



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 01:
Friday 10th
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Dear parents, children, staff and parishioners,

On behalf of all the staff, I welcome you to the beginning of another school year at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. We extend a warm welcome to the new families joining us for the start of this year and our new staff:



Mrs Lisa Downing ~ Assistant Principal & Y6 Teacher
Miss Emily Stirling ~ Y5 Teacher
Miss Elisha Bereza ~ Y2 Teacher
Mrs Donna Stokes ~ YR Teacher
Mrs Sophie Newman ~ Specialist PE Teacher
Mrs Neha Kapoor ~ Y5/6 Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Mrs Laurie Jackson ~ Y5 Teaching Assistant
Mrs Nikki Cosgrove ~ Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Sharon Hill ~ Catering Assistant



We ask for God's blessing on our school as we prepare for all the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead.

On Monday we are excited to welcome our new Reception children and parents. We can't wait to see all the children on Monday for your first morning of school – the very best of luck!

Send us your 'first day at school' photographs via email so that we can post on our Social Media: admin.sg@romeromac.com

Last year we made a number of changes to our school environment in order for it to reflect and facilitate the high-quality learning experience we wish to offer our children here at St Gregory's. We hope to continue this work into the new academic year and, with this, provide the children with a learning environment that allows them to thrive.

We want the very best for your children and look forward to continuing with our school improvement. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me if you wish to discuss any element of school life. It has been such a wonderful first week back. The children have been exceptionally well behaved and learning focused. What a pleasure it is to work at St Gregory's 😊

Matters Arising

If you have a concern about your child, please book an appointment to discuss with **your child's class teacher** by either phoning or emailing the Office to make an appointment. In the first instance – the class teacher is the first port of call. If an issue arises and it is not resolved, the next step is to see the **Leader of Learning**. If a matter is then not resolved – an appointment can be made with a member of the **Leadership team – Assistant Principal** (Miss Downing), **Head of School** (Mrs Scullion), **Executive Principal** (Mr Madia).

Leaders of Learning	Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 Miss Rowlands	Year 3, Year 4 Year 5 & Year 6 Miss Downing
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This is the procedure, and all staff will direct parents through these steps as they have been found as the most efficient way to resolve concerns. Leaders of Learning have the responsibility to lead their 'mini-school' and they work hard to make their phase the very best it can be.

How do I know what my child is learning this year?

All curriculum information for your child's year group will be emailed to you by Monday. This will explain what your child is learning in all their curriculum subjects for this term. We value a strong partnership between home and school, and by providing you with this information we hope that you will have enough information to be as involved in your child's learning as you wish to. Please don't worry if you do not understand some aspects of your child's curriculum, this will be explained in more detail during our Curriculum Evening in a few weeks' time. Please do continue to check our Social Media Channels as these will provide further insight to your child's learning in school including pictures where possible.



I am learning about...

As we enter the new school year, the children will be studying NEW themes from the National Curriculum: (Yr1 – Yr6):

Year 1 ~ Me and My World

Year 2 ~ London's Burning: The Great Fire of London

Year 3 ~ Walk Like an Egyptian: The Ancient Egyptians

Year 4 ~ It's all Greek to Me! : The Ancient Greeks

Year 5 ~ Chop & Change: The Tudors

Year 6 ~ Keep Calm & Carry On: The Great Wars



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Parent Mail/Text

We will continue to send an electronic copy of the newsletter home each Friday via email and our Arbor system. So that you don't miss out on any important announcements or updates, please ensure you have accessed your Arbor account and that your contact details are up to date. Our Arbor App can be downloaded from the App store on your phone for easy access. Once downloaded, you are then able to use the app to send messages to the office, to pay for meals & trips and to sign up for our extra-curricular clubs. If you need assistance, please contact the office who will be happy to help.



Birthday Gift!

Reminder - for children on their birthday or the nearest school day to their birthday – they can come to school in non-uniform. This way, everybody within the school community who sees them, will know that it is their special day. To clarify, if a birthday is on the weekend or within school holidays the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards. If children wish to bring a treat in for their classmates to celebrate their birthday, please ensure these are nut free. If sending in birthday cake, please ensure this is already cut up and ready to distribute as staff are unable to do this for you.

School Meals

Grab bags - be gone! Our full school dinner service has returned! School meals have returned, and Mrs Mockford & Mrs Hill are cooking up a storm! A menu is attached should you want to look at what is on offer. This menu will only run for the next week and then a seasonal menu will be introduced. Please note, we have introduced a new system at lunchtime that allows all children to dine in the hall. Once they have selected and been served their meal, they are then able to visit a salad card and choose some additional and tasty sides to accompany their dish. If you would like your child to have a school meal, please ask them to inform their teacher during registration. Payment for these can then be made on Arbor. Don't forget that children in Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal!



Bon appetite! 🍴



Pupil Leadership

Here at St Gregory's, we are keen to grow leaders of the future and want to involve the children in our decision making as much as possible – it is their school after all! Therefore, we are delighted to announce that we will be implementing a new **pupil leadership** structure leading on from the success of our roles of House Captain and Vice-Captains. Next week, children in Key Stage Two will have the opportunity to apply for a place on our school council. The children will be asked to submit an application (the format is up to them) detailing why they should be a member of our **School Council**. They will then be elected and enrolled for their term of office.

Last year's House Vice-Captains have now stepped up to their senior position of House Captain, meaning that we are looking for four new **Vice-Captains** from our Year 5 pupils. Application forms will be distributed next week and interviews will take place the week after. Finally, we have two new exciting positions available for our Year 6 children to undertake. We are looking to recruit our first ever **Head Boy and Head Girl**. Those who wish to be considered will write a manifesto and deliver this to the children within school. We will then host a school voting week where each child will vote for who they wish to be elected as Head Boy and Head Girl and represent our school and vocalise the children's thoughts. This is a very exciting time for us as we hope that these initiatives will help develop confidence and independence within the children who apply and give a voice to the rest of the children at school so that we can make changes for the better.

