



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,



We couldn't have asked for a better week of weather for our return to school this week! The sun has been shining brightly and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying their playtimes without having to dodge the rain. We have even moved some of our learning outside to make the most of our environment which has greatly delighted the children. Over the next two weeks, we will be beginning our end of year assessments with the children. It is important that these are done so that we are aware of where the children are as they end their time in their current year group. We are also mindful that the children have navigated their way through another lockdown and a global pandemic and so these results will also be used to celebrate the progress each and every one of them has made. That being said, we are not shying away from our belief that the biggest achievements from the last year will not be able to be assessed via a test paper or knowledge quiz. We know that the results will not show us which children have learnt a new skill during lockdown, have been a great help at home or who have waited patiently for the world to open back up so that they can see their friends once again. Therefore, these assessments will be done in the kindest way possible and will be used to shape future learning, so that those children who are in need of a little extra support when they move up into their new year group in September will have this in place from the off. All children have achieved SO much this year and should be proud whatever their outcome, as here at St Gregory's there are many ways to achieve success. For after all, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" ~ Aristotle

### ☆ Star of the Week ☆

Our Celebration Assembly was full of joy this week as we were told of all of the children's fabulous achievements. Congratulations to all of our Stars of the Week!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Etienne	Jacob	Bradley	n/a	Stella	Jack	Olga	Jack B
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Tuesday	Monday Thursday	Monday Thursday	Monday *Swimming Kits*	Tuesday Friday	Thursday Friday	Friday *Swimming Kits*
Attendance: 96% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
99.5%	95.4%	96.8%	98.2%	96.7%	98.6% 😊	99.1% 😊	97.2%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 5 & Nursery 😊					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Godiva ~ 250 Points			Overall Winner: Herbert ~ 1360 Points		

### Sunny Days are Here to Stay ☀️

The warm weather looks set to continue into next week, therefore can we please remind you to send your child in with a water bottle so that they have access to a drink throughout the day. Due to our Covid Restrictions and Risk Assessment, our water fountains remain out of action and therefore some children are finding themselves without a drink. Also, children are permitted to bring in a sun hat to wear outside during break times and lunch times to protect themselves from the sun. Sun cream is also permitted if you feel that your child needs it, however, the children must be able to apply this themselves.



### Arbor Reminder

The majority of our communications to you as parents will be sent via email or through use of the Arbor App. So that you are able to receive the most up to date information in a timely manner, please can you check that the email we have on file for you is the correct one. You can check this via the Arbor App under 'Your Details' or by getting in contact with the office. The Arbor App is a great way to ensure you are up to date with our latest school updates and to make any payments to school. You are able to download this from the iTunes or Android Appstore. If you are struggling, please do ask at the office for some help.



### Sacrament Update

I know that many parents are keen for more information regarding the structure and arrangements for our upcoming Sacraments of Holy Communion (Years 3 & 4) and Confirmation (Year 6). We are working behind the scenes to finalise these arrangements that are very much dependent on the Covid Restrictions. That said, I am meeting with Fr Des on Monday and will be writing to you that evening to explain what we are hoping to put into place. The following dates do still stand and will all take place at St John Fisher Church:

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June ~ Year 6 Service of Commitment for Confirmation ~6.30pm
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June ~ Year 3 & 4 Service of Commitment for First Holy Communion ~ 6.30pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July ~ Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation @ 6.30pm
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July ~ Years 3 & 4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion @ 11.30am

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## SPORTS UPDATE

### Netball Rally ~ Coventry Catholic Schools East



Yesterday, 7 of our children from Year 5 & 6 represented St Gregory's at the Coventry Catholic Schools Netball Rally for the East division. Going into the rally our team had been training well and, even though they were a newly formed side, were showing great promise. The rally was difficult for many reasons: the weather, the amount of games in quick succession and a tough opposition to name a few. However, our team played with great determination and showed great skill on court. There were some hard moments, however, each and every one of the team rallied round and showed the utmost respect to the game, their opposition and themselves. We played 8 games in total and ended five of those undefeated! We also came away securing 5<sup>th</sup> place out of the Coventry East Schools and 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of our Romero Rivals (there is nothing wrong with a bit of healthy competition!). It was a great achievement and we are very proud of the children who played. A huge well done goes to:

Aimee Havilah Isla Maceo Maja Lademi Ruby

### Football Development Sessions ~ West Bromwich Albion

This week, we were also lucky enough to have a Football Development Session run by some of the coaching team at West Bromwich Albion Football Club. All children from Reception – Year 6 were involved in this specially organised session and were treated to a football masterclass skills session. It was great to see so many of the children enjoying their football and demonstrating such a fantastic attitude whilst doing so. Some of our children, who showcased exemplary football skills and had a talent for the game, were even asked to go for a trial with the West Bromwich Albion Development Pathway. Could they be our sporting stars of the future?



### PE Curriculum Overviews ~ Years 1 to 6

You should have received an email this week with details of how we are enhancing our PE provision across the school, as well as our rationale for the way we plan to approach the subject. We also informed you of our new initiatives such as 'Skills and Values Awards' that we are introducing with the children this term to recognise those who excel and showcase talent for a particular sport, but also who show sporting values whilst participating in sport. It also detailed how we plan to link in with local sports clubs within the community and to outline our plans for our increased involvement with competitive sport. Attached to the email was a curriculum overview for your children's PE lessons this half term. This overview outlines the skills that they will be learning and working to enhance, as well as the sport that we are linking these too. Please do take time to read through this – we do value your partnership and wish for you to be as informed as you can be with your child's learning so that you can support as much as you would like to. Moving forward, these curriculum overviews will be completed for all curriculum subjects 😊



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@cnwsc.co.uk)

#### Athletics:

Coventry & North Warwick Sports Club

Ages 7 - 10

Monday Evenings ~ 5pm – 5.45pm

Email: [info@cnwsc.co.uk](mailto:info@cnwsc.co.uk)

**\*Free Session on Mon 14th June\***

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## EYFS Animal Fun!

The children in Early Years had a wonderful visit from Laura and her animal friends on Wednesday! They met so many different animals including a snake, a Madagascan hedgehog, a tortoise, a cockroach, a baby owl, and a honey bear! We were so impressed with how brave the children were when they held the animals but also how caring they were towards them. It was a wonderful experience and we had lots of fun!



## 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](http://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/>

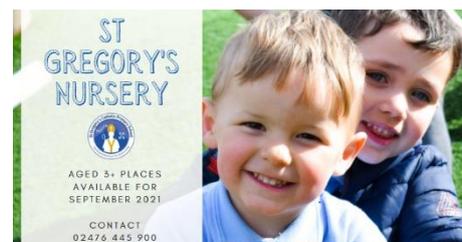


## Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Faith-filled and Hopeful</b>		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher – 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9am After School	Year 6 and Year 1 Class Mass via St John Fisher Live Stream Football & Netball Matches vs Corpus Christi
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	PM	Year 5 & 6 Design & Technology Lesson with Catering Team – Food Technology
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	AM PM	Year 4 & Year 5: Warwickshire Cricket Board ~ Cricket Masterclass Year 6 Swimming

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Scullion



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