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## Auction Of Promises – Elizabethfontein Visit in June

Dear Families,

This year, we are delighted to be welcoming the children from Elizabethfontein to our school once again. This visit is a wonderful opportunity for both schools to come together, work collaboratively, and enrich the learning experiences of all our pupils.

The visit will take place in June, and we are currently organising an **Auction of Promises** to help raise funds for the event. The money raised will support flights, visits, shared experiences, and the resources needed to make the trip as meaningful as possible. During their time with us, the children will work alongside our pupils in school and will also perform at the annual Rose Day.

If you feel able to offer a promise for the auction, or know of anyone in your family, circle of friends, or work colleagues who may be able to offer a promise, we would be extremely grateful for your support. Promises of any kind are very welcome and could include an experience or the donation of an item. In the past, families have generously offered family trips, hampers, signed football shirts, cakes, workshops, or gardening services.

Please send the details directly to me, Mrs Cowell, so that I can add them to the auction site:

[mrs.cowell@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.cowell@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cowell

**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)

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

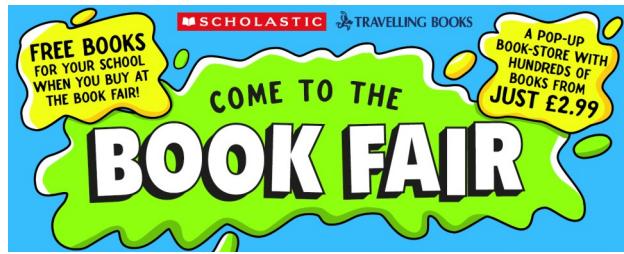
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**Term dates for 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website**

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**The PTA have Facebook for information** Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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



Dear Pupils and Families

We are thrilled to be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

As in previous years, pupils will be able to view a selection of titles – in school – during these dates. All classes will be given an opportunity to visit the fair during the first two days.

There is something for every pocket at the fair with approximately 25% of titles being under £5.

The fair will be in school, and books will come directly from the school, but purchases are made online. Please see the FAQs for full details, and information. Thank you.

When viewing or purchasing online, please be sure to use the link that we send, in order to ensure that your title is in our fair. Books purchased from the general Scholastic website are not carried by the school fair. Please also be sure to select the primary school, and not pre-school, when paying.

Each year, we are thrilled to see how many pupils choose a fabulous title to enjoy. We are hoping that this year will be just as successful.

Happy choosing. Happy reading.

Mrs Timmins  
Book Fair Coordinator

### **Book Fair FAQs**

#### **When is the Book Fair open?**

The Book Fair will be “open” from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. However, you might want to get a head start and start browsing now.

#### **Can we visit the book fair as parents?**

Yes – online viewing is easy. As in previous years, our book fair operates online for parents. Pupils will be able to view the titles and copies of the books in the junior school hall throughout the day. Families can view the range of titles from the comfort of your own home.

#### **How do I view the titles?**

Click the link below to begin choosing some fantastic titles.

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases)



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**How does my child view the range of books and titles?**

Pupils will be able to visit the book cases and spend time looking through the different titles. Their class teachers will facilitate this for you.

**How do we order a book?**

Please order your book by completing the paper copy of the “Wishlist” that your child may bring home. A copy of this is attached to this email so that you may print this too. Whilst you may pay for your books online, they are taken from the bookcases in school. Therefore, you must return the Wishlist to Mrs Timmins in order for this to happen. You may scan the QR code which will also take you to the correct site.

**What is a “Wishlist”?**

Pupils MUST complete a wishlist in order for the request to be processed quickly and accurately. Copies will be available in school and a copy is attached to this email. Please ensure that all wishlists are returned to school or Mrs Timmins direct – sometimes, they do get buried at the bottom of book bags!

**Help! My child has put six books on the wishlist but we only want to buy one!!!!**

No problem – just cross out those that your child listed and return the list with just the ones you’d like to buy.

