



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 06:
Thursday 10th
February 2021



Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



I can't quite believe six weeks have been and gone and that a half term has passed us by already. In some ways it feels like it has been minutes since I first wrote to you all in my first week as Head of School, however, in other ways it feels like years! This half term has presented us all with many challenges: we have seen the partial closure of schools; we have used technology as a means to bring classrooms into homes; we have dealt with yet another lockdown; we have probably been on enough walks to last us all a lifetime, and to top it all off – we have also had the added bonus of snow! They say that *the only time you should look back is to see how far you've come* and looking back we have all achieved so much in such a short space of time. I now hope that we are able to look forward to next half term with as much positivity as we are ending this one. I hope for us all that it brings brighter times; times when once again the classrooms are filled with the laughter of all children and times in which we are able to create those moments that become memories - as we have lots of exciting things in store when we return after a well-earned break. I really do wish you all a wonderful half term! Rest, relax and enjoy your time as a family – we really have all earned it 😊

February Half Term – CLOSED!

Please note, that staff will not be online or contactable on Friday 12th February or over half term and our online platforms will not be monitored. Staff 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.



Covid-19 Test Results during Half Term

Please note, that if you or anyone in your household tests POSITIVE for COVID-19, please can you email evidence of this test result to m.scullion@romeromac.com. It is really important that I am made aware of this for our records – even if your child has not been attending school at the moment. Please can I strongly advise that you to book a test if anyone in the family is feeling unwell, as the COVID-19 symptoms can be very varied. I sincerely hope that everyone stays well during this time.

Go Parks Challenge!

We are still participating in the Go Parks Active Schools Challenge and have definitely discovered our competitive streak!! The staff and children have been out visiting their local parks to scan the QR codes which earn us points - a special shout out to Mrs Swiadek who seems to have made it her mission to visit every park on this side of Coventry to earn us those points! We are thrilled to see that we are now 6th in the leader board and are using half term to stake our claim in the Top 3! Remember, 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](https://www.google.com/maps/@52.43118,1.51818,15z) If you have scanned the QR code and earned us some points, share your photos of you scanning your QR code by emailing parks.sg@romeromac.com.

Keep updated with our progress in the challenge by following our Facebook page!



Good Shepherd Catholic Academy	2380
St John Viannay	2250
St Patricks Catholic	2160
Longford Park	1930
All Souls Catholic	1760
St Gregorys Catholic	1260
St Andrews	1050
Cannon Park	990
St John CE	900
Eastern Green	850
SS Peter & Paul Catholic	830

The Season of Lent

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and marks the beginning of Lent. A time when we embark on our own personal journey with Jesus as he prepares himself to make the ultimate sacrifice and take up the cross.

Although we are not in school for Ash Wednesday, we are still hoping to mark the beginning of Lent when the children return to school or log back in online on Monday 22nd February. Each class will be invited to a live prayer time with their class teacher to reflect on the meaning of Lent and how they can shape their own Lenten journey, and as a school, we will be taking part in daily reflections to help us spend more time with God during this time.



CAPTAIN SIR TOM MOORE
1920 - 2021

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!

You will be provided with further information via Teams, Seesaw and Arbor – watch this space! 😊

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Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am





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World Book Day

Save the date! World Book Day is Thursday 4th March! The teaching of reading should have such a high priority within school as well as creating opportunities for children to develop a love of reading. We are therefore using World Book Day as a chance to kick start our 'St Gregory's loves reading' campaign. Here's a sneak peak at what the day will entail:

- A Virtual Character Parade – All children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character
- St Gregory's Presents 'The Masked Reader'!
- Snuggle up with a book – Live Event
- A 'Veggie' special competition – design a vegetable book character
- Extreme Reading Competition



We can't wait! Further information will be provided via Arbor – so keep an eye on your inboxes!

Shrove Tuesday

During half term we will be celebrating 'Shrove Tuesday'. Have you ever wondered why we use our eggs in pancakes? Do you know how to make tasty pancakes? Well do not worry as Jane Andreassen from our catering team, is on hand. Watch out for our social media posts next week to find out how to make tasty pancakes and use up your eggs too. Look out for Mr Everett, Principal of Cardinal Wiseman who has a challenge for all our staff and pupils across the MAC. Will you get the highest score? Our social media posts will also share why there is a tradition of using up all your eggs ahead of Lent. Happy pancake Tuesday!



Dates for your Diary

So that you are aware of what's to come in the half term ahead, here are some key dates for your diary. Further details can be obtained via social media, your child's Teams or Seesaw account or an email will be sent out.

Date	Event
Month of February	Go Parks Challenge
Tuesday 16 th February	Pancake Day – Competition available via Social Media
Wednesday 17 th February	Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
Monday 22 nd February	School reopens for Critical Worker Provision Only
Monday 22 nd February	Lenten Worship Live via Teams Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd February	Year 4 Class Mass via Youtube
Monday 1 st March	National Science Week – All Year Groups
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day!
Friday 5 th March	Mass in Memory of Fr Bob – 1 st Anniversary of his Death
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 3 Class Mass via Youtube
Tuesday 23 rd March	Year 2 Class Mass via Youtube
Thursday 1 st April	Easter Tridium Reflection – All Year Groups
Thursday 1 st April	Break up for Easter

Thought of the Week ...

if you get
TIRED,
learn to
REST,
NOT TO QUIT.

Thank you so much for all of your continued support.
Have a thoroughly enjoyable Half Term!

Mrs Scullion

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