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Dear Families,

The days are getting longer and brighter, vaccines are going well and we are all hoping that our pupils will all be back with us on March 8th. This is the most important date on my calendar, so far this year, It will mean only three more weeks of remote learning—thank you for all that you are doing to support your children’s education. I was talking to one of the governors this morning and telling her that I am so lucky to be part of the Goostrey School Community. We have great staff, supportive families and a governing board who care and want the best for all of us. I know I’ve said this before but I listen to some headteachers who do not feel as supported or valued as I do—after seventeen years I still love coming to work every day and serve you and your children in the best way I can. 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

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

Income Related Free School Meals

During these uncertain times it is even more important that families register their eligibility for Income Related Free School Meals, **even if their child receives the UIFSMs in KS1**. At present registering eligibility allows for the continuing provision of food vouchers when pupils are not in school. There is also access for these families to currently get assistance from other funding such as the Winter Grant Scheme, and mobile data or devices to assist remote learning.

Registering eligibility is also important to the funding school receives, generating a specific fund called Pupil Premium, of £1320 per eligible pupil. If you have any queries regarding this information please speak to our School Business Manager, Mrs Schurer-Lewis.

Please register eligibility for IRFSM if you meet the criteria below:

- Income based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit—household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Phone: 0300 123 5012 or Claim on-line:

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

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

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



Eleanor's Stonehenge work—part of the remote teaching in Y6—these are brilliant Eleanor well done.



Seren was celebrating yesterday as she found out that she got a distinction for her RAD Grade 1 ballet exam 🍷🍷🍷



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.

Class 2 have written amazing, adventure stories. The inspiration was finding a magic pebble. Here are some of their story beginnings. I hope they make you want to find out what happened next!



The magic pebble

One beautiful, sunny day in spring I went into my lovely, little garden to plant some pumpkin seeds. AS I was busily digging small holes in the brown, wet soil I spotted a yellow, rotten leaf on the side of my patch. I picked it up to throw it away but what did I discover? A shiny, silver pebble! carefully I lifted the pebble and placed it into my palm to have a closer look. The pebble felt rough on the outside but extremely smooth on the sides where the pebble was cut open. The inside was filled with tiny sparkly, glittery diamonds that made my heart beat faster. AS I kept staring at my precious finding it suddenly started to vibrate until soon my whole body was magically shaking.



Before entering any part of 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.

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 meaning that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus has shortened from 14 to 10 days.

Key summary points of the new isolation guidance include:

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

Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period, so contacts must remain in isolation until 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>	<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.