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Dear Families,

School observed the 2 minutes silence on Tuesday and our Year 5 and 6 classes attended the Act of Remembrance at St Luke's Church. I was delighted to receive this email from one of the adults from the church:

It was a delight to have the young people join us this morning for the Act of Remembrance. Their behaviour, as usual, was exemplary and their attitude so respectful. Please will you pass these comments on to them for us.

Thursday 20th November—free dress day, please send in chocolate donations for the PTA Tombola at St Luke's Christmas Fair, thank you

Friday 21st November—Beetle Drive with CUP U LIKE—more information on page 4

FILM NIGHT FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER - more details page 4

Thank you for all your donations to the poppy appeal—school has raised £255.09.

I have written a short report on page 2 regarding school meals.

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

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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 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website

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

School meals update:

I have been serving lunches in the hall today and while I was there I sampled all the food. My verdict: the food was really good— I had no issues around taste or portion control which I felt was excellent for a lunchtime meal for a child. There were trays of BBQ chicken—moist pieces of chicken with subtle spices which added lots of flavour (nutritional guidelines limit any salt use) with rice. The Quorn Tikka Masala was equally impressive—with plenty of veg. In addition—tomato pasta and baked potatoes with fluffy insides. The children had a choice (or all 3) of baked beans, peas or carrots as well as salad and cucumber (always very popular). The desserts were ice cream or mousse and fresh orange segments. I know Friday will be popular as there will be chips and they are always crisp and delicious. Like today I will serve the food and eat with a group of pupils. I anticipate there will be seconds offered at the end of service as always.

Going forward I am going to try and be in the hall most days serving food and I will, on these days sit and eat with the pupils. That way I am eating what they are eating and can also chat with them about how they are finding it. The group I was with today all had seconds or thirds and loved the food. If they have suggestions for improvement I can then consider them with our catering team and Chartwells

I am going to see any child, with their tray, if they have left a lot of food so I can work out why. Part of the issue can be that they want to rush to get out on the playground or back across to the juniors. This needs managing so I will let the children know that no one is going to leave the hall before a certain time – we do a similar thing with the junior sandwiches too. We want to make sure that they have long enough to eat their food properly, with their peers as well as having plenty of time out on the playground, in the fresh air with their friends.

I will, for the next few weeks write a weekly , short report in the newsletter with my view, and the pupils' views about the food and portion size – may even include the odd photo!

We have asked staff to let us know if they have any comments about the food to please let me know so we can look into it and chat with the catering team if needed or similarly if the comments are positive I can include them in my weekly newsletter report. If you have any comments for us to consider /answer please let me or Mrs Schurer-Lewis know so we can address them directly with you.

Thank you
Miss Atkins



Aurora, took part in selling poppies for the Royal British Legion last Saturday with her fellow Rainbow group. It was a hugely successful morning, Aurora and the children were so proud to be involved

Year 1 and 2 Dance workshop.

On Wednesday 14 enthusiastic children arrived at HCCS to take part in the dance workshop. 5 schools were represented and 71 children attended overall. It was an exciting event to attend. The dance co-ordinators got them to warm up to some great music. They coach demonstrated the moves and put them together in stages for the children to learn. At the end of the hour all the children performed the dance to their parents. It was lovely to see the Goostrey children so happy, confident and enthusiastic and showing off their moves to a very large audience.

Well done to Holly, Lily, Oliver, Bella, Bea, Peony, Hallie, Harriet, Clara, Malachi, Theo, Esmae and Sophie. You were super!

Ollie scored his first goal for Holmes Chapel Hurricanes and was awarded player of the match. The team drew 2-2 in the end but battled and played their hearts out! Here's a pic of him with his certificate after the game.





HOT OFF THE
PRESS—CUP U LIKE
WILL BE AT THE
BEETLE DRIVE.

£2 (cash) A CUP —
EVERYONE A
WINNER

GOOSTREY SCHOOL PTA

Beetle Drive

Fantastic Family Fun!

Come and join in the fun

Junior Hall

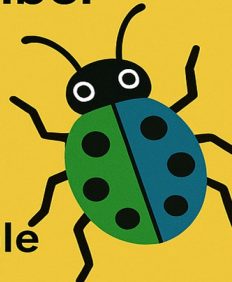
Friday 21st November

6 – 7.30 pm

£2 per person

Prizes to be won!

Refreshments available



If possible, please can your child bring their Children's Society Collection Envelopes back to school by Friday, 28th November or bring to the Christingle Service .

Many thanks

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST.LUKE'S GOOSTREY .
SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 4PM IN CHURCH**

All Welcome to this family friendly service

Afterwards all are invited to join the procession to the Bogbean for GOOSTREY LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 5PM.



**ST LUKE'S
GOOSTREY**

CHRISTMAS FAIR
Saturday, 29th November
11.00am – 1.00pm
in the Village Hall
FATHER CHRISTMAS
will be there
Tombola, Raffle, Cakes

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

Key dates for the autumn term

Wednesday 19th November	Dance workshop Y3 and 4
Friday 21st November	PTA Beetle Drive with CUP U LIKE
Wednesday 26th November	Dance Workshop Y5 and 6
Friday 5th December	Christmas Film Night Home Alone
WB 8th December	PTA Christmas Shop for pupils
Friday 12th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall
Tuesday 16th December	Y3/4 Carol Service at St Lukes 1 30
Wednesday 17th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall
Thursday 18th December	Y5/6 Carol Service at St Lukes 9 30
Thursday 18th December	Junior Carol Service 5 00pm in jnr playground

Frequently asked questions about holiday requests in term time.

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 School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**
- ☐ The Head Teacher and Governing Board 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
 - o 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.
 - o 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

Penalty Notices will be issued for Term time leave:

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period: A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

Per Parent/Per Child

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Second Offence

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

Third Offence

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of ‘Failure to send a child to school’ the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500

IF A FAMILY GOES ON HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME SCHOOL WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY WORK FOR THE PUPILS. TIME OUT OF SCHOOL, FOR A HOLIDAY WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD/REN MISSING TEACHING AND LEARNING AND THEY MAY FIND IT CHALLENGING TO CATCH UP WITH THEIR PEERS ON THEIR RETURN.

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.



Keep up to date with PTA news and events on our social media pages:



goostrey_primary_school_pta



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS

School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address. You must have your email linked with the school.

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child

Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:
- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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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/>



The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.

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.

The local clinical network has devised a website where they have put all of the organisations nationally and locally that support children and families that are neurodiverse

[Neurodiversity support pathway - NHS Cheshire and Merseyside](#)

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



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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 8.50 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

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>