



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



The summer term seems to be flying by, and once again, we have had a fabulous week of learning here at St Gregory's. We have made no secret of the fact that one of our key aims since children returned from remote learning was to bring their learning to life, and with that, immerse our children in a range of active experiences to develop their knowledge and enhance their love of our diverse curriculum. I am pleased to share, that even with Covid restrictions looming over us, we have still managed to provide these experiences for the children. We were eager not to let Covid win and for our curriculum offer to go from strength to strength. If you look at this last week alone, we have hosted a live Pirate Day to launch one of our new texts in English; participated in a Victorian cookery morning with our Catering Team; made water turbines with the children to develop their understanding of geographical concepts; delivered another well-being Wednesday afternoon in which the children had the chance to participate in an activity that promotes our theme of 'it's good to feel good', and, if that's not enough, on Monday, we have a day of dance to look forward to, as we have booked 'Ricky Dance' to come and work with the children for the day entitled 'St Gregory's Dance Showcase.' With this way of working, yes, our school calendar looks very busy. Yes, the organisation and prep work for these activities requires some extra effort. But, the way the children are now able to talk about their learning with such pride, coupled with the smiles on their faces, is something that puts it all into perspective and is why this way of working and learning will be here to stay. We meant it when we said that St Gregory's is a place where moments become memories, and long may it continue, for we now wouldn't want it any other way!

☆ Star of the Week ☆

Once again, we offer our congratulations to those children who have been recognised for their special achievements and have been awarded as our Stars of the Week!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Joel	Arushan	Harry	Precious	Tillie	Levi	Nana	Harley
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Tuesday	Monday Wednesday	Monday Thursday	Monday *Swimming Kits*	Tuesday Friday	Thursday Friday	Friday *Swimming Kits*
Attendance: 96.1% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
96.8% 😊	95.7%	96%	98.2% 😊	96.7%	98.8% 😊	99% 😊	97.1% 😊
Class Attendance Winner		Year 5 😊					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 266 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 1539 Points		

Sacrament Update

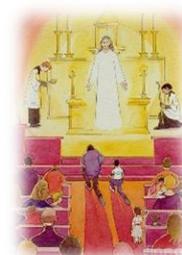
Having met with Fr Des this week, and in light of the delay in the lifting of Covid Restrictions, it is with a heavy heart that we have had to cancel some of the services scheduled ahead of the children's Sacraments. These are as follows:

CANCELLED ~ Wednesday 23rd June ~ Year 6 Service of Commitment for Confirmation ~6.30pm ~ CANCELLED

CANCELLED ~ Thursday 24th June ~ Year 3 & 4 Service of Commitment for First Holy Communion ~ 6.30pm ~ CANCELLED

As we had planned for these services of commitment to take place with our friends at St John Fisher School, we are not in a position to conduct these in line with the current Covid restrictions and Diocesan guidelines. It is always in our best interests to ensure the safety of our school community and, in this case, the above were putting too many people at risk.

However, the Sacramental masses for both Confirmation and First Holy Communion will still go ahead. We have reviewed our arrangements for each of the masses, and we feel that with a few tweaks and additional measures in place, we will be able to conduct and celebrate these occasions with both the reverence and safety that they require in this current climate. An additional letter has been sent to all parents of children in Year 3, 4 & 6 who are receiving a Sacrament in which our final arrangements are detailed.



A reminder of the dates of these Sacraments are below:

Tuesday 6th July ~ Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation @ 6.30pm
Saturday 10th July ~ Years 3 & 4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion @ 11.30am

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Year 2 – Pirate Day!

Last Friday, Year 2 were taken aboard the good ship Magpie and became real life pirates! They had an amazing day learning all about life on a pirate galleon. They made treasure maps, money bags, flags and eye patches. In the afternoon they even went to Pirate boot camp and learnt how to load cannons and send messages between two ships. Louie said, "It was amazing because we got to try lots of different pirate activities, and it was really fun. My favourite was making the eye patches because I got to do my own design!". The children all looked amazing! Thank you to all the parents and carers for the amazing effort that went into the costumes. It certainly was a day to remember!



Netball and Football Matches vs Corpus Christi

Our school sports provision is going from strength to strength, and with this our sports teams are thriving. We are all about preparation and sports development here at St Gregory's, therefore, we are busy training our Year 4 and 5 children in readiness for the new football and netball season in September. This week, both the football and netball team had the chance to play against Corpus Christi. Our teams were made up of our Year 4 and 5 children, and we used this as a chance to put what they had learned so far into practice and to allow us to pin point areas that we still need to work on. We were so proud of all of our players. They played with grit, determination and showed great skill. Although the results didn't go our way this time, we saw glimmers of what the future holds and it is a very exciting prospect indeed!



Year 1 PE Days ~ *Changes Made*

Please note that Year 1 PE Days are now on Monday and Wednesdays. The children should wear their PE kits to school on these days.

