



Newsletter 11th December

School closes next Friday 18th and the children return on Tuesday 5th January.

If your child tests positive for Covid, and was in school during the 48 hours before their first symptoms developed, or before they took the test if they did not have any symptoms, we are asking that you let us know so we can assist Track and Trace with close contacts in school. Please email: head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk, with this information. We will then let any families, who may be affected from close contact in school, know by email as soon as possible.

However, as it is the holidays, for all staff, we will only be checking our emails once a day, as DfE guidance has made it clear we are not expected to be on call 24 / 7. Similarly, the DfE are not expecting schools to assist with Track and Trace after the 23rd December, for the rest of the holiday period.

Thank you for all your Christmas CD orders we hope you enjoy listening to our singing. CDs will be coming home next week.

Christmas Shop—huge thank you to the PTA for buying and wrapping all of these gifts for the children to buy.

The children will have the chance to visit the shop next week but we are **asking for all their money to be in ON MONDAY**. Teachers will make a note of how much each child has brought in and will then make sure they get the right amount of gifts when they visit the shop. To make it easier for the children to bring in the correct money every gift is **£2.50—maximum 4 gifts per child**.

Pupils will need to bring the correct amount of cash in and no change can be given and **they will need their own bag** to take their gifts home in. The gifts were brought in to school a few days ago and have had to stay untouched until we sell them.

Live performance of Peter Pan - fully risk assessed (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)

Monday 11th January—parent governors and senior managers are meeting to look at what is going well in school and what we need to look at in 2021. if you would like anything discussed at this meeting please let a parent governor know or email head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Guess the staff member. Last week was Ms Cummins.



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.

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

Public Health Advice to Schools for Children Presenting with non-COVID Typical Symptoms—IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THIS INFORMATION IN RED BELOW

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 stay 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.**

Update on last week's information, above, from Public Health England.

The information above is a preventative measure and should always be in the context of the situation and include the following areas of consideration:

- Has your child been in contact with any confirmed COVID cases in school?
- Are you aware of any possible contact your child has had with anyone outside school who may have COVID?
- Has your child regularly or previously suffered from this illness?
- Would your child normally stay away from school with their symptoms?

After this assessment you will be able to identify the best plan of action. The decision in each case will depend on the specific circumstances, but could include returning to school, staying at home for 48 hours or requesting a COVID test.

Winter Grant Scheme for families of pupils registered as eligible for Income Related Free School Meals

All parents/guardians of pupils who are currently registered as eligible for Income Related Free School Meals should have received an email from Mrs Schurer-Lewis yesterday, containing a letter from Cheshire East, which provides an online link for each child to redeem vouchers for meals over the Christmas holiday period. If you have not received this email or have difficulties with accessing the vouchers online, please speak to Mrs Schurer-Lewis, who will be happy to assist you.



Before entering the school building please read the questions below:

In the last 14 days have you or any member of your household tested positive for Covid-19?

In the last 14 days have you or any member of your household displayed symptoms of Covid-19?

High temperature

New continuous cough

Loss of, or change to, your sense of taste/smell

Have you been identified by test and trace, or any other official source, as a 'close contact' of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, within the last 14 days?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, please DO NOT enter the school building.

Thank You.

Inspirational People of the Week—real people—real jobs.....

A selection of our Christmas day heroes – thank you to everyone who works on Christmas Day for the benefit of us all.

Quotes from a paramedic: - "We are always open. Us and police, we are always open."
"Christmas is busier than any other time of year for paramedics."
"I love my job and like that every day is different."
"You meet people from every single walk of life imaginable."
"You're not stuck inside four walls."

The A&E Nurse - a Matron at Manchester Royal Infirmary's emergency department. Her job is to make sure every patient that comes through the door receives top-class care, just like every other day. She doesn't mind working as she is there to support the team, and make sure some colleagues can get a break over the festive period.
"We work in a profession that works 365 days of the year, the hospital never shuts. It's just always nice to help people even on Christmas Day", she says.

The Police Inspector - Inspector based at a police station in Greater Manchester. His role is to prevent crime and to respond to ongoing incidents.
Police are also there to help people in crisis.
"Christmas is a very, very emotional time of year for many people who might be on their own and they see no alternative than to phone an emergency service. So together with the ambulance and mental health teams, we will try and help those people", he says.

The Samaritan - a volunteer at the Samaritans.
He is there to provide a listening ear to people who are struggling at Christmas. Christmas Day is a particularly busy time for the volunteers - typical calls might be that someone is frightened, worried or confused by something. There might be with a family member they don't get on with, or they might have lost a family member recently and don't feel like celebrating.

The Doctor - a neurosurgeon on call at Manchester Centre for Clinical Neurosciences. It is one of the busiest neuroscience hospitals in the country. They do a lot of brain and spine surgical procedures.
It's a busy period for the neurosurgeons, they see a lot of people with head injuries, infections and bleeds on the brain.
"When things go slightly awry at Christmas, we'll be here to help", he smiles.

More on the next page.....

The Midwives– four midwives all based at The Birth Centre, a midwife-led unit at Royal Oldham Hospital.

"We will be delivering babies on Christmas Day, and we're helping mums and dads bring babies into the world".

"Christmas Day is really exciting when you're in work. Even though you've got your own family at home, when you come in, you're all just one big family"

The District Nurse - a district nurse who will be visiting patients in her area, providing insulin and wound care.

She also supports patients that are having end-of-life treatment.

She might be the only person that patients see on Christmas Day, which can be sad. But she is there to cheer them up, with a big smile and a small gift.

Homeless Charity Volunteer – Volunteers will be serving up Christmas dinner with all the trimmings to the homeless

"Christmas is built up to be this fantastic day, isn't it? And if you're on the streets it's not going to be a fantastic day, if you're on your own, on the street with no company it can be awful"

That's why services like theirs, and countless others, are so important for people who would otherwise have nowhere to go.

Care Workers - Care Workers support people with all aspects of their day to day living, including social and physical activities, personal care, mobility and meal times.

Care workers can work in a care home, in people's own homes or in the community. Care workers who work in the community often travel to different people's houses

Children can you think of any other Christmas heroes who may work on Christmas Day?

Isla Machin came third recently in the South West Intermediate youth aerial hoop tournament in the age 6-14 category, aged 8. This is a massive achievement for someone her age and we were all thrilled with her achievement.

The live final couldn't take place due to COVID so the judging was based on this entry. She was over the moon with the result

THE LINK TO ISLA'S EXCELLENT ROUTINE IS:

<https://vimeo.com/401808655>

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.

NATIVITY STORY
BIDLEA DAIRY
SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER at 4pm.



This year we are unable to hold the Crib Service in church but we are delighted to invite you to Bidlea Dairy for a short reminder of the Christmas Nativity. Thank you to the Brown family for making this possible.





Please come wearing a hint of Christmas reminding us of the characters surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, onlookers, animals etc.)

Please remember your masks and to remain socially distanced as well, in order to keep everyone safe.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe Christmas, blessed by the God who loves us who sent His son to be born among us, to show us His love, His joy and His peace.

Rev. Heather (vicar)

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

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <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/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
<p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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>...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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Child shouldn't attend school •Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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>...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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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>...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.