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**Dear Families,**

Year 4 are currently at Delamere on their residential visit. Huge thank you to Mrs Cowell, Mrs Beardsworth and Mrs Flint for organising and accompanying the children on this overnight visit.

Thank you to the PTA - the Mother's Day Shop was a great success. There are still a few tickets left for the summer ball—more information on page 3. This will be a lovely event to go to so please support if you can.

Recycled school uniform will be out at parents' evenings next week—please take whatever items you want and leave a donation in the box.

The first recipients of the Kindness Award have had their postcards posted out to them this week informing them that they have received this special accolade. Their names will be announced in the newsletter next week and they will each receive a kindness award badge to keep.

### Useful information

**Before and after school clubs** : booking forms available on school website  
[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](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](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

On-line payment website address [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

SENCo [mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.campion@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Income Related Free School Meals:** [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information  
[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

***Term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 are on our website***

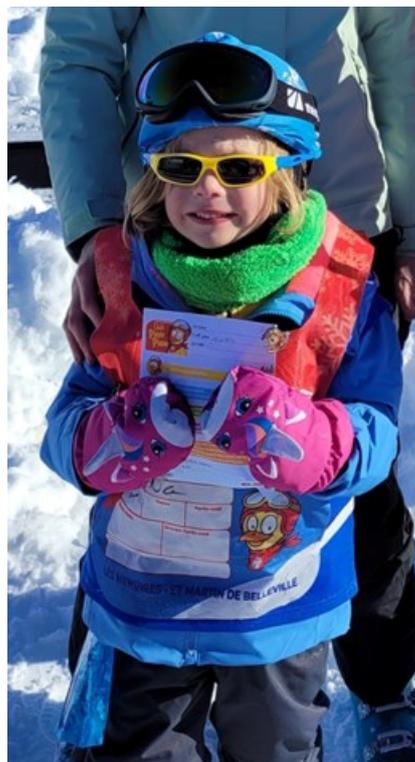
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**The PTA have Facebook for information** Goostrey Community Primary School PTA  
<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>



A huge congratulations to our basketball team who won silver at the tournament last Monday. Well done Ben, Kacey, Charlie, William and Emily. Thank you to Mrs Murdoch who trained the team and volunteered to go with them to the event.

**Ellie and Lucas** went on their first ski trip this year and did fantastically well. Ellie achieved her ESF Flocon (snowflake) badge and Lucas was awarded his ESF Marmot badge. They should be very proud of their efforts!



GOOSTREY PRIMARY PTA PRESENTS...

# Summer ball

Tickets  
£60pp

JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>  
CRANAGE HALL

*Join us for an evening of entertainment*

Live band, DJ, 3 Course Meal, Raffle,  
Games and Auctions

All proceeds will go towards  
providing new IT equipment for the  
pupils

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Email [info@andrewdwood.co.uk](mailto:info@andrewdwood.co.uk) for tickets

Tables of 10, 12, and individual available

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> March**

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

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



## St. Luke's Children's Easter Workshop



**Goostrey Junior School Hall**  
**10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Good Friday 29th March**

**All children Age 4-11 welcome**  
**(Younger children welcome if**  
**accompanied by an adult)**

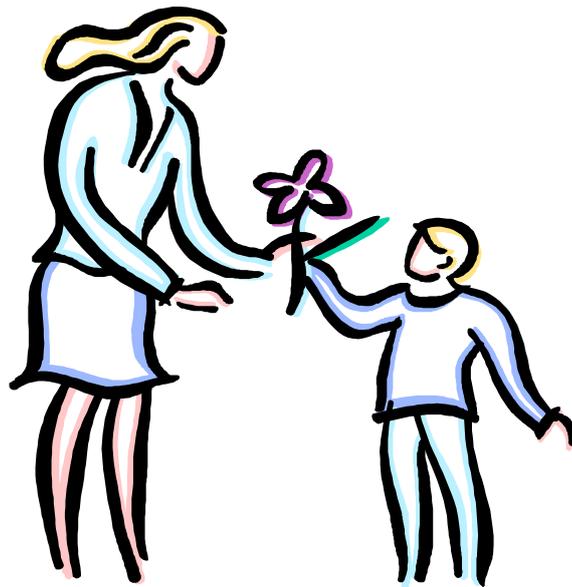




**ST LUKE'S**  
**GOOSTREY**

Welcome to  
a Service for all ages  
to celebrate  
**Mothering Sunday**

on  
Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 10.00am



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# Children's Easter Craft Workshop

with Cottage Crafts  
at Goostrey Home and Leisure

Friday 5th and Friday 12th April 2024

1 hour slots between 10am and 4pm

Make your own Easter Fairy House / Bird House /  
Ladybird House and lots more

All equipment and instructions provided - £10 per child

Message Cath on 07899 806620 to book your space

WhatsApp   
 Instagram   
 Find us on Facebook   
 facebook Messenger

Did you know we provide workshops for Private Parties either here or at your venue ??  
We also come along to your Rainbows/Brownies Groups. Message for more details...

**Families**  
Magazines

More than 4 million parents  
a year rely on us to get the  
best out of local family life!

The banner features four photos: a baby in a basket, a man reading to a girl, a boy with chocolate on his face, and a family riding bikes.

Here is the link to the next issue of Families Cheshire Magazine Mar/Apr 2024 for you to share with your parents.

[Families Cheshire Magazine Mar/Apr 2024](#)

Our latest issue is packed full of useful information for parents including:

- Make your own Easter chick cup
- Top educational gaming options for kids
- Developing a positive attitude to learning
- Great podcasts for kids
- Teach your child Forest School skills
- and much more.....

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

| <b>Penalties for unauthorised absence</b> |   |  |
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| <b>Timeline</b>                           | <b>One child</b>  | <b>Two children</b>  |
| 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 28<sup>th</sup> day and payments **cannot** be paid in part or by instalments

**Each school has a designated Education Welfare Officer [educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:educationwelfareservice@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or you can also telephone the main office.**

**Tel: 01270 375277**

**Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ews](http://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.*

Updated guidance that will come into effect from 19 August 2024 has been published by the DfE.

The guidance, which is now statutory, outlines new absence fine rates, thresholds at which penalties must be considered, requirements to share daily data with the government and new absence codes.

The minimum fine will increase from £60 to £80 per parent, if parents fail to pay their fine within 21 days, it will be raised from £120 to £160.

Persistently absent children are defined as those who have missed at least 10 percent of school, which amounts to one month across the school year.

Headteachers will be able to maintain some discretion over which cases to report to councils for potential fines and where support is needed.

## 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](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.goostreypreschool.org.uk)

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



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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.

### 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](http://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 web address for ordering school uniform is:  
[www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://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](mailto: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>