PE Kit

One of our 'Covid keeps' is definitely the children coming into school in their PE kit on the days in which they have PE. It has significantly reduced the amount of lost property we have within school and we are not wasting lesson time waiting for the children to get changed. However, we have noticed that as of late, the standards of PE kit being worn is unfortunately deteriorating. Our PE kit is made up of the following items:

Sky Blue St Gregory's PE Top with logo (these can be purchased from the school office)

Navy or Black Tracksuit Bottoms or Shorts

Navy or Black Tracksuit Top or Hoodie

A Pair of Suitable Trainers

We thank you for your cooperation with this. It is important that children are dressed appropriately for PE so that they are able to participate fully and safely during their lessons.

Sport in the Local Community

As our enhance PE curriculum and sporting offer gathers steam, we are becoming increasingly aware of the vast amount of sporting talent we have here at St Gregory's. Many children are also finding a passion for a sport that they have been recently introduced to and have expressed the desire to continue with this outside of school so that they can further develop their skills. If this is something you wish to support your child in doing, we are aware that knowing where to look for a club or finding a team can be increasingly difficult. Therefore, we have been in contact with some of our local sporting clubs and the following teams have said that they are looking for new players to join their club/team. Please do get in contact with them if you feel that your child would benefit one of these opportunities or if you would like more information:

Football:

Whitley Juniors FC ~ Under 10s (Year 5 from September 2021)

Email: garrettcv3@outlook.com

Gymnastics & Cheerleading:

Tribe: Cheer, Dance & Fitness ~ Located at Warwickshire Shopping Park

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tribecoventry/>

Gaelic Football:

Juvenile Gaelic Football Team @ Sphinx Sports & Social Club ~ Year 3 upwards

Contact: Kieran Boyle on 07900 911947

Netball:

Coventry & North Warwick Netball Club

Ages 9 - 12

Tuesday Evenings ~ 5pm – 6pm

Email: info@cnwsc.co.uk

Athletics:

Coventry & North Warwick Sports Club

Ages 7 - 10

Monday Evenings ~ 5pm – 5.45pm

Email: info@cnwsc.co.uk

Assessment Week

A huge well done goes to our children in Year 6 this week who have been busy completing their last set of assessments ahead of their transition to Secondary School. They have worked diligently and we are so proud of them all.

Children in Years 1 – 5 will complete their assessments next week. These assessments will help shape the support that the children may need as they move up into their new classes in September.



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Parent/Carer Survey ~ Your Voice Matters!

Here at St Gregory's, we strive to provide a high-quality education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how well we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our fourth annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy. It will close on Friday July 9th 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RomeroSurvey2021>

Through this survey, we would like to know what you think is working well and what you would like us to improve. We have some additional aspects in light of the current climate and we thank you for your patience as we have navigated the last ten months. The survey takes approximately 6 minutes to complete and comments are optional. You can provide your details or you may answer the questionnaire anonymously if you would prefer. As always, if you wish to raise a concern, there is a process to follow and we appreciate you bring it directly to the attention to staff at the school so we can resolve the matter in a speedy manner.

We would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' in advance for completing our survey. As always, the survey will be analysed at school level and across Romero as the results will be collated and viewed by the Board of Directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in Autumn with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter. We will also include the FAQs on the website – www.romeromac.com

Job Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor Wanted!

We currently have a vacancy for a new Lunchtime Supervisor to join our Team.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, further details of the vacancy can be found here:

<https://romeromac.com/vacancy/lunchtime-supervisor-st-gregorys-catholic-primary-school/>



School Nurse Information – Toileting and Sleep Support Training Available

School Nursing are running FREE virtual health information sessions via Event Brite running from May until August 2021 for parents/ carers. This will include sessions around managing toileting and sleep. See below for booking information:

Name of Session	Date and Time of Session	Booking Link
Toileting Information Session	23/06/2021 @ 10am	Click Here
Sleep Information Session	09/07/2021 @ 10am	Click Here
Toileting Information Session	19/07/2021 @ 1pm	Click Here
Toileting Information Session	11/08/2021 @ 2pm	Click Here
Sleep Information Session	20/08/2021 @ 1pm	Click Here

Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Faith-filled and Hopeful		
Sunday 20 th June	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher – 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday 21 st June	All Day PM After School	St Gregory's Dance Showcase with Ricky Dance Year 3 Swimming Year 4 Introduction to Netball
Tuesday 22 nd June	After School	Athletics Training *Selected Children Only*
Wednesday 23 rd June	PM	Reading with Coventry Rugby Sessions
Thursday 24 th June	PM	Catholic Sports Athletics Meet
Friday 25 th June	AM AM PM	Year 4 & Year 5: Warwickshire Cricket Board ~ Cricket Masterclass Farewell Mass for Mrs Marshall Year 6 Swimming

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Scullion



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