened it needs celebrating. Here we are. I never seriously thought that we'd get through to this stage of the competition so we're all very excited and delighted."

**We hope that you and all your family and friends will vote for our shed!
Please scan the code below or visit www.readersheds.co.uk**



On Saturday at Rose Day, **Reggie** from Year 3, won 1st place in the Mr & Mrs Potato Head (up to 7yr old) Competition. He was so happy to win The Queens Jubilee Cup - which he has been carrying around with him since Saturday!



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.



Supporting children, young people and families across Cheshire East with their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.visyon.org.uk | 01260 290000 | @visyonltd
Fellowship House, Park Road, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1DP

Registered charity number: 1107951 Company registered in England and Wales, registration number: 5250758

Visyon's parent workshops for July. The workshops include:

Tuesday 5th July 10am – 11:30am – Transitions workshop
Wednesday 6th July 10am – 11:30am – Anxiety workshop
Tuesday 12th July 10:30am – 12:30am – Sleep workshop
Wednesday 13th July 10:30am – 12pm – Supporting your child with additional needs workshop
Tuesday 19th July 10am – 11:30am – Parental separation workshop
Wednesday 20th July 10am – 11:30am – Self harm and suicide awareness workshop
Wednesday 27th July 10:30am – 12pm – Childhood development workshop

If you would like to book a place on any of these workshops, please contact lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk who will contact you with further details.

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

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:

Sports Day	Tuesday 5th July 1.30pm
Reserve Sports Day	Friday 8th July 1.30pm
Cake Sale Reception	Friday 15th July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly noon	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 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.

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

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 (£4 from September 2023) 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>