



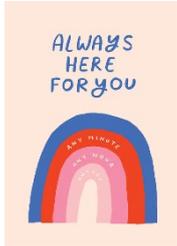
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



This week marks Children's Mental Health Week – something that has a special place in all of our hearts here at St Gregory's. It is no secret that the children are the reason for everything we do here, and it was so lovely to have some dedicated time to remind them of that fact this week. We have used Children's Mental Health week to reiterate the importance of the fact that 'it is ok not to be ok' and have dressed to express in order to celebrate all that we are as individuals.

It has also been a welcomed opportunity to remind the children that no matter what problems they face, however sad they may feel or when they are just simply needing to see a smiling face – there will always be someone who will listen and support them here at school. It is always important for the children to know how much we value them as part of our family of St Gregory's – but as we are unable to be together at the moment, it has been lovely to remind them that out of sight does not mean out of mind, and that their happiness and wellbeing is still fully at the forefront of our minds.

☆ 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	
Alfred	Amelia	Lochlan	Beth	Lila	Myla	Evie	Poppy	Marta	Cameron	Marlow	Lilly-Beau	Krish	Adeolu	Lola

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

Dress To Express!

It has been so lovely to see lots of the children and the staff dressing to express in order to mark Children's Mental Health Week.

On Wednesday the theme was fancy dress, and Mrs Scullion and Mr Madia decided to express their inner child! The children in school were thrilled to have two mischievous pupils turn up for the day! What great fun!



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 that schools will remain 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.



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 discovering 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>



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Go Parks Challenge!

This week the Go Parks Active Schools Challenge launched and we have found our competitive streak!! Many of the children and staff have been visiting their local parks to scan the QR codes which earn us points. We are slowly creeping up the leaderboard but could do with more help!

After our first week, here are our top tips...

- You can only enter once per email address, so if there are 3 of you completing the challenge try to enter 3 times with different email addresses to collect 10 points each!
- Stay Local and Stay Safe 😊
- Share your photos of you scanning your QR code by emailing Mr Hastings at parks.sg@romeromac.com
- Share the challenge with everyone you know, anyone can earn points for St Gregory's!



There are 37 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](#)

Sir Captain Tom – Lenten Fundraising

This year for our Lenten fundraising we've decided to use the amazing charitable fundraising Sir Captain Tom Moore did as inspiration for our fundraising.

This year's challenge is called 'Captain Tom's Century Challenge'. We are challenging you to get sponsored to complete 100 of something. Please [Click Here](#) to find a list of fundraising ideas that will help you to begin thinking of what you might do!

We will be providing you with further information in a detailed letter next week, but hope you will be able to support the school in raising some money for our Lenten charities. 😊



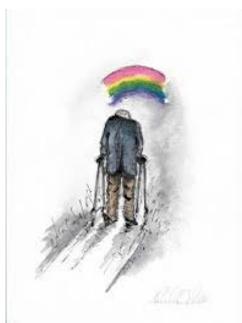
Remembering Fr Bob



Recently, we have been working to remodel certain aspects of the school so that the children have an inspiring environment to learn in and to be proud of. Our most recent refurbishment has been of our school hall. For us, the hall is at the heart of our school and is a place where we can come together as a St Gregory's family. It is also a place in which we can come together to worship God, reflect upon the beauty of life and celebrate our successes. When we thought about the uses of our hall, another person also came to mind – Fr Bob! He was also the heart of our school and brought us all together for many of the same reasons as detailed above. Therefore, as a tribute to Fr Bob and a reminder of his lasting legacy the newly renovated hall will now be known as the 'Robert Wright Hall'. Something which we all know he would have loved and will be our special way of remembering him. He is forever in our thoughts and always in our hearts.

Screen Free Day

Many of the children have been enjoying a screen free day this week. As a school, we felt that it was important to give the children some time away from the screen this week and to have some creative fun. It was also hopefully a chance for you as parents to relinquish your roles as teachers – if only for a day. It has been lovely to see so many of the children embracing this day! Many have been to the park, have enjoyed baking and some were even helping the environment with a spot of litter picking!



Thought of the Week ...

*'The sun will shine on you again,
and the clouds will go away!'*
Captain Tom Moore

Wishing you a peaceful weekend!

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