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Dear Families,

**School finishes today and we all return on Monday 5th January.
We wish you all a very Happy Christmas.**

Mrs Carew, our Year 1 teacher leaves today. Thank you Mrs Carew for all you have given the school over the past few years. We all wish you the very best for the future and hope you will be very happy in your new venture.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Wood as the Year 1 teacher in January. Miss Wood currently teaches a Year 1 class in a Cheshire School and has been in this week to meet her new pupils so they can start to get to know her. Mrs Nicholson will remain in Year 1 from January as another adult supporting the class.

Our singing group went to Mount Pleasant last week to sing and entertain the residents there. A big thank you to all our parent volunteers and staff who transported the pupils there and back and to Mrs Sant and Mrs Carroll who co-ordinated the event. This is an excellent community initiative which benefits both our children and the people they are visiting. As always the children behaved impeccably - well done everyone.

Two spectacular performances this week—the infant Nativity -The Bethlehem Bake Off and our junior Carol Service at St Luke's. The children sang and spoke their lines brilliantly. They were great to watch and listen to and their behaviour was outstanding. Thank you to everyone who came to support them

A big thank you to all our volunteers who come in every week and support different year groups. Teachers will be thanking each individual on their class pages—you really do make a difference and are very much appreciated.

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

SENCo mr.warhurst@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 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website

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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

This week, the juniors have read.....

Y3 187,725 (total 886,516)

Y4 379,925 (total 4,026,406)

Y5 301,447 (total 4,073, 833)

Y6 184,749 (total 3,022, 702)

Year 4 top this week's number of words - Well done!

"Eddie Mack has passed his first Jujitsu exam and is now a red belt.

Well done Eddie!"



Archer was promoted to grey/black belt in jiu-jitsu. He has worked really hard for this and we are so



Will achieved Level 1 Beam at gymnastics. We are really pleased for you Will!



Ella and Daisy have just achieved their Stage 5 swimming certificate. They really are the most incredible girls! We are so proud of you both! Xx



Dear Families,

We are excited to share a New Year's project for any families who would like to take part.

Our school ECO Team would love to decorate the class trees for winter. Adding these decorations will help brighten up the dreary winter days and also provide an important food source for birds and other wildlife that may struggle to find enough to eat during the colder months,

We are asking the children to create eco-friendly, edible decorations-but please ensure they do not contain any nuts, as we must be mindful of allergies in school.

Suitable materials such as popcorn, seeds, or dried fruit. The decorations should include something that can be used to hang them on the trees.

**Thank you for
your support,
The ECO Team**

To be handed in by Friday 9th January

Key dates for the spring term

Wednesday 14th January	PTA 6pm The Crown—all welcome
Friday 16th January	Y4 Cake Sale and CUP U LIKE
Friday 23rd January	Disco
Thursday 29th January	Book Fair arrives
Friday 6th February	Y3 Cake Sale
Thursday 12th February	Young Voices—Y3 to 6 singing group
Friday 13th February	School finishes for half term
Monday 23rd February	School returns
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 6th March	Y2 Cake Sale
Friday 6th March	Comedy Night
Thursday 12th March	Y4 residential—1 night
Thursday 19th March	Book look for families to see their child's work—after school to 5pm
WB Monday 23rd March	Parents' evenings
Friday 27th March	School finishes for Easter break
Monday 13th March	School returns

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



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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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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.

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.

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Before School Club

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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>