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Dear Families,

FYI: The extra bank holiday which has been announced for Monday May 8th 2023 is when the Y6 should have been sitting their first SATs paper. We are awaiting information from the DfE regarding this.

Reminder, — change of date for junior singing, it is now on Monday 12th December at 6pm on the Junior playground (weather permitting). We have altered the day because there is a big event in the Village Hall on the Tuesday and there would be no where for our families to park.

The Y6 sold poppies in school last week and we raised £102.76

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. The PTA have Facebook, class pages 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

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Amber Yr3 was chuffed to receive her first Girl Guiding badge at Brownies this week for taking part in the Remembrance Sunday parade at St Luke's on Sunday.

Here is **Amber** with her badge—well done, great achievement.



The Beaver leaders said they were super proud of **Jack** for carrying the flag for the Remembrance Sunday parade. Well done Jack



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.

On-line Safety Advice

With Christmas fast approaching and many children potentially receiving new online devices or games, we felt it appropriate to share some reminders about on-line safety, PEGI ratings and setting parental controls.

We have also been made aware of some young children viewing inappropriate age rated films and discussing the scary content with others, so we felt this advice was best shared early this year.

Useful sites for parents and families to access for advice are:

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/pegi-games-ratings>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://pegi.info/app>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/video-games-age-ratings-explained/>



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



ST LUKE'S
GOOSTREY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 26th

November

11.00am – 1.00pm

in the Village Hall

FATHER CHRISTMAS

will be there

Tombola, Raffle, Gifts

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

Messy Church on 23rd Nov at Goostrey Methodist Church
3.30 to 5.30

Come along straight from School for an afternoon of
games, colouring,
sticking, painting, stories and songs.

Begin with a welcome drink and snack then activities and
go home

after enjoying a cooked tea.

This month we are doing Christmas activities.

For more details contact Pauline 01477 533159

Key dates—autumn term:

Parents' Evenings WB 21st November (appointments go live at 7pm on the 14th)

Individual photos Wednesday 23rd November

Christmas Shops 7th and 9th December

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)

Juniors singing 6pm Junior Playground (weather permitting) everyone welcome—please note change of day, originally on 13th.

Tuesday 13th December Infant Nativity 9.30am Village Hall 2 tickets per infant family

Wednesday 14th December Infant Nativity 9.30am 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.

School closes—Christmas Friday 16th December

Dates may 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.



The Holmes Chapel Freebie Swaps Team is holding a Swapping Day for everything for Children, whether it is clothing, shoes, accessories, books, toys, all games, equipment, puzzles, and craft goodies. Absolutely anything no matter your child's age! The idea is that you sort out and donate any, good condition, items you have in your home that are taking up space and not being loved, and you take items which are more suited to your child's interests/age all for free! You absolutely do not have to have anything to donate or "swap" to take part, you are more than welcome to just come along for some much-needed items.

As it enters the coldest time of the year, I am sure there are going to be bits and pieces your children have grown out of and need to keep them warm and cosy in the cold! Come and take what you need for the winter, to keep those little people all toasty warm.

We all have so much "stuff" around and amongst all the clutter we can all find items that we no longer want or need that we would be happy to swap for something we do! Unwanted gifts, craft items, and children's toys and clothes in good condition are likely to find willing hands to take and reuse them.

Hermitage Primary School PTFA will be hosting the café this time around with all proceeds going to the PTFA too. There will also be a Children's Corner (which will have a donation to cover room costs) upstairs where children (ages 4+) can be dropped off while parents do their swapping.

You get to take up to 15 items for free – the only fee you pay is £5 entry fee, this is used to cover the hall hire, all proceeds go to the school we are partnering with on the day.

Add the date in your diary's we would love to see you there!

*****Items to swap/donate are all to please be dropped off at the Scouts HQ, CW47BA on the 26th November between 7-9pm*****

Donations can be any good condition clothing items, shoes and accessories, complete/unbroken toys, books, puzzles, crafts, games, equipment.

ANYTHING that can be passed down for another child to use.

This whole event is organised by volunteers and we are always in need of an extra pair of helping hands either on the evening before the event or at the actual event, or both. If you would like to volunteer for the event – please email holmeschapelswaps@gmail.com

Congleton Food Bank donations

The food bank is preparing Christmas parcels and need the following items:

Banana boxes from supermarkets as they are the right size and strength

Chocolate Selection boxes

Many thanks
Mrs Flint

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>