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Newsletter 30th April 2021

Dear Families,

Monday is May Day Bank Holiday—school opens again on Tuesday 4th May.

Some of our older pupils have expressed worries around walking between school and The Crown because the pavement is quite narrow. If your child makes this journey please encourage them to do this safely and always walk and never run, especially on to the road. We will remind them in school too. Thank you.

On Thursday 6th May the Village Hall will be used for elections. This may mean less space on the car park at drop off and pick up. Ms Cummins will send out an email and text, on Friday, to let families know how this will affect drop off and pick up, for the Year 1 class, on that one day. Thank you

On pages 2 and 3 there is information about sponsoring a child at our twin school in South Africa. This is a great initiative and one that some of you may be interested in.

House points for last half term:

1. Harding 1444 Well done Harding—you can have a free dress day on Thursday 6th May
2. Lovell 1126
3. Garner 1106
4. Mallory 1029

There's also a whopping 64 certificates to hand out!! Thank you Ms. Bairstow for all your work counting the points and organising the certificates.

Year 6 are holding a raffle in school to raise money for their school and their twin school in S Africa—more details on page 6. Please support this children—it's 50p a ticket and the winning teddy can be seen on page 6—it's very cute!

Link to Digital Parenting magazine below:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

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

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.

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

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Elizabethfontein offers you the opportunity to become a Betjie (short for Elizabethfontein) Angel!

As an Angel you would contribute to the children's wellbeing. R100 a month (approximately £5) isn't a lot but it can be put to great use. Most of the children live in the school dormitories during the week as their farm accommodation is too far away to travel to school every day. Items need to be bought such as toiletries, masks and bedding, and the cooking equipment in the kitchen desperately needs upgrading. These are just a few examples of how the money would be spent to benefit the children.

The school also delivers food parcels to outlying farms when there are available funds. Annetjie Dames

If you would like more information before contacting Elizabethfontein please email mrs.saxton@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk



An Invitation to become a *Betjie-Angel*

Elizabethfontein Primary, situated 35km outside Clanwilliam, is a no-fee, quintile 1 school. This is as a result of the financial standing of our parents. There are currently 265 pupils in attendance, the majority of which live in the surrounding farming district (Agter Pakhuys). Apart from the 19 teaching- and 11 hostel staff, we provide an aftercare and supervisory service for 180 pupils, especially for pupils whose home conditions are not conducive to learning.

Our motto of "Reach for the stars" is visible daily, and forms the foundation on which Elizabethfontein Primary is built. Pupils are given the opportunity to reach their full and excel in terms of academics, culture and sport. Our school values of: *Love, Respect, Friendship, Kindness and Honesty* form the basis in everything we do. *We Belong, We Care, and We Serve.*

We would like to invite you to become an Angel to a child that is already excelling even though they have numerous challenges at home. Come on board in partnership with a rural school in the Cederberg by contributing R100 per month to a specific child's schooling:

Please email us at elizabethfonteinps@gmail.com

We send you a photo and a short background of the child you are supporting

Banking details of school will then be provided.

Update of progress once a term.

Teacher in charge: Ms Mariette Kotze.



A win-win solution.

Greetings

Annatjie Dames (Principal: Elizabethfontein Primary)

Inspirational Person of the Week

discussed in classes this week Greta Thunberg



Greta Thunberg is the Swedish teenager who has inspired an international movement to fight climate change.

She has become a leading voice, inspiring millions to join protests around the world.

She is a 17-year-old who grew up in Stockholm, in Sweden.

The elder of two girls, she says she learned about climate change when she was eight.

Greta has Asperger's syndrome, a developmental disorder, and has described it as a gift and said being different is a "superpower"

In May 2018, aged 15, Greta won a climate change essay competition in a local newspaper.

Three months later, in August, she started protesting in front of the Swedish parliament building, vowing to continue until the Swedish government met the carbon emissions target agreed by world leaders in Paris, in 2015.

She held a sign that read "School Strike for Climate" and began regularly missing lessons to go on strike on Fridays, urging students around the world to join her.

Her protests went viral on social media and as support for her cause grew and other strikes started around the world.

