



11th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Another very busy week here at St Gregory's. School seems very festive with Christmas craft activities, design technology projects, wonderful Christmas dinner, Christmas jumpers and today, children singing carols outside Eden House bringing Christmas spirit.



Next week we hope to have a very special visitor who may be in red and likes to eat mince pies!

We are also looking forward to our class parties, all the children need is their party clothes as the food will be provided. Class teachers will let you know which day this will take place (Wednesday or Thursday)

Finally, please click on the link below to view the Romero Academy Coventry carol.

<https://romeromac.com/coventry-carol/>

Please find a Christmas message from Bishop Kenny at the end of the newsletter.

Have a wonderful weekend and take care,

Mrs Marshall

Festive singing at Eden House

Today Year 5 have taken part in the Hearts for Home campaign – where children write festive messages, to bring Christmas cheer to the elderly residents of Eden House. Due to COVID, when delivering our messages, the children stayed outside the home and sung Christmas carols through the window.

Year 6 Mass

On Tuesday Year 6 had a Mass to celebrate the Feast of Immaculate Conception. We had beautiful readings today from our Super Six and very reverent children.





Christmas Raffle

Year 2 are raffling off these festive Christmas hampers to raise money for the Coventry Food Bank.

1st Prize – A food hamper including chocolate, crackers and festive snacks.

2nd Prize – Chocolates and mince pies

3rd Prize – Crackers and chutneys

Tickets are 50p each and prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December.

Thank you for your support and Good Luck!



Collecting for Food bank

As the Foodbank has supported the St Gregory's families through the Covid Pandemic. We would like to make this our Christmas charity for 2020.

Please could you support us by sending in tinned food, UHT milk, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Pasta or any long-life food.

Thank you for your support



Wednesday word

As we are not having the Wednesday Word delivered at the moment a link has been set up for you to access it. Please see the link for this week's *Wednesday Word* below.



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=13.4>

Year 2 have followed the clues and we think we were visited by a Snowman...





Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch was a little different this year. We still had a great time in our bubbles. We had Christmas crackers and of course the turkey batches and Christmas biscuits were very tasty. A big thank you to the kitchen staff for all their hard work.



Some pictures below of the children enjoying their Christmas lunch.



Nursery have been making lots of Christmas decorations

Year 1 enjoyed visiting the Christmas Shop to purchase a special gift.





Attendance report to Thursday evening: Holidays in term time will not be authorised and will result in a fine.													
YR	99.42%	Y1	96.79%	Y2	95.98%	Y3	99.09%	Y4	97.47%	Y5	90.07%	Y6	98.1%
Well done to Year Reception							Average attendance so far this year: 96.66%						

Worker of the Week

	Child 1	Child 2
R	Lochlan	Ifunanya
1	Harry B	Gabriella
2	Kenzie	Mollie
3	Amber	Nevaeh
4	Lily Rae	Isaiah
5	Aimee	William
6	Ruby	Adam

Behaviour at Lunchtime

	Child 1	Child 2
R	Klaus	Mirabelle
1	Ella Mae	Sienna
2	Mollie	Cameron
3	Millie	Kyle
4	Tio	Lola
5	Nana	William
6	Max	Scarlett



**to the following children who celebrate their birthday
between 11th December – 17th December**

**Ifunanya
Lyla
Hollie
Evie-Mae**

December 2020

To the Catholic Schools in the Southern Pastoral Area

Dear Friends,

I think that for all of us this has been a very unusual year. Probably all of us have had to change the way we live. We have not been able to go to school as we normally would; we have not been able to meet our friends, our teachers. Perhaps, even at home, we have not met our relations as we normally do, and we have found the constant companionship of our brothers and sisters and our parents trying at times, however much we love them.

Have we learnt anything new? I am writing this in Advent which means a time of waiting. We wait, of course, for Christ to come among us as a child. While we really mean what we say, most years it is not always that real as we prepare for Christmas. This year we possibly really know something about what it means to wait. We are waiting for things to return to normal. We are waiting to know what we are going to do about school work, exams, holidays, whom we can meet, and much more.

Maybe we have learnt that waiting requires much patience. We need to listen and pay much more attention to what others want, at home or in school. We become irritated more easily, and we want change. We fight against not being able to do what we want, and at worst we not only become impatient but we get angry as well.

Mary and Joseph knew all about this, as they waited for the baby to come. What we need to realise is that just like them we need time to get used to what is happening. I cannot cope with change all at once; I need time to think and to accept.

Let's try and really wait for Jesus and think about what that could mean for ourselves. If I do that I may understand much more about waiting, at home and in my life, for life to return to something that is easier to live with.

Have a holy and happy Christmas

(Rt. Rev.) William Kenney
Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.