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Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who helped make our exhibition such a great success. The hall still looks lovely with all the pupils' work.

Please see page 3 for more information about up and coming PTA events—school disco, movie night and wreath making.

Headteacher recruitment update

I would like to keep you all updated regarding the headteacher recruitment. The advert for the role went live a few weeks ago and the deadline for applications closed on Monday 2 November. The role has attracted considerable interest, and we have received a large number of applications.

Governors are now assessing the candidates against the person specification. The shortlisting meeting will take place on Monday 9 November involving governors, our School Improvement Partner and a representative from Cheshire East Council.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an activity day on 9 December, followed by final interviews on 10 December. A panel of Governors will make the appointment decision, supported by our School Improvement Partner and a Cheshire East Council representative. We will inform the successful candidate and then confirm the appointment as soon as possible after the selection process.

Kind regards

Tracey

Chair of Governors

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 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



Maisie Benson in year 1 has just moved into stage 4 at swimming.

Both Chloe & Hallie Moved up in swimming in October, Chloe passed stage 7 & Hallie passed stage 5.
We are so unbelievably proud of you!!

End of Term House Points

What a start to the year with over 5000 house points being awarded this half term!
24 juniors were awarded Bronze certificates for achieving 50 house points and 6 children were awarded a Silver certificate for achieving 100 house points.
Well done to those children.

The overall results for the half term are:

Harding: 1762
Garner: 1566
Mallory: 1287
Lovell: 1208

Well done Harding and to all the children for your hard work to achieve so many house points.

Harding will be awarded a free dress day on Wednesday 11th November

Mrs Beardsworth

Remembrance services at St Luke's—all are warmly invited.

Sunday 8th November. Remembrance Sunday service at 10am at St Luke's

Wednesday 11th November: Act of Remembrance the War Memorial in the churchyard beginning at 10.50am







PTA Christmas Wreath Making

Create * Decorate * Take home

The PTA is holding a lovely Wreath making workshop. Create your own unique handmade wreath with all proceeds supporting the PTA.

WHEN - Friday 4th December at 6pm- 8pm
WHERE - upstairs at the Scout Hut.

*** £25 per person ***

Your evening will include:-
- A festive glass of mulled wine.
- Mince pies.
- Tea/coffee.
- All materials to create your festive wreath.

No experience needed, just bring your festive flare

Here's the twist!
Please forage and bring your own little magic items to put on your wreath or to share.

Only 20 places available so book now.
Book you spot
Contact - Manesha - manesha133@aol.co.uk

Cancellations - 7 days before the event your ticket will be non-refundable as materials will have already been purchased.

Thank you for your support - PTA

The dates below generally involve the whole school.

Information about individual class events / sporting events etc will usually be sent out separately to relevant classes / families.

Extra curricular clubs can be found on the school website.

WB 9th November	Parents' evenings
11th November	Free dress day Harding
19th November	Free dress day for chocolate tombola
Friday 20th November	Infant and Junior discos after school
Friday 4th December	Film Night
WB 7th December	PTA Christmas Shop for pupils
8th December	Christmas lunch—wear a Christmas jumper and bring a cracker
Tuesday 15th December	Infant Nativity 09.30
Tuesday 15th December	Carol Service—Y3 and 4 tickets 1.30
Wednesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 09.30
Thursday 17th December	Carol Service Y5 and 6 tickets 9.30
Friday 18th December	School closes
Monday 4th January	School opens

TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

Year 6 SATS are WB 10th May '27

A guide for parents and carers

Frequently asked questions

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

New regulations came into force on 19th August 2024:

The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024

 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

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.

- **Integrated Front Door – Cheshire East**: 0300 123 5012 (Option 3, Option 2)

Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours): 0300 123 5022

- Police: 999 (Emergency) / 101 (Non-emergency)
- Mental Health Helpline: 0300 303 3972
- Adult Safeguarding: 0300 123 5010

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.

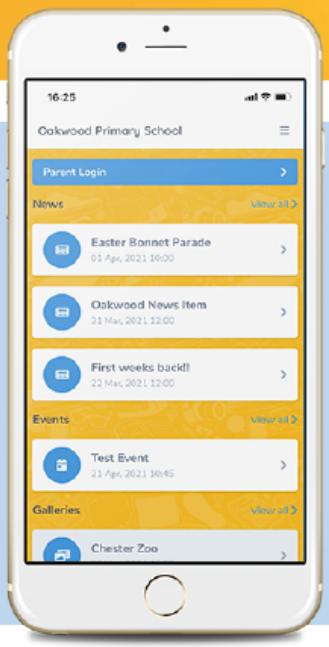
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

See all action items on your dashboard

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

Click to respond or book for each child

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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

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/

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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.

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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.

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 £4.50 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.

You are free to purchase uniform from **any supplier** in the school colours. ***Should you wish to purchase uniform bearing the school logo,*** please visit Sam Dales in Holmes Chapel; https://www.samdaleandson.co.uk/collections/goostrey-community-primary-school

OR www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey

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