



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



Another week has passed us by and it is another week in which I offer my sincere thanks to all of you for supporting your children with their learning and letting the true spirit of St Gregory's shine through – even though we are separated by screens. For many of us, the 'lockdown slump' may well and truly be setting in at this point, however, it is sometimes in moments of despair that we come to reflect on our greatest achievements – and 2021 has already brought us so many! Consider this: How many of you signed up to home school your child and support them through home learning this year? How many of you opted to hold down a job and teach and parent all at the same time? And, how many of you chose to juggle all of the above in the midst of a pandemic? None of you, yet here you are! Achieving the impossible and doing so whilst keeping a smile your children's faces – And if that isn't an achievement, I don't know what is. So please do not take the 'lockdown slump' to heart. It will pass and until it does, please know that you are not alone. We appreciate all that you are doing at the moment, and if you need any support, have any questions or just need someone to talk to – please know that we are always available at the end of the phone. Because the 'lockdown slump' may be temporary, but the support of St Gregory's is not.

February Half Term – CLOSED!

As you will be now be aware, schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week. Also to note that we will be continuing with our planned INSET day on Friday 12th February. Therefore, school will close to all children in school and for remote learning on Thursday 11th February. Please note, that staff will not be online or contactable on Friday 12th February or over half term; they have risen to the challenge of working in a completely different way and understandably, that has brought with it a tiredness that only a real break and rest can cure. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their contributions and hard work and wish them a restful break when the 12th February arrives.



Re-opening of schools

Boris Johnson detailed this week that schools will remained closed to all pupils (except those currently in school – vulnerable and critical workers) until at least Monday 8th March. Therefore remote learning will continue until this date. The Government will then review the situation and inform us of how we can proceed.

☆ Star Worker of the Week! ☆

It has been lovely to celebrate the efforts of the children in our weekly celebration assembly today. A huge well done to the following children who were chosen as this week's Star Worker of the Week!

Nursery		Reception		Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Lucy	Isla	Ashley	Olivia	Isabelle	Phelim	Jack	Alicja	Keelan Jack	Orla Mae	Ava Jade	Sinead	Harleen	Daniel	Lucas	Adam

Congratulations! We are SO proud of all of you. Watch out for your emails Parents – the certificates are on the way!



Covid-19 Test Results during national Lockdown.

If your child or anyone in your household receives a POSITIVE COVID-19 test result, even if your child or children are not attending school at the moment, please can this evidence be emailed to m.scullion@romeromac.com as I must be made aware of this for our records. We have been making a few home visits and discovered parents have symptoms of Covid, but are not getting tests. Please can I strongly advise people to get tested if anyone in the family is feeling unwell as the COVID-19 symptoms can be very varied. I sincerely hope that everyone stays well



Remember to follow us on our School Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorycoventry>



Snow Day!

The snow provided many of us with a much needed escape from the screen this week, and it was lovely to see so many of the children and yourselves enjoying some quality family time with smiles on your faces. The children in school had a brilliant time sledging and creating snow men. A huge thank you to Mr Sweatman, who spent most of his Sunday working to clear the snow so that we could open safely 😊

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Thank You and Goodbye!

Today we held a special virtual assembly to celebrate and thank Mrs Bott for her years of service at St Gregory's. Mrs Bott has worked in our school kitchen, ensuring that our children are cared for and well fed for 14 years. However, she has now made the decision to retire so that she is able to spend more time with her family – something we know which she will enjoy! We thank her for her many years of service and scrumptious dinners – she will be missed by staff and children alike!