PE Days

Yesterday you should have received an email from Mrs Newman, our new specialist PE Teacher, detailing information about your child's PE provision for the coming half term. Please remember that on the days in which children have PE they may come to school dressed in their PE kit. This is one of our **Covid Keeps** as it has saved so much curriculum time and reduced the amount of lost property in school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit as this is being monitored by school staff. A reminder of PE days and Sport Focus for the term is listed below:

Year Group	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Units	Playground Games Healthy Eating & Lifestyle	Indoor Athletics Healthy Eating & Lifestyle	Indoor Athletics Endball	Dance Cross Country & Orienteering	Indoor Athletics Badminton	Indoor Athletics Cycling
PE Days	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday Wednesday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday

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The Year Ahead ...

Here at St Gregory's a successful partnership with you at home is based on open lines of communication and organisation. Today you should receive, if you haven't already, an overview of all key dates for the remainder of the school year and all mass dates and events linked to our Sacramental Programme. We hope that you find this information useful, and this information provides you with an insight into the exciting things we have in store for the children over the year ahead, but also enables you a chance to forward plan for any time you may need to make available in order to experience these events with your child.

Mass for the Blessing of the New School Year



Yesterday we welcomed Father Des who celebrated mass with us in school.

It was a special mass as we not only celebrated the beginning of the new school year, but we also blessed our Fr Bob memorial and remembered him in our prayers. The children in Years 3-6 were both reverent and spiritual whilst celebrating mass in the hall, whilst Years 1 and 2 joined us virtually. Afterwards Fr Des visited all our classrooms and gave them a special blessing to help learning thrive and the children to achieve their God-given potential throughout this academic year. It was a lovely celebration, and we look forward to many more masses together where we are joined as a family of faith.



Year 6 Get 'Hooked on a Book!'

Year 6 launched their new class text through a challenging team investigation. They had to solve mathematical equations to discover the letters for the title of the text, then they had to unscramble the letters to work out the title. They showed perseverance and super teamwork! Miss Downing was VERY impressed!



Secondary Admissions – Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary School

Parents/ carers of pupils in Year 6 are carefully choosing a secondary school for September 2022. If you are considering a Secondary school for your child, please click on the link to access our website: <https://cardinalwiseman.coventry.sch.uk/chooseWiseman> to find out how your child can continue their journey of learning at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Secondary school.

Cardinal Wiseman is a rapidly improving school (Ofsted May 2019). We warmly welcome you to consider our school as a place for your child in Year 7; we know that God has a vocation and plan for each pupil and know that our school community will be blessed by the presence of the new pupils that join us in September 2022.

We warmly welcome you to join us for the forthcoming Open Evening on **Tuesday 21st September at 6pm**. There will be a formal presentation to families by Mr Everett at **6pm** and a repeat at **6.45pm** in our state-of-the-art hall, along with tours around the classrooms and facilities on offer.

Please be advised that for pupils who are in Year 7 for the 2022- 2023 academic year, free bus passes will be available for eligible pupils for their first year attending Cardinal Wiseman.

Eligible pupils are children who meet all three criteria:

- 1) On the application form Cardinal Wiseman was their **first choice as a secondary school**.
- 2) Pupil has attended one of the partnered Catholic **primary** schools within **Romero**.
- 3) The pupil has a home address which is **2 miles or more** from the school.

Please continue to join us online via our website and social media, to find out more about our dynamic and ambitious Catholic Secondary school, led by Mr Everett, Principal.



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Saint Gregory's Social Media

Please do remember to follow or like us on our Social Media Channels. These are used to further enhance our communication with you all, as well as share and celebrate your children's learning with you. All sites are monitored by school staff and are a lovely way to share all of the great things happening at St Gregory's with you all 😊

Facebook: Head over to <https://www.facebook.com/saintgregorycoventry> and give us a like!
Instagram: Visit Instagram and follow us now ... <https://www.instagram.com/stgregoryscoventry/>
Twitter: [Click here](#) to visit our Twitter Page!



Romero Catholic Academy

To all our new parents, we belong to a family of schools called The Romero Catholic Academy. We converted on the 1st August 2015, and have successfully completed four years as an Academy. Our strategic aims this year will be linked to the Romero aims:



Next week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Eloquent and Truthful		
PE begins this week!		
Monday 13 th September	9.30am – 11.00am 3.15pm – 4.30pm All Day	Reception begin school Year 4, 5 and 6 Dance Club School Council Applications Begin
Wednesday 15 th September	All Day	Day of the Dot – Growth Mindset Project
Friday 17 th September	Morning Morning All Day	Nursery Stay & Play Sessions Celebration Assembly Reception First Full Day!
Sunday 19 th September	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Fr Des



RED OPTION

MON Hot Dog & Potato Wedges

TUE Lasagne

WED Turkey & Roast Potatoes

THU Chilli Con Carne & Rice

FRI Harry Ramsden Battered Fish & Chips

YELLOW OPTION

Quorn Hot Dog & Wedges

Macaroni Cheese

Quorn Fillet & Roast Potatoes

Vegetable Chilli & Rice

Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips

PURPLE / ORANGE OPTION

Jacket Potato with Cheese/Beans

All meals are served with vegetables, cake or fruit of the day and a bottle of water

Have a lovely weekend!
Rest, re-charge and we will see you Monday for another week full of learning and fun!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Interim Head of School

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