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HEALTH AND SAFETY—PARKING CONCERNS

I have received the following from a concerned parent:

*I've noticed an increasing trend for cars to park at the front of school on the yellow hazard lines for drop off and pick up.
This morning I witnessed a car parked on the pavement in front of school pulling away while a child was between the car and the wall in front of the school.
I understand that parents are feeling time pressured owing to the road diversion, but clearly this is no justification for breaking the law and putting children in danger. Is this something the community PCSO could assist with?*

If you feel that our children's safety is at risk, from inconsiderate/ dangerous parking please do let our local PCSO know. Thank you

PCSO Pam Graham
pam.graham@cheshire.police.uk 07815 677029

Parents' Evenings are WB 11th March.

You are very welcome to come in the week before to see your child's books—days and times below:

R - Tues 5th March - 3:15 - 4:30
Yr 1 - Tues 5th March - 3:30 - 4:45
Yr 2 - Thurs 7th March - 3:30-4:45
Yr 3 - Thurs 7th March - 3:30-4:45
Yr 4 - Tues 5th March - 4:20 - 5:35
Yr 5 - Thurs 7th March - 3:30-4:45
Yr 6 - Thurs 7th March - 3:30-4:45

School finishes today for the half term break. We all return on Monday 26th February

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 mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Income Related Free School Meals: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or visit website for further information
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 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 for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA
<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

Congratulations to **Lily and Emily** for winning the Natural History Museum competition. The curators are currently taking down the Dinosaur display ready for the Easter theme next half term.



William plays for Sandbach Rugby Club Under 7's and he was awarded Star of the Week on Sunday. He received this trophy from the coaches after taking a hit to the head during the session with a rugby ball and still continued to play. He then went on to be one of the last few standing during a game of Space Invaders where he dodged being tagged!

William was very pleased to win this trophy."



Please keep sending your child's achievements for the newsletter so we can celebrate them together. We love knowing about what the pupils are doing both in and out of school. Items need to be received by midday on the Thursday for inclusion in Friday's newsletter. Thank you

On Thursday 21st March 2024 we will be supporting World Down Syndrome Day.

Please wear your odd socks in support on this day.

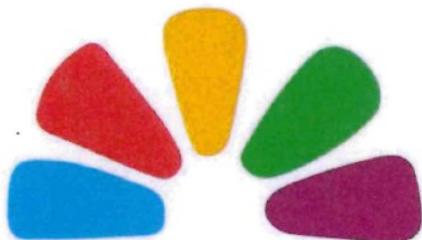
We will also be selling gingerbread sock biscuits by the Infant main door and in the Junior playground straight after school.

£1 per biscuit

Thursday 21st March

We're supporting World Down Syndrome Day by selling
GINGERBREAD SOCKS!

Helping our amazing Down syndrome community to live the life they choose



WDSD 2024

#iwant



£1

Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

Mother's Day



Shop



Shopping days start
Monday 4th March

We have some great gifts on sale starting
from £1 to £5

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



Tickets are £60 and will be on sale 20th Feb (details to follow)

Tables available to purchase (10-12 people) as well as individual tickets.

Get your dancing shoes ready for a night of dancing, fun and laughter!

Tickets are limited for this much anticipated event!

RECYCLE 4 SCHOOL

Help raise funds for Goostrey
PTA by having a half term clear
out and turning your unwanted
clothes into £'s

**Collection date:
Thursday 29th February**

Please drop your bags
of recyclables at the
bike stores at either
the infants or juniors
on the morning of
the collection date





09 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers, hope this email finds you and your family doing well.

We are pleased to share with you some opportunities for you to enhance your skills in supporting your child's wellbeing. As parents and caregivers, we play a crucial role in nurturing our children's mental health and these workshops are designed to equip you with the tools and knowledge to do so.

In today's rapidly changing world, navigating the challenges that our children face can often feel overwhelming. That's why we've developed these workshops specifically to empower you with practical strategies and insights to help your child thrive emotionally, socially, and academically.

Here is a list of our workshops for this academic year:

Sleep

Supporting your Child with Additional Needs

Helping Children Manage Worries and Anxiety (7-week workshop programme)

Connecting with your Teenager

Impact of the Academic World

Transitioning to a New School

Understanding Self-harm

We believe that by investing in our own growth and learning, we can create a more supportive and nurturing environment for our children to flourish.

These workshops are free to attend, and we welcome families in Cheshire East or families of children who attend a school in Cheshire East. Please email FamiliesandCommunitieTeam@Visyon.org.uk to reserve your spaces as spaces are limited or if you require any further information. If you cannot attend a workshop due to scheduling conflicts, please do email us.

As part of our services, we provide tailored support and guidance for families at an early stage when it is most needed. This includes Family Wellbeing support for parents and caregivers. This support can be accessed via a Visyon Parent Open Access Appointment, which can be booked directly by yourselves via our Initial Contact Team on 01260 290 000.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read my letter and the attached information.

Louise

Louise Marsh | She/Her

Wellbeing, Families and Communities Manager

07498 619 481 | Working Days: Monday – Thursday

Registered Charity Number 1107951
Registered company number 5250758



Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

Key dates:

WB 4th March Mother's Day shop .

8th March Film Night

WB 11th March Parent Appointments

22nd March Year 2 cake sale

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE EASTER BREAK AND RETURNS
MONDAY 15TH APRIL**

Following the success of last year, the Rose Day committee is again organising a quiz to help raise funds for the big day which will be held on Saturday 29 June.

The quiz, which will be held in the village hall on Saturday 2 March, starting at 7.30pm, will feature teams of no more than six. The bar opens at 7pm. Tickets costing £5 per person are available from Peter Gomes: Tel 07867 798848, treasurer@goostreyrosefestival.co.uk

Year 6 national tests and assessments will be ongoing throughout the summer term until the **end of June 2024**. It is vital that your child attends school for the whole of this period.

YEAR 6 SATS ARE WB 13TH MAY 2024 and the writing assessments are until the end of June.

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>