Pilgrim Care Club

The Pilgrim Care Club has provided wraparound care for a large number of our children for many years. It is a service that is well loved and relied upon by many of you. However, we have recently been made aware that a number of families have large amounts of money owing for the services used. Unfortunately, these amounts are having a huge impact on the club's finances and it's ability to run. If you are aware that you have any money outstanding for care club, please can I ask that you make a payment as soon as possible. Mrs Ellis will be contacting those families who have money owing so that you are aware of this. Alternatively, if you wish to request your balance please contact c.ellis@romeromac.com. For those of you who have large amounts outstanding, a payment plan can be arranged – please contact Mrs Scullion to discuss this at m.scullion@romeromac.com. Please make any payments via an online transfer to the following account:

St Gregorys School Pilgrim Care Club
Account number: 49929660
Sort Code: 05-03-87

Unfortunately, if your balance is not paid or you fail to make contact with Mrs Ellis or myself, we may be forced to halt your use of the club.

House System – Cast your vote!

Myself and Mr Madia are looking to implement a variety of ways to celebrate and reward positive behaviour within school. The first of these will be a house system! So far, staff have come up with some possible suggestions for the names of the houses and have been voting for these in an online poll. However, we would also like our families to have their say. In order to cast your vote, or suggest some house names of your own – please complete our poll: [Vote Here](#). Once decided, staff and children will be sorted into houses - it will be a great way to celebrate positive behaviour choices, work even more collaboratively as a school and introduce a competitive spirit.



Screen Free Day

In order to help reduce the stresses of home learning, each year group will be hosting a 'Screen Free Day' between now and half term. The aim of this is simple: step away from the screens and have some creative fun. It will also hopefully relieve some of the pressures upon you as parents, and give staff and children some well needed time away from the screen. The activities will be designed so that the children can complete these in a more independent way, leaving you some time to get on with your work or tick a job of that never ending to do list. The days for the children's screen free days are as follows:

Reception ~ Thursday 11th February

Year 1 ~ Friday 5th February

Year 2 ~ Friday 5th February

Year 3 ~ Friday 5th February

Year 4 ~ Thursday 4th February

Year 5 ~ Thursday 4th February

Year 6 ~ Friday 5th February

Thought of the Week ...

TO THE WORLD,
YOU MAY BE
ONE PERSON,
BUT TO ONE
PERSON YOU MAY
BE THE WORLD.



Wishing you a peaceful weekend!

Mrs Scullion
Interim Head of School

Snow Day Fun!



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Go Parks Active Schools Challenge and COMPETITION!

From 1st-28th February Coventry City Council have launched an active schools challenge to help encourage everyone in Coventry to keep fit and active through a walk a day in the city's local parks.

How can I take part?

- Read the instructions on the poster below for how to earn points for St Gregory's 😊

How many points can I get a day?

- Each entry is worth 10 points. You can only enter once, per person a day. Each person entering must use a different email. If there are multiple entries under one email each day, only one will be counted.

Who can take part?

- Anyone living in the city can take part. Children, parents, grandparents, friends etc...

How can I see where the school is placed on the leadership board?

- We will post this on social media weekly. Please follow @covsport to be the first to see these results. If we place in the top 3 schools in our category the school will win some money that we can use to purchase sports equipment for the children 😊

There are 33 different parks with a Go Parks banner. No matter where you live in the city there will be a park near you! All of the locations of the banners can be found on this website [Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge – Google My Maps](#)

Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge

School: _____

St Gregory's
Let's get our school to the top of the leader board!

How to enter:

1. Find the Go Parks QR code banner during your walk in the closest participating park to your home
2. Get a family or bubble member (that are 18 or over) to scan the QR code with their smartphone camera
3. Complete the form, choosing our school to win the points with your daily entry!

Remember: stay safe in the park and follow all government guidelines including social distancing and only visiting the park in your area of Coventry.

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SGOs: @SGOCoventryWest, @SGOCoventryEast, @covsport, @coventrysport, www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks

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LOOK AT OUR LEARNING IN ...

Year One

This week we have been listening to the story of the Three Little Pigs.

The children enjoyed creating a puppet show to retell the story.

We have also participated in yoga, grouped shapes and even made patterns using common 2-D shapes!