



Newsletter 18th December 2020

**School closes today and the children return on Tuesday 5th January.
We wish all our families a peaceful and safe Christmas.**

I hope you're enjoying listening to *Now That's What I Call a Goostrey Christmas CD's*. I've been playing it a lot in my office and it always brings a smile to my face. Huge thank you to Dave Hext who gave a lot of his time to record the children singing and to Mrs Sant and Mrs Carroll for all their work co-ordinating this project. Great job everyone—never done this before and it's a lovely memento to keep.

The Christmas Shop was a huge success for our children this year and when we laid everything out it looked brilliant just like Harrods had come to Goostrey—such a lot of organising and wrapping. There were hundreds of gifts to choose from—thank you to all PTA members for organising this very special event for our children.

House points for this half term:

1. Garner - 2282
2. Harding - 2264
3. Lovell - 2179
4. Mallory - 2174

The points are very close—Garner you've just pipped it and you have a free dress day on Friday 8th January.

Guess the staff member. Last week was Mrs Schurer— Lewis



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

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

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.**

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

SENCo: If you need any help, support or advice regarding children's special educational needs, please feel free to contact Mrs Freeman our school SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

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

An extract from our twin school's newsletter - happy memories from Elizabethfontein.

We're hoping they may visit again in 2022—fingers crossed.

During Lockdown we had Rose Day @ Betjies 2020 with our Grade 7 learners. As President of Rose Day @ Betjies I would like to take you on a trip down Memory lane “Our partnership with Goostrey Community in England” The partnership started in 2004 and there is still a very strong bond between us. Every third year, 8 – 10 learners visit Goostrey community near Manchester, England. A family sponsors the plane tickets and the children stay with their host families for two weeks. We have a very busy two week schedule when visiting – going to school during the week and performing at various functions. After school the days are filled with outings with the families, picnics and nice meals combined with hiking and play parks. We fly from Cape Town via Dubai to Manchester Airport. We are met by the host families with a loud cheer, balloons and welcome posters. The Goostrey community is excellent hosts: they make us feel very welcome, treat and spoil us. They absolutely adore the children and are impressed with their talent in dancing, running and their good behaviour. The highlight of our visit is Rose Day Festival, a Community festival since the eighteen hundreds. This is the first year it has been postponed due to Covid 19.

People put up bunting in front of their homes and make a banner with well wishes. On the last Saturday of June the street is lined with wagons made up in themes with people wearing costumes pretending to be a nurse, police, soldiers or movie stars. The procession is led by a band playing the whole time while walking to school, about 2km. The community lines the street while children run around and collect money in a sealed tin. Money collected is given to charity. At the school the Queen and Rose buds hand out a good luck charm (chocolate) to everybody that walked the route. The school grounds is full of different stalls where one can buy sweets, ice cream, toys, books, clothes and have fun.

Maypole dancing is a tradition at the Festival. It is believed to have started in Roman Britain around 2,000 years ago, when soldiers celebrated the arrival of spring by dancing around decorated trees thanking their goddess Flora. These days dancers weave ribbons around a pole rather than a tree. Then it is our turn to perform! The crowd absolutely loves the music. It is magic to hear Nkozi Sikele and see our children perform. We end the show with a dance item with Year 6. We Learn and Achieve together when “Reaching for the Stars”! Dance, Fun and Laughter the whole day long!

A good moment in time. We hope to attend the Festival at Goostrey Community soon

This week's very special person.



Father Christmas - a jolly old man who lives in the North Pole region and delivers gifts to well-behaved children annually on the night of Christmas Eve (December 24th)

His house is surrounded by a community of cheerful small elves who are employed in his workshop, manufacturing the gifts.



He flies across the sky in a magic sleigh sleigh, pulled by a team of flying reindeer the most famous one being Rudolph, who leads the way with his red nose. The names of the other reindeers are Blitzen, Clyde, Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Dasher, Donner, Prancer and Vixen

All the toys and gifts are piled onto the sleigh ready to deliver to children's homes in stockings or sacks.

Father Christmas will quietly come in to the home and leave the presents somewhere safe – possibly by the Christmas tree – ready for Christmas morning.

He likes it when treats are left for him and his reindeers - carrots, mince pies, cookies and milk.



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.

Congratulations to **Joe** and **Faith** who have been awarded

Most Improved Pianists Autumn Term by their music tutor Ms Bailey.

Well done children—great achievement and a certificate and trophy to keep.

Laurie came first place in his first cross-country competition last weekend in which he represented Crewe and Nantwich Athletics club. It was a bit wet and windy but he loved it. Well done Laurie



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)

Update to the following pages from PHE

Change in Isolation Date for Close Contacts

The [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) has changed from today meaning that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus will be shortened from 14 to 10 days.

Key summary points of the new isolation guidance include:





As of **Monday 14th December 2020**, the isolation period will reduce to 10 days.

Anyone asked to isolate by an NHS Test and Trace staff member or on the advice of Public Health/Public Health England (including our COVID Helpline) before Monday 14th December 2020 will only need to isolate for 10 days. For example, anyone told to isolate until 16th December 2020, will be able to stop isolating on the 14th December 2020. If you were told to isolate until the Sunday 13th December 2020, you must continue with the full isolation period until Sunday 13th December 2020.

The NHS T&T App will not update with the new isolation periods until **Thursday 17th December 2020**. Anyone told to isolate by the App from now until Thursday 17th December 2020 can stop isolating when the countdown says "3 days remain". After Thursday 17th December 2020, everyone who needs to isolate for the full period will be notified by the App.

4. Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period, so contacts must remain in isolation until Day 11. For example, contact on 11th December 2020 = Day 0; last day of self-isolation is 21st December 2020 = Day 10; able to resume normal activities on 22nd December 2020 = Day 11.

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>	<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.