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Dear Families,

Year 3 you were amazing last Saturday—the way you danced and performed around the maypole was outstanding. We celebrated your achievement in the assembly with a round of applause and house points. A massive thank you to all of you, as well as to Mrs Sant and Mrs Greene for all your hard work.

Our Year 6 pupils head off to Wales today for their residential visit. We hope they all have a great time and return to us safe and sound on Monday. A huge thank you and much gratitude to Mrs Timmins, Mrs Cowell and Mrs Cuttle for giving up a weekend with their own families to make sure this trip can happen. Thank you, also for all the preparation work that goes in to a visit like this—it's huge!

We had a wonderful time with our visitors from Elizabethfontein School—many memories to treasure. Thank you to all our host families and to staff, especially Mrs Saxton who co-ordinated the visit.

Reminder to Year 6 families—HCCS sent all families who have children going to their school in September an email this week informing them that they have cancelled the transition day next Wednesday due to strike action. Tuesday's transition will go ahead as planned.

Please check key dates for the rest of the term on page 8.

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 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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Dear year 6 students of Goostrey Primary school and your families.

I hope that this letter finds you well. As year 6 students prepare to move to a new school in September your local parish church, St Luke's, would like to wish each student well and all the best for the future. We would also like to offer each student a gift of a bible from St Luke's church as a symbol of our good wishes. The bible we would like to offer you is a "Good News Bible" which contains the full Bible text in a clear readable style, with illustrations and helpful information about how to read and enjoy the bible. St Luke's church would like to offer this gift to every year 6 student. And so I would like to invite you to call into church to pick up your gift of a bible straight after school on the Monday of the last week of term (or pop in on the Tuesday if the Monday is not convenient) So **I will be in church to give the bibles to all year 6 students who would like to have one on Monday 17th July -call in any time between 3.15-4.15pm or on Tuesday 18th July from 3.15-4.15 pm.** If you would like to have a Bible and these times are not convenient for you to collect one please do let me know and I will ensure that you receive your gift of a Bible.

With very best wishes from St Luke's Church. Christine

Jack (and a few other year 3s!) got their trophies for completing a season in Holmes Chapel Hurricanes under 8s team ☐



Well done **Luke** (Year 1) for completing his 25th 5k parkrun! Brilliant achievement!



Matthew attended his martial arts grading on the morning of Rose Day. He passed and moved on to yellow belt. We are all very proud of his hard work, and the yellow belt is well deserved.



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.

Summer holiday tennis and fitness fun for children



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TENNIS COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL ABILITIES



'Camps' are run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held at Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey, from 9.30am to 1.30pm each day

CAMP 1: MONDAY 24th JULY - FRIDAY 28th JULY
CAMP 2: MONDAY 31st JULY - FRIDAY 4th AUGUST
CAMP 3: MONDAY 21st AUGUST - FRIDAY
25th AUGUST
CAMP 4: TUESDAY 29th AUGUST - FRIDAY 1st SEPT.

EMAIL play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk or call 07885 804246 for details

Key dates this term:

Friday 7th July

July Evening

Friday 14th July

Reception cake sale

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th July

Y6 performance 7pm

Thursday 20th July

Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm

Thursday 20th July

School finishes for the summer

break and pupils return Wednesday 6th September

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>