





Dear Families,

Next week is half term and school will be closed to all pupils. The key workers group and remote learning will resume WB 22nd February. Hopefully, we'll all be back on the 8th March. Thank you, once again for all the messages of support for the school and the learning we are providing during lockdown. We send our thanks and appreciation to you too—it's tough trying to assist your children and keep on top of all the other things you have to do as well. I always feel we are a team and no more so than now—no better school community.

We have decided to have parents' evenings early May this year instead of March. We felt that March was too early and we wouldn't have had the pupils back for long enough to talk about their progress and attainment etc. We will need to wait and see if we can hold them face to face or remotely. Written reports will then come out in July as usual.

Included in this newsletter are some of pupils' achievements in writing, science, music, times tables, forest art and even welly wanging!

Here are you house point totals for this half term children and a message from Ms Bairstow:

- 1. Garner 1940
- 2. Mallory 1823
- 3. Lovell 1677
- 4. Harding 1646

A huge well done to all the children for working so hard and achieving so many house points this half term. There is an amazing 39 Bronze certificates (for gaining over 50 points) and 22 Silver certificates (for gaining over 100 points) These will be emailed out to the junior children so keep an eye on your inbox.

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.

Holiday dates are on the school website— 20 21 and 21 22

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

### Useful information

Before and after school clubs: booking forms available on school website

<a href="http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\_file/48433">http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\_file/48433</a>
<a href="http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\_file/48433">School uniform: www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey</a>

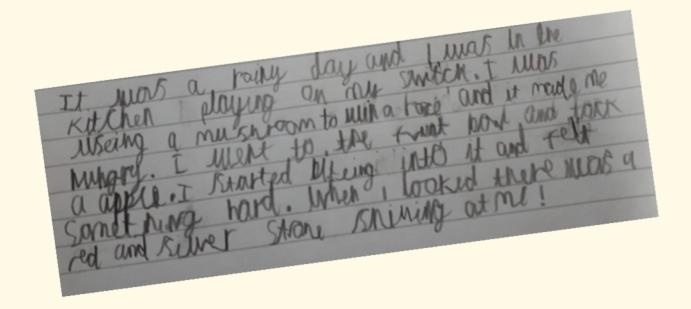
On-line payment website address www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop

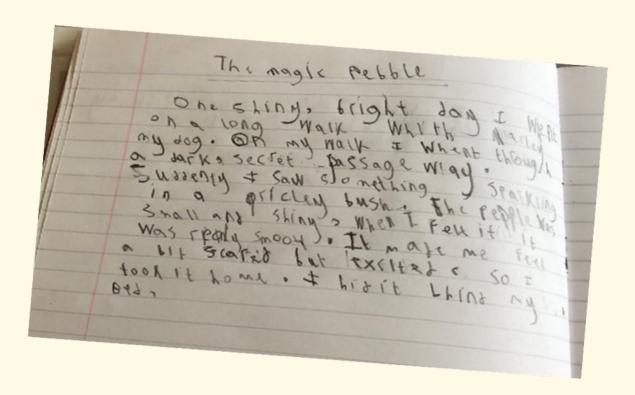
SENCo: mrs.freeman@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Class 2 have written amazing, adventure stories.

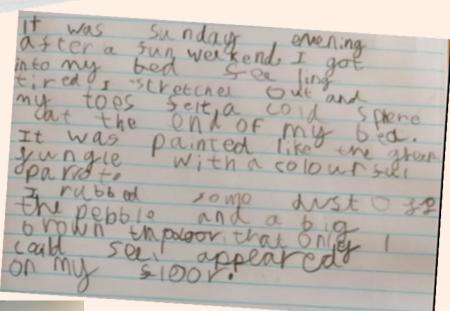
The inspiration was finding a magic pebble. Here are some more of their story beginnings.

Well done Year 2





One cold Winter day I was in the gardun and I was sliding on ice. I saw someting and I was sliding on ice. I saw someting because it was covered beautiful, it was red and spacking because it was covered in ice. I went to the tar and got hot water in ice. I went to the tar and got hot water all over the ice in a big Juy. I foured the warter all over the ice in a big Juy. I foured the warter all over the in The ice method and a pebble was inside. I held it in my hand; it felt by mpy and rough.





