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**Dear Families,**

**Calendar reminders:**

**WB 8th December**

**Friday 12th December**

Tuesday 16th December

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Wed 17th December

Thursday 18th December

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Friday 19th December

**PTA Christmas Shop for pupils**

**Christmas Lunch—bring a cracker + Christmas Jumper Day**

Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall

Y3/4 Carol Service at St Luke's 1 30

Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall

Y5/6 Carol Service at St Luke's 9 30

Junior singing 5 00pm on junior playground

School finishes for the Christmas break—we all return on Monday 5th January

**Film Night tonight** is in Goostrey Scout Hut. Home Alone PG Sorry, all tickets are now sold so there won't be any available on the door.

Please note the Scout Hut car park will not be open for drop off or pick up

Doors open at 5.30pm and the film will start at 6pm. Please bring your tickets to give to Miss Atkins and Mrs Cowell on the door. Children will need to be collected at 7.45pm from the side door. We ask parents to wait on the car park and then to come in to the Scout Hut when we open the side doors and collect their child/ren from there. Reception children must have an adult with them throughout the whole film.

Please remind your child that if you allow them to bring their mobile phone it must not be brought out at any time during the evening in any part of the building

We will go through arrangements and expectations with the pupils in assembly .

Big thank you to the PTA for organising this and we hope it will be an enjoyable event for all the children.

Here are this week's word count totals. The first number is the amount from September. The second number is the difference between this week and last.

Year 3 698,791 116,108

Year 4 3,646,481 330,992

Year 5 3,772,386 350,412

Year 6 2,837,953 43,298

**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)

**Income Related Free School Meals:** [freeshoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeshoolmeals@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 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website**

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**Eliza Jones** is starring in *Nativity the Musical* this weekend at Stoke Regent Theatre.



**Florrie** won 1st place in each of her 3 gymnastics events, floor, beam and vault last night at Cheshire Gymnastics. She was also awarded the overall winner of the competition.

## **School meals report:**

Another great week for lunches. I served a variety of vegetables again, and had a lovely roast chicken dinner on Wednesday, eating with the children. I can also highly recommend the sausages and mash. The children have asked for the all day breakfast to return next year. I have spoken with the catering manager and we have agreed we will look in to this but if it has hash browns then they cannot cook chips on the Friday that week as well. Under the nutritional guidelines they are only allowed to serve one fried item per week. The compromise may be all day breakfast with toast not hash browns, therefore keeping the Friday fries!! Watch this space!

You would be so proud of the children as they come for lunch—they are so polite and well mannered—such a pleasure to serve them





## 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**





### **Recycled Christmas Tags**

**Some of the school's year sixes have been cutting, hole punching and tying Christmas tags for you.**

#### **The price**

**The price is 60p for a packet which has 8 tags  
and two packets £1**

**Merry Christmas from the Eco team**

GOOSTREY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

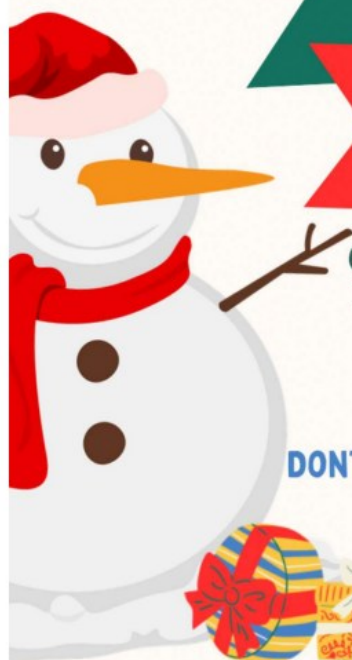
★ **CHRISTMAS** ★

Shop. ★

**SHOPPING DAYS START  
MONDAY 8 DECEMBER**

**GIFTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
AND LOVED ONES**

**GIFTS PRICED FROM  
£1 TO £5**



CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY TO VISIT OUR  
POP UP GIFT SHOP  
PLEASE BRING MONEY IN A NAMED  
ENVELOPE/PURSE  
DON'T FORGET A BAG TO BRING THE GIFTS HOME!





Goostrey Preschool

# CHRISTMAS BRING & BUY

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - 2.30pm-3.45pm  
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You can help spread joy, love and a little eco-magic this Christmas by donating toys, books and children's items.

Join us for our festive Bring & Buy sale! The perfect chance for a pre-Christmas clear-out, some early gift shopping and to raise funds for our Preschool.

#### How to Donate:

Drop off your donations by 4th December in box in the Preschool porch.

#### What to Bring:

Any new or gently-used toys, crafts, books and games in good, clean, condition, suitable for ages 0-5. Please do not donate clothes or perishable items.



Find out more by contacting Catherine (Alister's Mum) or Sabine (Frida's Mum)

## Volunteers Wanted!

### Goostrey Boothbed Lane Playground

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us raise funds within the community to improve our village playground.

We need your help! Please email [sarah.lisgo@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.lisgo@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk) to join the team by 15th December.

**Together let's build a team of mighty fundraisers  
and take this project forward  
once and for all!**



## Key dates for the autumn term

WB 8th December	PTA Christmas Shop for pupils
Friday 12th December	Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumper Day
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Monday 5th January	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](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



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/>



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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>