

LAUNCH OF GOOSTREY CHRISTMAS CD.....every class has recorded their own Christmas song for a special Goostrey CD which you can purchase and enjoy listening to with your family. There is also a staff song although you can always skip that one! We have worked very hard on this, keeping within all the risk assessment guidelines. We know it doesn't replace a Nativity or a Carol Service but we are pleased that the children have been able to perform these songs and produce a CD for your enjoyment.

Please go to page 3 for an order form. Please return your order form by Friday 11th December, whether you are paying cash or on-line. There will be a paper copy of the order form in your child's bag tonight.

Christmas Shop— WB 14th December—more information next week with prices etc. Pupils will need to bring the correct amount of cash in (which will then need to be put away for a few days before we can touch it) and their own bag to take their gifts home in.

Christmas lunch—infants 9th December and juniors 10th December—no crackers allowed this year for obvious reasons (sorry)

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11th December—donations for the PTA—please give generously as we are not asking for contributions for the pantomime due to PTA funding it

Live performance of Peter Pan (fully funded by the PTA) for all classes on Monday 14th December children can come in party wear for the whole day if they wish.

Friday 18th December—a special video message for the children to watch (no more clues as it's a surprise)

Guess the staff member. Last week was Mrs Freeman.



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. I love reading about everything the pupils are doing both in and out of school.

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.

Miss Atkins—a head teacher who is very proud of Goostrey School and everyone associated with it.

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— 20 21 and 21 22

Useful information

Before and after school clubs : booking forms available on school website

http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433

School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

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

COVID UPDATE

Public Health Advice to Schools for Children Presenting with non-COVID Typical Symptoms

In addition to the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms, if a child experiences sickness / diarrhoea, headaches, unexplained tiredness, muscle and body aches, nasal congestion and a sore throat they are advised to self-isolate at home for 48 hours and to request a test if symptoms persist or worsen. If the test is returned negative and the child has been diarrhoea and fever free for 48 hours, they can return to school. **If your child tests positive please let us know as soon as possible so we can then take any action necessary in school and set up the remote learning for your child.**

This update has been provided, based on Public Health advice, as they have had reports from a number of settings where people have had these minor symptoms and then subsequently tested positive, so they are suggesting that schools may wish to use this approach as a preventative measure as it may reduce the need to have a whole bubble or year group having to isolate.

Please understand that schools are under very strict guidance for how we operate at this time. We have had a good term with any Covid transmissions being within the community and not in school. Our priority is to keep all our pupils and staff safe and I am pleased to say I think we are achieving this with the risk assessments we have in place. Please understand that if we ask for something e.g. no crackers at the Christmas lunch or the correct change brought in for the Christmas Shop it is for a reason. Like you we are looking forward to a brighter future and hopefully next Christmas we will can have all our normal celebrations back.

Please follow the above guidance, as we want you all to enjoy your Christmas with your families as much as staff do with theirs.

Paper copies in your child's bag tonight.



Christmas 2020 CD Order Form

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| CD Prices: | £5 each | 2 for £8 | 3 for £10 |
| Child's Name | Year Group | Number of CDs | Total Cost |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | £ _____ |
| Payment method <i>(Delete where appropriate)</i> | Online <i>Please use this link to make your payment:</i> www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop | | Cash |
| Signed: | _____ | | |

Inspirational Person of the Week

Lewis Hamilton named most influential black person in UK



Days after winning Formula One's World Championship for a record-equalling seventh time, he's topped the Powerlist 2021.

The list honours the most powerful people of African, African Caribbean and African American heritage in the UK.

This year, there's been a special focus on two of the biggest themes of 2020 - coronavirus and racial injustice.

The independent judging panel looked at people who have the "ability to change lives and alter events, as demonstrated over a protracted period of time and in a positive manner".

The award is not just for his awesome driving ability. He's Formula 1's only black driver and has been very vocal in support of the Black Lives Matter movement, especially since the death of George Floyd.

Back in June, he encouraged his fellow F1 drivers to take a knee before races

After grabbing the top spot on the list, he said: "I am so proud to be acknowledged, especially within the black community".

"I like to think that I'm just a part of a chain of many people trying to push for change."



Visyon Parent/Carer Webinars

Our parent/carers webinars are intended to offer information and ideas to help you in supporting your child with understanding and managing their emotions and wellbeing. These are open to parents/carers or other interested family members.

The webinars are delivered as a presentation on Zoom. As a participant you are not connected via video or audio but may interact or ask questions using the typed chat function. The webinars are delivered by Laura Kerr (Family and Schools Wellbeing Worker) and Paula Duncan (Young Person's Counsellor)

100% of parents who have attended the webinars to date have said they found them useful and would recommend to a friend. Comments we received included:

"I found it so reassuring and packed with fantastic practical tips"

"I have read books and used techniques recommended but so nice to hear someone give practical and sensible advice on something that rarely seems manageable!"

"Thank you for a very useful and informative presentation – an hour well spent!"

The forthcoming webinars are:

Thursday 10th December 11-12noon Supporting your Child's Wellbeing

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s0EFHva3ROm0DfXK7wVARA

Thursday 17th December 11-12noon Understanding the Teenage Brain

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i9kHvpLIQ1aXMnyjmNsOEg





Please click on the relevant link to register in advance for the webinar you wish to attend. You need to register separately for each webinar you wish to attend.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

In the Spring term we will be running webinars on topics including – Building Resilience and Self Esteem, Coping with Anxiety and Communication and Parent-Child relationships. Details of how to register for these will be sent out before Christmas.

If you are interested in finding out about other ways in which Visyon might be able to support you and your family, please visit www.visyon.org.uk, follow us on Facebook (VisyonLtd) or telephone us on 01260 290000.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

| What to do if... | Action needed | Back to school... |
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|  <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results | <p>...when child's test comes back negative</p> |
|  <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> | <p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results | <p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p> |
|  <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> | <p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p> |

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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| <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p> | <p>•Child shouldn't attend school •Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days •Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</p> | <p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> |
| <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p> | <p>•Do not take unauthorised leave in term time •Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel •Provide information to school as per attendance policy</p> <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <p>•Child shouldn't attend school •Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> | <p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p> |
| <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p> | <p>•Child shouldn't attend school •Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team •Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</p> | <p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p> |
| <p>....I am not sure who should get a test for COVID - 19 (coronavirus)</p> | <p>•Only people with symptoms* need to get a test •People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</p> | <p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p> |

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.

Goostrey All Stars—our after school club.

Booking forms and more information can be found on the school's website: *School Information—Before and After School Clubs.*

£12 per session for one child and £11.50 for a sibling attending the same session.

The club runs from the school hall and the infant children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the day by the club staff. Junior children go straight from their classroom to the hall.

The club operates from the end of school until 6pm each school day.

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 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>

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