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4th November 2022

Dear Families,

Our INSPIRE exhibition was amazing—thank you to everyone who supported this and of course to our pupils for their outstanding work on display.

House points—please see page 2 for up to date totals.

Next Thursday is a free dress day for all pupils in return please bring in something for the class PTA Christmas Hamper. If you are bringing in alcohol please hand straight to an adult and not allow children to bring it in. PTA class reps will be putting more information on their PTA social media pages.

Film Night Friday 11th November—see page 3 for more information

Christmas Nativity and Junior Christmas singing—early notification for your diary:

Monday 12th December	Junior pupils singing in St Luke's Church 9.30am (1 ticket for Y3 and Y4 families)
	Junior pupils singing in St Luke's Church 2 pm (1 ticket for Y5 and Y6 families)
Tuesday 13th December	Infant Nativity 9.30am Village Hall 2 tickets per infant family
Tuesday 13th December	Juniors singing 6pm Junior Playground (weather permitting) everyone welcome
Wednesday 14th December	Infant Nativity 9.30am Village Hall 2 tickets per infant family

Please note ticket restrictions are due to Health and Safety/Fire allowed capacity. We really are doing our best to allow as many family members to support our children's performances.

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

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

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End of Term House Points

Wow! What a start to the year!

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing 5,767 house points this term!

13 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there was 1 Silver certificate awarded for achieving 100 house points. Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were very close, with the winning house only 130 house points ahead:

Garner:	1623	YELLOW
Harding:	1493	RED
Lovell:	1350	BLUE
Mallory:	1301	GREEN

Well done Garner and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Garner will be awarded a free dress day on WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Thank you
Mrs Beardsworth

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine](#)

Our '**Cheshire Christmas**' issue is full of helpful information for parents including:

What's On in Cheshire during November & December for Families
Local Pantomime Productions
Why should my child aim for university?
Educating for the future
How to choose the right Christmas Tree
and lots more.

MOVIE NIGHT

Goostrey Village Hall

Friday 11th November

Doors open 5.30 pm - Movie starts 6.00 pm

DC League of Super-Pets (PG)



Admission £5.00 each

**Tickets on sale from Monday 7th November
from Junior Reception**

**PLEASE NOTE TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE
BEFORE 8.50AM**

Entrance limited to 140 children

Tuck shop open 5.30 to 6pm

Parents to accompany Reception Children

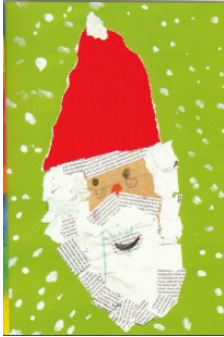


CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT



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.

Create at Home



To create cards 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.



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The Parish Council has joined forces with St Luke's and Goostrey Methodist churches to launch Warm Welcome in Goostrey. Starting on 4th November, the Lounge at the Village Hall will be open from 1pm – 5pm on most Mondays and Fridays for those who would like to come along. Dates will be published on our noticeboards, website and in the Parish Magazine.

Visitors to our Warm Welcome sessions can choose to sit quietly and read or bring their favourite hobby with them, or they can chat with our volunteers and other visitors. We also have a range of resources and activities on offer such as jigsaws, books, newspapers and magazines, games such as cards and dominoes and colouring for children. Refreshments will be available throughout the sessions including hot drinks and biscuits. Everyone is welcome young or old, although children must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian.

We are in the process of trying to arrange transport to the Village Hall for those who may find it difficult to get here and will provide more information on this as soon as possible. As the sessions progress, we would be happy to hear from visitors about how we can improve what we offer.

Please come along and enjoy our comfortable, cosy lounge and if you know someone who may benefit from these sessions then please let them know.

If you would like further information or have any questions please contact the Clerk, Emma Bambook, on 01477 535825 or by email at clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Goostrey Primary School helps Friends of Goostrey Station to win two national awards

When Friends of Goostrey Station was formed in 2012, deputy headteacher Becky Cowell took the opportunity to display children's artwork in a platform shelter. Local residents say they regularly visit the railway station to admire the changing exhibitions and passengers appreciate the creativity.

Last June, year 4 pupils and their teachers worked with professional artist Debbie Goldsmith on the Platinum Plaque Project. The children decorated clay coins which are now being assembled into a composite glazed plaque. This will be mounted at the station as a permanent memorial of Queen Elizabeth's jubilee. Debbie hopes that she will have many more opportunities to work with pupils and teachers at Goostrey School.

Many young people from our local community have been involved with projects at Goostrey Station. This includes local Beavers, Cubs and Rainbows and sixth form students from Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School.

And now Friends of Goostrey Station are celebrating - we've just heard that we've won 2 national awards! One was for restoring the Victorian station building which professional artist Debbie Goldsmith uses as her art studio; the other was for the outstanding contribution by Friends of Goostrey Station to Community Rail. Recent highlights include Duke of Edinburgh award candidates joining our monthly working parties; installing a cycle shelter to encourage sustainable travel; and improving and monitoring biodiversity around the station. We're so proud! As we left the award ceremony, Debbie and I were amused to overhear someone asking 'where is this place called Goostrey?'

Christina Burgess, publicity for FOGS

With the kind permission of the landowners, we are aiming to plant over 2,000 trees and hedgerow plants at the following locations:-

Saturday 26th November, New Platt Farm, New Platt Lane, Goostrey CW4 8NL 10am-2pm *

Sunday 27th November, Hollins Farm, Twemlow Lane, Cranage, Holmes Chapel CW4 8GE 10am-2pm

Sunday 4th December, Bidlea Dairy, Orchards Farm, Twemlow Lane, Holmes Chapel CW4 8DS 10am-2pm

Please join us to help improve our wildlife and partake in the Queens Green Jubilee Canopy project. All trees and hedgerow plants have been provided by The Conservation Volunteers, OVO Energy and the Woodland Trust. We will be providing free tea and cake for all our participants, kindly supplied by Holmes Chapel Bridge The Gap. Spare just an hour or two for a great cause.

To come along, please register your free attendance on [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (just search Goostrey or Holmes Chapel) in order that we can cater for you. Just bring along your own spade and we will provide any instruction that you require. We have also set up a Facebook group called **Goostrees** where we will post any news regarding our activities. Please join and follow our group to receive our updates.

Thank you in advance, we really look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards

Clare Downing and Paul Kemsley
Organisers

Key dates—autumn term:

Film Night	Friday 11th November
Parents' Evenings	WB 21st November
Individual photos	Wednesday 23rd November
Christmas Shops	7th and 9th December
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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.

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/>



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>