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Dear Families,

Some key dates for the term are on page 2.

UK Health Security Agency have asked us to make families aware of the symptoms and treatment of scarlet fever which can be found on NHS information site at [NHS conditions, scarlet fever](#)

Income Related Free School Meals

It is vital that families register their eligibility for Income Related Free School Meals, with Cheshire East, if they meet the criteria set out below, even if their child is in Rec/Y1 or Y2, as this generates a specific fund called Pupil Premium, which is currently £1320 per eligible pupil. This funding is invaluable to our school and makes a real difference to our pupils through additional equipment or resources.

If your child is in receipt of income related free school meals, they are automatically eligible for the [Household Support Fund](#).

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Check out our [free school meals page](#) or call **0300 123 5012** to register.

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 the school website for more information.

www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

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

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

Key dates—autumn term:

PTA	Tuesday 27th September 7pm School Hall
Open Morning	Thursday 6th October 9.30 Sunshine Room
Year 6 Cake Sale	Friday 14th October
Exhibition—INSPIRE	Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October 2pm to 6.30pm School Hall
School closes—half term	Thursday 20th October
School opens	Monday 31st October
Film Night	Friday 11th November
Parents' Evenings	WB 21st November
Individual photos	Wednesday 23rd November
School closes—Christmas	Friday 16th December

Dates will be added to the above throughout the term.

Extra curricular clubs, sporting and class specific events are not included above. Information for these will be sent to out separately to families.

Iona Bradley in Year 3 has sold some of her old toys and clothes at a car boot sale in order to raise money for charity.

Iona raised £73.40 for WWF to help big cat conservation.

Well done Iona

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.

KIDS EVENTS @ Goosfest 2022



The Old Green Time Machine

From Coalesce Dance Company

A family Friendly Whirlwind of Contemporary Dance, Music, Poetry and Fun!

Performances last about 20 minutes and are followed by a 40 minute fun 'Stay, Play and Learn' session.

Saturday 8th October, 11am and 1.30pm - Bidlea Dairy Ice Cream Parlour, CW4 8DS (£10)

Twisted Tales for Terrible Children

by Gav Cross

All of the tales we have heard since childhood are dark, nasty and full of dubious intention. Here we reveal the terrible, the silly and the downright incredible 'truths' hidden in plain sight. Gav Cross brings these old fables to life again vividly. You may have heard these stories before but never in this way . . .

Gav Cross treats children like they are horrible and adults like they are children and the results are hilarious and magical!

Saturday 15th October, 11am, 2pm and 3pm, Bidlea Dairy Ice Cream Parlour CW4 8DS (£6)



Further Information and Booking

www.goosfest.com



Mid-Day Assistants Vacancies

We are seeking enthusiastic and caring people to join our team supervising our pupils over the lunchtime breaks.

Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs J Schurer-Lewis on 01270 918940 or via e-mail; admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk to request an application form and job description.

Goostrey Community Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of our pupils. Successful applicants will be required to have enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service checks, and attend Basic Safeguarding awareness training

Hi everyone, just to let you know the next Messy Church at Goostrey Methodist Church will be on 28th September 2022 from 3.30m to 5.30.

Come along and enjoy a welcome snack, crafts, Bible story, singing, games and a cooked meal.

We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please contact Pauline on 01477 533159 or 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 2023. 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

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.



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 £4.00 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.

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>