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12th January 2024

Dear Families,

PTA meeting this Monday at 7pm—Space Invader—everyone very welcome

Thank you for all your gifts and cards for the staff at Christmas—very kind and much appreciated by everyone

House point totals are on page 3 + who is getting the free dress day next week?

****Thank you so so much for all that donated to the Elizabethfontein Giving Tree 2023 ****

We raised £250.00 which has enabled the school to buy stationary for the year ahead and continue to develop the school in ways which significantly improve the day to day lives of the children and teachers.
Thank you

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

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA <https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

Safeguarding Update:

I talked with the older pupils, in assembly, about the information in the poster below. These are also up around the junior side to remind our children about keeping safe on line.

Reminder for pupils—mobile devices, including mobile phones and smart watches are not allowed out on school premises . They can be left, turned off in their bags but cannot be used at any time in school or on the playgrounds at the start and end of the day.

Please check all privacy settings on your child/ren’s devices, thank you

For further support and activities. Please see e-safety page on the website (in the classes section).

High Speed Training™

TOP TEN TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

- 1** Don't share your personal information
- 2** Only talk to people that you know
- 3** Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online
- 4** Only accept friend requests from people you know personally
- 5** Always think carefully about what you post
- 6** Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts
- 7** Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8** Report inappropriate content immediately
- 9** Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing
- 10** Never share your passwords

End of Term House Points

Well done to all the children who have earned an amazing **11,627** house points this term!

45 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and there were 20 Silver certificates awarded for achieving 100 house points. We also were able to award 2 Gold certificates for achieving 150 house points. An extra well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term were:

Harding: 3457

Lovell: 3064

Garner: 2649

Mallory: 2457

Well done Harding and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Harding will be awarded a free dress day on Thursday 18th January

Thank you

Mrs Beardsworth

Marcia has completed level 4 swimming award in record time (2.5 months). Well done and keep up the fab work!



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

Please vote for our photo!

Great news! Friends of Goostrey Station are excited that our work has been recognised again by a national organisation. A photo of Goostrey Beavers Doing Their Best could win the award for a picture that captures the essence of Community Rail.

But we need votes! Please use this link now : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRA2024>

In 2019, we were proud to win this category and last year we were runners up. Please encourage your friends and family to support our enthusiastic volunteers by choosing our photo. Voting is open until 29th January.

This year, FoGS also achieved enough points to be in the platinum section for It's Your Station. This reflects everything that we do throughout the year. Credit is given for gardening, sustainability, artwork and engagement with the community. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

Thanks,
Chris Burgess, publicity for FoGS



Key dates:

12th January Year 4 cake sale

15th January PTA meeting 7pm Space Invader

26th January—school disco Village Hall

9th February Year 3 cake sale

8th March Film Night

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/>



Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine Jan/Feb 2024](#). Our [Jan/Feb 2024](#) issue is packed full of useful information for parents including: [National Geographic Science Kit giveaways](#)

- World Book Day costumes
- Improving children's social skills
- Top cook books for kids and much more.....

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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.

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Telephone: 07471 756720 - available during pre-school hours only.



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Before School Club

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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>