By December 2018, more than 20,000 students around the world had joined her in countries including Australia, the UK, Belgium, the US and Japan. She joined strikes around Europe, choosing to travel by train to limit her impact on the environment.

The teenager took the whole of 2019 off school to continue campaigning, to attend key climate conferences, and to join student protests around the world.

In September 2019, she travelled to New York to address a UN climate conference. Greta refuses to fly because of its environmental impact, so she made her way there on a racing yacht, in a journey that lasted two weeks.

When she arrived, millions of people around the world took part in a climate strike, underlining the scale of her influence. Addressing the conference, she blasted politicians for relying on young people for answers to climate change.

She said: "How dare you? I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean, yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you?"

She was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year.

Millions of students around the world have been inspired by her strikes, and Greta has received support from climate activists, scientists, world leaders and the Pope, who told her to "continue" her work.

Broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough told her she had achieved things many others have failed to do, adding: "you have aroused the world. I'm very grateful to you.

Will and Lucia were featured in the Beano this week, displaying their amazing Beano Art



Following up about **Archer's** fundraiser at the weekendArcher rode the 22 miles on Sunday. He found it tough at times but he powered through it and so far he's raised £622 for "The NoBarriers Foundation".

School and family are very proud of him—to keep going when things get tough shows great determination and courage—a huge well done Archer and for such a great cause as well.



If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to head@gostrey.cheshire.sch.uk or admin@gostrey.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.



SCHOOL RAFFLE

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
A TEDDY BEAR, SWEETS
OR CHOCOLATES**

**PLUS a dress down day for the house
that collects the most money**

50p per ticket
(correct money please)

Tickets for sale from 4th
May until 18th May.

Raffle to be drawn on
Wednesday 19th May

All proceeds to be shared
between Goostrey School
and Elizabethfontein



RAFFLE!

House captains are holding a raffle from Tuesday 4th May to Tuesday 18th May. Tickets will be 50p each (please can you bring the correct amount). There are several prizes including sweets, chocolate and a teddy bear. All the money we raise will be shared between our twin school, Elizabethfontein, and our school.

The house captains have organised all this, from the brilliant idea suggested by the red house captains. We will be using a chart to record which house members have bought the most tickets. Whichever house buys the most will get a free dress day!

The house captains will be selling tickets in the playground at lunchtimes in the juniors and a member of staff will do the same in the infants.

Please buy tickets to help Elizabethfontein and our school.

From the House Captains.



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

A contact is defined as a person who has had contact (see below) at any time from **two days** before onset of symptoms (or time of test if asymptomatic) to 10 days after onset of symptoms (or test):

a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:

being coughed on, or

having a face-to-face conversation, or

having skin-to-skin physical contact, or

any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact

a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes

a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Parents with children at nurseries, schools and colleges

A guide to regular rapid Covid-19 testing



Regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles.

Regular rapid testing is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus and help protect your loved ones and community. It's free and takes around 30 minutes.

Why introduce regular rapid testing?

Up to 1 in 3 people who have Covid-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing.

Regular rapid testing is now available for parents of nursery, school children and college students. As well as adults in their households, childcare and support bubbles.

Regular testing for people without symptoms is already taking place across the country. Thousands of people who didn't know they had the virus have been able to take action to stop the spread of the disease.

As lockdown restrictions ease, getting into the **regular habit of twice weekly testing** will play an important role in getting back to normal; **alongside the vaccine, following the hands, face, space guidance, and social distancing measures.**

Regular testing for school staff and students

Regular rapid testing is already **available to all staff** at nursery, primary and secondary schools and colleges.

Secondary school and college students aged 11 and above will continue to access regular rapid tests directly through their school or college. And we continue to encourage them to get tested.

On return they will initially be supervised while testing at school and then continue to test themselves at home with test kits they will get from school or college.

Nursery and primary school children are not being asked to be tested as evidence continues to show that children and young people are at low risk from Covid-19 and are very unlikely to get seriously ill.

What is the benefit to you?

By taking part in regular rapid testing, you'll be protecting yourself and your loved ones. And helping us all get back to a more normal way of life.





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/>



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 £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.