**Asa** in Year 6 doing one of Mrs Cooper's science experiments at home.

## Reception forest art creations.

Phoebe has made a dinosaur.

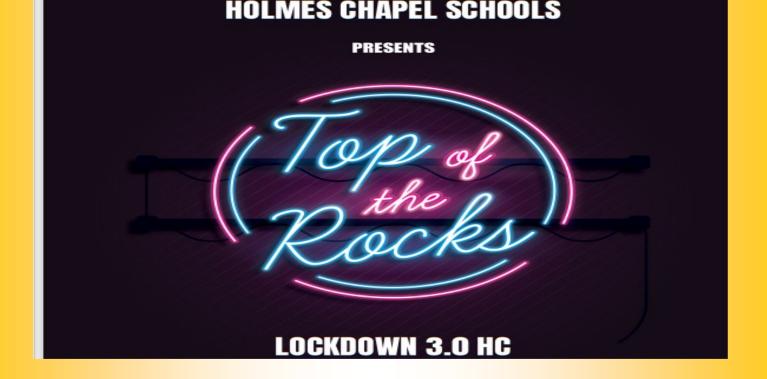


Hannah has made a deer.



Jessica has made a sheep.





## **Our Results**

Goostrey was placed 2nd overall			
Class Average in the competition	Year 6	First place	
Class Score in the competition	Year 4 Year 6	First place Second place	
Top 3 Players in each class	Year 6 Eban Cowell Monty Burgess Jack Pearson	Year 5 Laurie Brown Scarlett Challiner Daniel Morris	
	Year 4 Mia Barwell Beau Burgess Rose Saunders	Year 3 Benjamin Hunsley Rose Worsley Harry Argent	



Grade One Piano Success

Huge congratulations to **Eleanor Stutfield** in Year 6 who has passed her Practical Piano Grade One exam under far from normal circumstances. Eleanor was due to take her ABRSM Piano Preparatory Test back in April 2020 when examinations were of course halted. However, that did not hinder Eleanor's determination as she set about learning the ABRSM Grade One Piano syllabus primarily via Zoom, which again has been a new adjustment. In December Eleanor was able to sit her examination in person following the exam board's careful safety measures and I am delighted to report that she passed with a lovely examination report. This shows the resilience, determination and talent that be unleashed even in a pandemic and I applaud Eleanor for going for it. Very well done, Eleanor!

Ms H Bayley

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.



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

### **Change in Isolation Date for Close Contacts**

The <u>Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus</u> (<u>COVID-19</u>) <u>infection</u> has changed meaning that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus has shortened from 14 to 10 days.

Key summary points of the new isolation guidance include:

As of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the isolation period reduced to 10 days.

Isolation periods will take the day contact occurred as Day 0 of the isolation period, so contacts must remain in isolation until Day 11.

# COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers



What to do if	Action needed	Back to school
my child has COVID- 19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	when child's test comes back negative
my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours  They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
in my household has COVID- 19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>Inform school immediately about test results</li> </ul>	when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul> <li>Child shouldn't attend school</li> <li>Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days

<sup>\*</sup> Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

What to do if	Action needed	Back to school
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	•Child shouldn't attend school •Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test neg- ative during those 14 days •Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too	when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days
we / my child has trav- elled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quaran- tine	•Do not take unauthorised leave in term time •Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel •Provide information to school as per attendance policy  Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:	when the quaran- tine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days
	•Child shouldn't attend school •Whole household self- isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days	
we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	•Child shouldn't attend school •Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team •Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again	when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID - 19 (coronavirus)	•Only people with symptoms* need to get a test •People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive	when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

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.

Goostrey All Stars—our after school club.

Booking forms and more information can be found on the school's website: *School Information—Before and After School Clubs*.

£12 per session for one child and £11.50 for a sibling attending the same session.

The club runs from the school hall and the infant children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the day by the club staff. Junior children go straight from their classroom to the hall.

The club operates from the end of school until 6pm each school day.

#### **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.