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## Newsletter 8th July 2022

Dear Families,

Great turn out for sports day, thank you to everyone who came to cheer the children on, to our PTA for the strawberries and to the weather for staying dry!

Classes for next year are on page 2

Four of our children were involved in a tennis tournament—report on page 2

The Behaviour Policy has been reviewed and approved by staff and governors and is now on the school website.

Your child's school report will be sent out on Friday 15th July. Years 1 to 6 will be paper copies and we are trialling electronic versions for our Reception class. If you want to meet with the class teacher to discuss the report please email them directly to arrange a suitable day/time. 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.*

**Term dates for 22 23 and 23 24 are on our website**

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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](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>

Classes for 2022 / 3 are as follows:

Reception	Mrs Flint (Head of Infants)
Year 1	Ms Cummins
Year 2	Mrs Freeman (SENco)
Year 3	Mrs Sant
Year 4	Mrs Cowell (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Beardsworth
Year 5	Mr Campion
Year 6	Mrs Timmins and Mrs Cowell

Mrs Cooper will not be taking a class next year but will still be part of the team coming in and covering classes for us.

## TENNIS

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

On Monday evening, four children from year 5 took part in a tennis tournament at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.

Each child was seeded then they all played a round robin in two different groups. All of the children played every one of the opponents in their group so they competed solidly for nearly an hour! This was really demanding both physically and mentally because there were no breaks and the children had to move from court to court over the evening. It was great fun with some brilliant tennis. The sports teachers at Holmes Chapel were extremely impressed with the level of tennis played and we all had a really enjoyable evening.

The children's behaviour was impeccable and the whole event was completed with super sportsmanship.

Overall, we came second so very well done to Hugo, Beau, Mia and Chloe - we'll see you all at Wimbledon in a few years!

Many thanks to parents who brought their children and who stayed to watch - it was a really exciting evening!

Mrs Cooper

**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!**

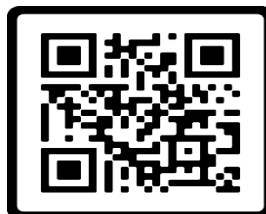
Our Natural History Museum (shed!) has been open for 10 years, and during this time the themes have been many and varied, including: British Birds, British Mammals, Wonderful Woods, Beautiful Butterflies, Sharks, Fossils, Beaches, The South African big 5 (we have our twin school in South Africa) Frogs,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





## Joseph and his dreams

You are warmly invited to this week's Second Sunday Service  
at St Luke's church  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am

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.

# 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.*

## 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**.

**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.**



**Holiday Club**

**15<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

**9am to 6 pm**

**Monday to Friday**

**For more information email:**

**[bookings@goostreyallstars.co.uk](mailto:bookings@goostreyallstars.co.uk)**





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 (£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](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>