**How do we pay for our books?**

Our bookfair is a cashless system. You may pay online as you order the book using this link – please be sure to choose Goostrey Community Primary School and not the Pre-School. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code that is attached to this email and this will take you to the correct site. If you have any queries about this, please do contact me. Please complete your child’s name and class for a speedier service.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay>

**Will you accept cash purchases?**

Our book fair is cashless – it’s easy to pay online or through the QR code.

**When will we receive our books?**

Once you have placed your order, please allow a few days for this to arrive. Mrs Timmins will take the books from the shelves and organise for these to be delivered to your child’s class. Where titles prove popular, I will order extra copies which should be delivered at the end of the fair.

**What if I have paid for a book but it doesn’t arrive?**

As above – please give 2/3 days for the book to get home to you but if it still doesn’t arrive, please email me at [mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Will you place books “on hold”?**

No need – just order the book online, sit back, and wait for delivery. If the book has flown from our shelf, Mrs Timmins will organise a copy for you.

**Do you sell other items at the fair?**

Possibly – when the fair arrives, we may have stationery items such as funky pens & pencils, sharpeners, pencil cases, etc. Watch out for further information.

**What is the last date for ordering a book?**

All orders must be received by 9am on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Unfortunately, no orders can be processed after this time. Thank you for your understanding with this.

**Can I just google Scholastic and choose from their site?**

The best way to order is via the link in this email or with the QR code. If you order via Googling, the titles may not be available.

**Help! Who can I contact to help me with a different query?**

Email me and I’ll be happy to help.

[mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.timmins@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Tilly** has qualified for the 2026 Great British schools biathlon finals in March which is being held at Bath university. She qualified at the end of December after attending the event in Lancaster - swimming and running for an awesome time at her first ever event. She will be representing Goostrey primary at the finals. So proud of her!



We're so proud of **Isla** for swimming 10 metres this week. She showed real confidence and perseverance, and gave it her absolute best.



**Bella** loves swimming and was very excited to move up to stage five and swam 20metres, just before Christmas! We are very proud of her. She finally got her certificate last week.

**Ollie** has had a weekend of sporting success - he got man of the match at football on Saturday, after getting stuck in and never giving up even when the team were down. And he also got man of the match at rugby, which is the first time this season. He played his heart out, scored countless tries and tackled like a warrior! Great sporting weekend!

# DISCO

Friday 23rd Jan

Tickets

£3

at Goostrey Village Hall

Infants 5.00 - 5.45 pm

Juniors 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Please bring water bottles

Tickets available from Junior reception  
from 19.01.26

Infants



Juniors



Scan me to request a song. 2 songs max  
most popular songs will be played

GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



Comedy  
Night

With Big Lou Comedy

FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

More details coming soon

# GOT A GIFT THAT NEEDS A NEW HOME?

Do you have any unwanted gifts, raffle-friendly items, or even empty hamper baskets that you'd be happy to donate?

We're currently collecting donations for our PTA Hamper Raffle, which will be drawn at our Comedy Night

All items will be combined with other generous donations to create some fantastic raffle hampers

## HOW TO DONATE:

If you can help, please send any donations in via your child's class teacher or Mrs Carroll by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.



All proceeds from the raffle go towards resources for the children

Thank you for your continued support

The PTA



## **Key dates for the spring term**

Friday 23rd January	PTA Disco
Thursday 29th January	Book Fair arrives
Friday 6th February	Y3 Cake Sale
Thursday 12th February	Young Voices—Y3 to Y6 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 April	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
  - 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

### **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 Section444 (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](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

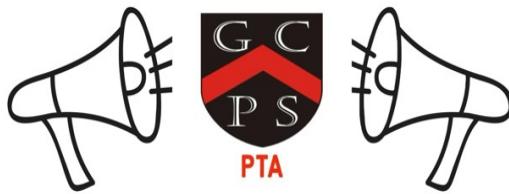
It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you

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.**



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



goostrey\_primary\_school\_pta



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<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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**Goostrey All Stars**  
After School Club

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.

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](http://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](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 8.50 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](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>