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***Dear Families,***

**Calendar reminders:**

Tuesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall
Tuesday 16th December	Y3/4 Carol Service at St Luke's 1 30
Wed 17th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall
Thursday 18th December	Y5/6 Carol Service at St Luke's 9 30
Thursday 18th December	Junior singing 5 00pm on junior playground
Friday 19th December	School finishes for the Christmas break—we all return on Monday 5th January

A huge, enormous thank you to everyone for the fabulous Christmas Shop. What a great variety of lovely gifts for our children to choose, such a brilliant event and so loved by the pupils. Thank you to all the buyers and the wrappers and the sellers.

Thank you to Mrs Flint as well who spent time after school on Friday to photograph every item and then put the photos in a file and sent them to staff to show the children before they came across. This increased their excitement and helped them make early choices.

Film Night was a big success too – thank you everyone involved.  
What a team!

**Thank you to Holmes Chapel Partnership and to Father Christmas for visiting our school on Wednesday—so much excitement all round. Big thank you to Mrs Maddock for organising this for us all.**

**Health and Safety reminder—please keep below the speed limit when driving past the school and it is illegal to park on the zig zag lines outside the school between 8am and 5pm.**

Once again, this year we are supporting St Luke's Hospice in Cheshire by partaking in the Elf Run. You may donate by using the envelope sent home with your child or please use the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/goostrey-primary-school-4?newPage=true>



**Freddie** won player of the match at sandbach rugby this weekend, a great achievement on a wet and cold Sunday morning!



**George Hardcastle** in year 6 has been fundraising for the Holmes Chapel Scouts trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland in August. He sold various items at local Christmas fairs including 3D printed creations he made himself. He has raised over £200 so far. Well done George!



This week, our pupils have read the following since September and since last Friday.

Year 3	886,516	187,725
Year 4	4,026,406	379,925
Year 5	4,073,833	301,447
Year 6	3,022,702	184,749

Year 4 have read the most this week - well done!

Christmas Lunch today—so looking forward to a gorgeous, festive meal with all the trimmings.

**Esme** took part in her first performance with her Musical Theatre group at the Holmes Chapel Christmas market on Sunday. They braved the weather and put on a fantastic performance. We're so proud of her!



**Tristan** has completed his red belt exams at Ju Jitsu this week! It's his first martial arts exam and we couldn't be more proud. Well done Tristan!

We congratulate **Jonah** on being awarded his Green Belt in Karate last week. Well done Jonah!

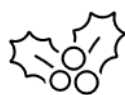


## Eco News

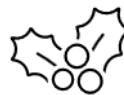
Thank you to everyone who supported the efforts of the Eco team tag makers.  
They have made over £60 and will decide at their next meeting how they would like to spend this money.



Please send this year's cards into school in January so that they can be stored and recycled to make tags next year.



Happy Christmas







## 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 autumn term

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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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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](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>