

REMINDER—Our Exhibition INSPIRE is next week:

Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October 2pm to 6.30pm School Hall

The Infant classes will be performing on Wednesday 19th October and 20th October at 3pm on the junior playground.

Years 3 and 4 will perform on Wednesday 19th October at 5pm and Years 5 and 6 on Thursday 20th October at 5pm.

Junior children must be accompanied by an adult, if they are planning to come back to school for the performances. We hope they will all be able to come and sing with their friends.

Everyone is welcome to come and see our exhibition—please tell your family and friends.

Staff will be running a café and any donations of cakes will be gratefully received—thank you.

A donation from the café proceeds will go to the charity www.nickbishopsolutions.co.uk

Nick Bishop, from this charity will be taking our assembly on Monday about developing talents and improving lives.



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14th October 2022

Dear Families,

It's a busy, busy week in school—lots of things happening for our pupils as the exhibition comes together ready for the big reveal. Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered to come in to school to help us with displaying the children's work—you have made a big difference and really helped us.

School finishes next Thursday 20th October. Pupils return on Monday 31st October. The next newsletter will be on Friday 4th November.

We have booked a circus workshop for each class, next week, on Thursday October 20th. This is all part of our exhibition theme as we hope to inspire the children to have a go at new things, maybe gain new skills in the process, and of course have fun!

The greetings card project is happening again this year—full details on page 4.

A huge well done to our netball team—please see page 3

Our Eco Team are trying to save the beech tree in the village—please see page 6 for more 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.

Term dates for 22 23 and 23 24 are on our website

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 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

SENCo mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

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

Hi-5 Netball

On Wednesday evening, a team of ten players from year 6 went to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School to take part in a Hi-5 netball tournament against other local primary schools.

These tournaments are always quite complicated as each player has to play in a different position in each match so they might be defending in one match then attacking in the next so it's hard to remember where you are allowed to go in the court. We played indoors so there are lots of different line markings and it is also very noisy - it's sometimes difficult to tell whether the whistle has been blown in your match or the adjacent one. Having said that, the team played brilliantly with some wonderful passing, marking and scoring.

As a result of this, we won all of our matches, scoring so many goals (by lots of different children) that I lost track and winning our group overall. In fact, we kept a clean sheet with no goals at all being scored against us. This was a remarkable result - our best ever and only possible because of the excellent teamwork and exemplary behaviour both on and off court.

Many thanks to parents who brought children and those who stayed to support us. What a fantastic afternoon.

Very well done to Hugo, Henry, Beau, Samuel, Thomas, Issy, Eva, Rose, Mia and Chloe - you were all amazing!
Mrs Cooper





CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



As a fundraising project the PTA has arranged with Cauliflower Cards to print your children's artwork for you to order packs of personalised greetings cards, mugs, wrapping paper or gift labels. Cards could be Christmas cards, thank you cards or whatever you choose.



Workshops After School

Mrs Cowell has kindly offered to run two drop-in workshops to which parents/guardians are invited to come along with their children to create the artwork using a range of resources and ideas, these will be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 2 November 2022 in the Reception classroom (3.20-4.15pm)**
- **Friday 4th November in the Year 4 classroom – (3.30-4.30pm)**



The Workshops are open to both Infants and Juniors accompanied by parents/guardians

Create at Home

If you can't attend the workshop and want to create at home there are ideas in a gallery and guidance on the Cauliflower Cards website [Christmas Project](#) | [Artwork Guidelines](#) | [Cauliflower Cards](#):

- Please **DO NOT USE GLITTER**, the order will be rejected!



Make an Order

Order forms must be attached to the artwork and will be available from school. All artwork should be brought into school with a completed order form by **Tuesday 8 November 2022**. Shortly after this date you will be able to place orders on-line for cards and gifts at the link:

[Parents Shop](#) | [Cauliflower Cards](#).

The printed cards and gifts will be ready for your children to bring home from school in early December.



Eco Committee



Members of the year 6 eco group are getting ready to start recycling used Christmas cards to make tags.

If anyone still has any old Christmas cards from previous years, please send them into school so that they can be transformed into tags for this year's festive gifts.

Thank you

Seth and Iris from year 3 competed in their first hockey tournament this weekend for Alderley Edge hockey club U8s. They did an amazing job winning all four of their matches.



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.



Goostrey Community Primary School

Headteacher: Miss L Atkins B.A. (Hons)
PGCE NPQH

Goostrey Community Primary School
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Monday 10th October 2022

Dear Mr O'Donoghue

Re: Goostrey's Beech Tree

We are the Year 6 Eco Committee from Goostrey Community Primary School, and we are writing to you on behalf of all our pupils and staff about the towering beech tree in our village.

We have heard that the council might be planning to cut down the tree because the roots are extending into the pathway and road. We would like to ask the council if they would consider some alternatives to cutting down the tree. Here are some of our ideas to save the tree and keep pedestrians and road users safe.

A hollow speed bump could be placed/built on the roots on the road and pavement. A barrier could be placed to direct the roots into a safer place. If the tree is felled, there would be some disadvantages such as losing an ancient part of Goostrey's history. There may be animals relying on the tree for habitats and food, which would be a loss if it was cut down. As the tree is removed it might leave a sinkhole on the road pavement and garden damaging the road more than the roots already have because the roots are under the road.

We really hope you will think carefully about your crucial decision and be able to find a solution around the problem to save our historic beech tree and maintain the safety of our residents.

Yours sincerely

The Eco Committee of G.C.P.S.

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OLIVER'S PUMPKINS

OLIVER AND HIS FAMILY STARTED GROWING PUMPKINS AS A HOBBY IN 2019. WE HAVE GRADUALLY EXPANDED AND NOW WE ARE PRODUCING OVER 1,000 PUMPKINS EACH SEASON!

FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS, OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE PUMPKINS WHICH ARE LOCALLY PRODUCED AND WITH MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.
(METRES FROM FIELD TO MARKET, NOT MILES)

We are open every
weekend in October
(10am-4pm)
Visit us at CW10 9ND
near the Three Greyhounds
pub, Allstock



Find us on Facebook
[@oliverspumpkins](https://www.facebook.com/oliverspumpkins)



Key dates—autumn term:

Exhibition—INSPIRE	Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October 2pm to 6.30pm School Hall Infant singing at 3pm on the junior playground— Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October. Years 3 and 4 singing at 5pm on 19th October Years 5 and 6 singing at 5pm on 20th October
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 out separately to families.

Goostrey Cancer Support Group invite you to

A Christmas Market

Saturday 5th November

10.30 to 12.30 Goostrey Village Hall.

Stalls to include Cancer Research UK Christmas cards, jams and chutney, handmade wooden toys, crafts, silver jewellery, cakes, nearly new gifts, children's and adults' tombola and raffle.

All welcome. Get ahead for Christmas and help us raise funds for Cancer Research!

The next Messy Church at Goostrey Methodist Church will be on Wed. 19th Oct. starting at 3.30 to 5.30.

Come along and enjoy, snacks on arrival, followed by crafts, fun, story time and a meal and go home happy.

For more information please ring Pauline 01477 533159.
All welcome.

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.

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



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/>



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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>