



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 12:
Thursday 1st
April 2021



Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



As another busy term comes to an end, it gives us a chance to look back and reflect upon all that we have achieved. It is hard to believe that schools have only been open fully for a short while and that the majority of this term has been spent teaching the children from the comfort of their own homes. That being said, staff and children have slipped back into the rhythm of school life. The children are enjoying their learning and the progress they are making within this learning is great to see. I now wish everyone a lovely break as we approach this Easter holiday. With restrictions easing slightly, I hope that you all are able to enjoy some time with loved ones – if the snow holds off that is! And, are able to take some time to rest and relax after a turbulent term. I would also like to thank the staff at St Gregory's a lovely break, they really are the glue that hold the school together and they have worked so hard in order to keep the children learning and enthused both at home and in school that they really do deserve some down time!

We will once again be raring to go when the 19th April rolls round and can look forward to a Summer Term filled with some fantastic curriculum experiences, fun learning opportunities and another chance to make those all-important memories!

Holy Week

As we are in the midst of Holy Week, we have ensured that the children have had an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' journey as they walk with him as he prepares to take up his cross. This week, all children have had the opportunity to take part in our Stations of the Cross reflection and have contributed to the tableaus and readings – it really was beautiful!

We have also participated in rolling worship today, focussing on the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The children were very reverent and enjoy some moments of quiet to reflect upon Jesus' sacrifice. We now wait in hope for Jesus' resurrection and the beauty that it brings.



Staffing Update

This week we have welcomed back Mrs Waters from her maternity leave. After Easter, Mrs Waters will work as the Nursery Teacher on a Wednesday and then Year 1 Class Teacher on a Thursday and Friday. The children have loved having her back.

We are also saying 'see you soon' to Mrs Tate today as she will begin her maternity leave after Easter. Mrs Tate has been teaching her Year 1 class virtually since we returned from lockdown and is now ready for well-earned time with her family before they welcome her new arrival. We wish Mrs Tate the very best and we can't wait to see Baby Tate when he/she arrives 😊

☆ School Attendance ☆

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance: % Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
99%	97.1%	96.4%	97.1%	96.9%	98.1%	98.6%	94.2%
Class Attendance Winner		Nursery and Year 5					

Parent Consultations *Update*

Thank you to those parents that attended our Parent Consultation meetings this week. These were held online via Microsoft Teams. Unfortunately, some parents missed their scheduled appointment. If this was you and you would like an update as to how your child has settled back into school or how they are progressing with their learning, please email admin.sg@romeromac.com and we will arrange for your child's class teacher to call you after the Easter Break.



Summer Uniform



After the Easter Holidays, children are welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups, boys may wear grey tailored shorts instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear blue gingham summer dresses. In addition, children may choose to wear a blue polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie. Please can all children ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit of dark shorts, blue t-shirt and trainers, on their PE days, so that they can access the PE curriculum.

Shoes – please can I ask for children to ensure that they have school shoes for the summer term. We relaxed the uniform policy during our return, but I would like to see a full return to compliancy and our smart approach to school uniform. A lot of children are not wearing school ties, so again, please ensure that the children wear these from 19th March April if they are wearing school shirts.

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Year 3 – Virtual Museum Visit



This week, Year 3 haven't let the Covid restrictions stop them visiting a museum! Instead, they enjoyed a virtual museum trip to Lapworth museum in Birmingham, where they explored fossils, rocks and looked at dinosaur bones linked to their science topic. The Learning and Community officer was delighted with Year 3 and said that the children 'were so interested and had some great ideas about what the fossils could be.' Great work Year 3!

Easter Celebration Day

On Monday 19th April, we return to school and celebrate Easter during the Easter season. **The children can come in non-uniform and need to bring in a £1 donation for School Fund.** The children will take part in a range of activities e.g. making Easter cards and every child will be given a Cadburys creme egg with their name on. The catch is the children have to find their egg in a hunt on the playground and can only eat the one with their name on! We will be coming together as a whole school (albeit in a virtual way) during our Easter Celebration Mission with all staff and children as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Egg Head Competition

HOW TO ENTER:

Decorate a hard boiled egg as a character from a book or film or as a famous person. Bring your entry to school on Monday 19th April for our Easter celebration day.



Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Raffle upon our return to school after the Easter Holidays. There are lots of *cracking* prizes including some *eggcellent* Easter Eggs! Raffle tickets will be sold for £1 per strip. If your child would like to purchase one, please send in the correct amount in a named envelope. The last chance to purchase will be on **Monday 19th April**. The draw will then take place on this day.



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After School Clubs

As we continue with the Prime Minister's road map, we can once again begin to reintroduce things in line with our own COVID risk assessment. We are delighted to inform you that after school clubs will be returning after the Easter Holidays. We are beginning with sports for our Key Stage 2 children, however, we do have plans to develop this offer when restrictions ease further.

If you wish for your child to participate in one of these clubs, please use Arbor to book their place.

After School Club	Day/Time	Staff Member
Batting Sports (Cricket, Rounders, Softball) Year 4 and Year 5	Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Hastings
Football Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mr Hastings & Mr Sweatman
Netball Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Mrs Scullion & Mr Hastings

School Meals Feedback

A message from Tom O'Reilly (Romero's Catering Manager):

Please can I ask for your assistance in obtaining some feedback from the children in your School via their parents.

Can you ask the parents to help the Catering Team to improve the offering and service of catering within the Romero Schools by filling in an on-line Catering Feedback Form. I have attached a link which I would ask to be sent to all parents of the children within your School prior to breaking up for Easter. The results of this survey will be compared against the result from the Autumn term's survey.

[Romero Primary School Catering Feedback Form](#)

Social Media

We have recently been made aware of some unkind incidents between children that are taking place over social media. The fallouts from these incidents are then having an impact upon the children in school. Please can I ask all parents to be mindful of which forms of social media your children are accessing. Most social media accounts have age restrictions that begin from age 13 upwards, therefore, it is not appropriate for children of a primary age to be accessing them anyway. However, please can I ask that you monitor how your child is using social media and that they understand what to do if they experience problems when doing so. We will be addressing the use of social media in our PSHE lessons with our Upper Key Stage Two children next term, however, would appreciate your support on this matter.



Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Compassionate and Loving		
😊 All Sponsorship money to be returned to school 😊		
Monday 19 th April	All Day	Easter Celebration Day (non uniform for all children /£1 donation)
Tuesday 20 th April	All Day	Egg Head Class Competition (bring in your entries today)
Wednesday 21 st April	Afternoon	Reception: One Body, One Life workshop
Thursday 22 nd April	N/A	N/A
Friday 23 rd April	All Day	Earth day https://www.earthday.org/
	Morning	CAFOD Assembly: 'The Eyes of the World'
Friday 23 rd April	Afternoon	Year 6 Catholic Sports Cross Country Race at Cardinal Wiseman
	All Day	St George's Day (Wear Red/White)
	9:00am	Virtual Celebration Assembly (invitation only)
	Afternoon	Year 5/6 National Maths Challenge Lesson

[We break up from school today Thursday 1st April 2021](#)

[for the Easter Holidays for two weeks.](#)

[We return back to school for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April 2021.](#)

Have a lovely Easter!

Mrs Scullion

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