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Dear Families,

The management at the Space Invader have told us that they are happy for families to use their car park at drop off and pick up from now on. We are very grateful to them and the Crown for allowing us to use their car parks at the beginning and end of the school day. Their generosity makes parking at Goostrey so much safer and should avoid anyone parking on the road. A big thank you to both our local, community establishments.

It's the Christmas Shop next week. Children can buy gifts and take them home for a lovely surprise for their families. **Please see page 3**

The Elf Run is back—please see page 2.

Our Christmas hamper PTA fundraising raffle is ready to be launched on Monday 5TH December and they look fantastic. The children can buy tickets, at £1 a strip to win their class hamper which will be drawn before the end of term. The children will have time during the day to view their hamper so they can see all the wonderful things it contains.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Please see dates for the rest of this term on page 7.

One date added this week:

Friday 16th December Christmas Jumper Day and afternoon film for the whole school

School closes Friday 16th December—pupils return on Wednesday 4th January

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

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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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**JOIN US FOR SOME FUNDRAISING FUN
THIS DECEMBER WITH THE ELF RUN!**

This Christmas, Goostrey Primary, is supporting St Luke's Hospice again by completing an "Elf Run" at school. Each child will receive a pair of elf ears for this event which they will then bring home. We are asking for donations and you can either send these to school in an envelope or you can donate on the

JustGiving link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/GoostreyPrimarySchool>

We plan to do the elf run in the last week of term. All funds raised go to St Luke's.

Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

Christmas Shop

Shopping days - Wednesday 7th
and Friday 9th December

Gifts for Mums, Dads,
Grandparents, Brothers
and Sisters

We have some great
gifts on sale starting
from 50p to £5

Please bring your money
in a named purse and
don't forget your bag
for life to bring your
gifts home!



REMINDER

Year 6 pupils have been busy recycling last year's Christmas cards to make lovely gift tags to attach to presents.

They will be sold in packs of 10 for just 60p.

Junior Site - sales at lunchtimes from 1st December

Infant Site - sales at the end of the school day on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th December

I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of Year Five to Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School for a Boccia and Kurling competition.

There were three other school competing. The atmosphere was great and everyone had a good time and showed good sportsmanship.

We came second in the Kurling and joint third in the Boccia.

Congratulations to Tippi, Bethany, Thomas, Charlie, Noah, Louie, Ben and Pantelis.

Mrs Greene

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.



CEIAS Mediation Information Session

Cheshire East Information Advice and Support Service are holding an online parent and carers information sharing session on Tuesday 6th December between 10am and 11.30am

This is an online event via Microsoft Teams

To book a place on this session please contact us via email:

ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can call us on 0300 123 5166

(Please leave a quick message as the team are continuing to work remotely at this present time)

We will send you a link to join online the day before the event

**Many thanks
The CEIAS Team**



ST LUKE'S
GOOSTREY



CHRISTINGLE and NATIVITY



10.00am
Sunday, December 11th

If possible, please can your child bring their Childrens Society Christingle Collection Envelopes back to school before Friday the 9th December or bring to the Christingle Service.
Many thanks

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>