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Newsletter 15th July 2022

Dear Families,

Extreme weather warning for Monday and Tuesday please make sure the children are properly protected—suncream, hats and water bottles etc. PE kits can be worn on Monday and Tuesday next week, but not football strips.

House points are on page 2—please note Garner have a free dress day on Monday but please remember the weather warning.

Photo competition for all our children is on page 4

Holiday homework is on page 3

Our end of KS2 SATs results came out this week and I am delighted to tell you that they surpassed all our predictions in September. This is despite Y6 having a Covid outbreak in the spring term and quite a few prolonged absences over the year – massive well done to the children, staff and all the families who have supported these excellent results.

Subject	At standard school	Above standard school
Reading	89	57
Writing	89	11
Maths	93	46
GAPS	89	43

Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

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

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

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

End of Term House Points

The children have had another fantastic term for House Points!

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 5,724 house points this term!

It includes 32 individual certificates for the junior children.

5 Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points

9 Silver certificates for achieving 100 house points

10 Gold certificates for achieving 150 house points

8 Platinum certificates for achieving 250 house points.

The overall results for the half term were close with results as follows:

Garner: 1,529

Mallory: 1,479

Harding: 1,413

Lovell: 1,303

Well Done Garner and well done to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Garner will be awarded a free dress day on Monday.

Total House Points awarded this year - 35,004

Overall House - Garner - 10,130

Overall Junior = Ben Hunsley (373)

Year 3 - Jasper Davie (236)

Year 5 - Harriette Noonan (275)

Year 6 - Mathilda Pickford (118)

Thank you

Mrs Beardsworth

Summer holiday home activity
for our annual October exhibition

'Inspire'

**Create a piece of colourful
artwork using the first letter
of your name**

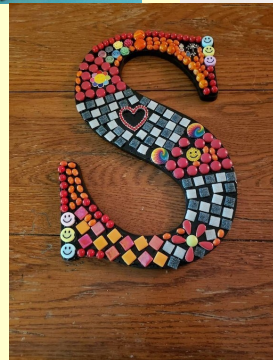
A bright, vibrant and colourful depiction of the first letter of your name. Please add something to the back so we can hang the letter on the wall—fastener or wire etc.

You can use any material: paper, wood, plastic, fabric or natural materials.

Please bring your 'letters' to school on the week of 3rd October. (Please not before that date as it is difficult to store them safely)

Above all, please have fun creating your piece of art!

NOTE! The piece should be between 30cm to 75cm approx.



Summer Photo Competition – linked to our next exhibition

INSPIRE

It's time for another photo competition! For a chance to win lots of house points, get out and about over the holidays and see what amazing photographs you can take.

This time the theme is:

Inspirational Adventures

Please make sure that anyone in your photo has given their permission to be included in the competition. Photos will be displayed at the exhibition in October. Email your photographs to mrs.beardsworth@gostrey.cheshire.sch.uk by Monday September 12th.

We're excited to see what amazing and inspiring photographs you can take.

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.

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



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.

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 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.



Holiday Club

15th August to 2nd September 2022

9am to 6 pm

Monday to Friday

For more information email:

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/>



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 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>