



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

This week, our newsletter is dedicated to our children in Year 6. Having finished work for the weekend last Friday, it was straight back to school on Saturday for our Year 6 children and their teachers as they were off to Plas Dol-y-Moch, which is an Outdoor Education Centre in Wales for 5 days. It was the experience of a lifetime for many of our children and I must say, I have returned with such a sense of pride for each and every one of the children in attendance. They were an absolute credit to themselves; their families and St Gregory's and it was such a privilege to accompany them and witness them challenge themselves and achieve things that lay outside of their comfort zone. I hope that they remember many of the things that they have learned about themselves from this experience and are now able to apply this to school life and their own personal development. They truly are an amazing cohort of children and one that, now back in school, will inspire the rest of the children of St Gregory's and set an example of all that we and they can achieve if they only dare to believe in themselves! Year 6 you are stars – continue to shine brightly, you have so much to offer!



### Catholic Life Focus

**During the month of November, we focus on remembering those who are no longer with us and who gave their tomorrow for our today ~ we will remember you**



### ☆ Star of the Week ☆

Well done to all of our children who were awarded Star of the Week in our Assembly today! It was lovely to see how proud you were of your achievements – keep up the hard work!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Molly	John	Kendall	Sebastian	Jessica	Renah	Marlow	Olga
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Attendance: 96.4% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
85.4%	93.2%	94.3%	95.4%	97.6% 😊	95.7%	98.8%	95.8%
Class Attendance Winner		Year 5					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Trinity ~ 160 Points			Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 1719 Points		

### Children in Need

Following Year 5's assembly last week and today's fundraising, we are pleased to share that we have raised a total of £172. Thank you for supporting this wonderful charity and am sure there will be lots of fun watching this evening during the live show on BBC1.



### Year 4 Assembly ~ Anti-Bullying Week

This morning, Year 4 led the rest of the school in a wonderful assembly focussing on anti-bullying week. It was a brilliant assembly and portrayed the message of 'one kind word' which is this years anti-bullying week focus. They also shared that at St Gregory's we have no place for bullying behaviour and highlighted the importance of friendship and kindness towards one another. Well done Year 4!

As always, a huge thank you must go to Mrs McCormick who has worked tirelessly to prepare the children for their assembly and to all of the parents that attended the assembly this morning in support of their child.

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## Goodbye Mrs Bruneau ~ We will miss you!

Today we said a big heartfelt goodbye to our beloved Mrs Bruneau as she prepares to embark for her new life in Mauritius! Mrs Bruneau has been the face of St Gregory's for nearly twelve years and her presence in the office, smiley face and positive demeanour will be sorely missed. As much as we are sad to see her go, we know this move is an amazing opportunity for her and her family and we wish them well. Goodbye Mrs Bruneau!



## Looking at Learning ~ Thank You!

**Reception and Nursery's** Looking at Learning Live Session took place this afternoon. Parents were immersed in their child's learning as they took part in a Forest School Friday session. It was a lovely session, and we would like to thank all Parents and Family Members who were able to join us in the great outdoors today!

## Great Fire of London Trip!

Year 2 took part in a trip to help them develop their understanding around their Great Fire of London Learning on Wednesday. The children visited Selly Manor and spent the day embracing themselves in traditions and ways of life that would have existed around the time of the fire. They also dressed up, handled artefacts and participated in question and answer sessions to develop their knowledge and excitement around the theme that they have been studying this Autumn Term. We are so glad a great time was had by all!

## National Anti-bullying week

This week, we have been reflecting on the theme of anti-bullying. During our assemblies and lessons, we have shared with the children issues around bullying and how to deal with this. Here are some ideas:

- ♥ TELL, TELL, TELL
- ♥ If you are being bullied, you can do something about it. You can make a difference!
- ♥ Practise what you want to say
- ♥ Keep a note or diary of what is happening
- ♥ Don't give up
- ♥ Ask your parents to talk to someone at the school - the class teacher
- ♥ Talk over what to do with a friend, a teacher, your mum or dad or someone you trust



Remember that teaching staff have to listen carefully when a child tells them about being bullied.

Remember - it's right to tell an adult that you are being bullied and to ask for their help. You can talk with them about what you would like to happen and how the situation can be resolved.

## What Is The Definition of Bullying?

A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is. Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over. We have told the children it is not a one-off incident – it is Several Times On Purpose and we want it to STOP!

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumours about people
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

- The Childline Schools Service aims to give children:
- An understanding of abuse in all its forms including bullying, and an ability to recognise the signs of abuse
  - Knowledge of how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
    - An awareness of how to get help and sources of help

We all want to make St Gregory's a place where bullying does not happen.



## BBC CWR Star School!

We are delighted to inform you that we have been selected as BBC Coventry and Warwickshire's Star School! Recording commenced today and it was great to be able to share what makes St Gregory's such a special place! These recordings will be played on the radio over the next week and more recording will take place next week to enable us to share more of our successes! What an honour!

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### Christmas Performances at St Gregory's

We are keeping a close eye on the ever-evolving COVID picture across the country and will be following national guidance when it comes to making arrangements for the viewing of our Christmas Performances. At present, we still plan to welcome parents in to view these performances from the children, however these events will need to be ticketed so that we can fulfil our track and trace requirements. A letter will be sent out next week informing you of our final arrangements and how you can reserve your tickets, however, please note that we will need to have a Plan B in place should we need to implement alternative arrangements. Please rest assured we will be working hard to ensure these performances are delivered in the safest way possible but whilst allowing us to still revel in that festive cheer!

### First Sunday of Advent ~Whole School Mass

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am, we will join with our Sister School, St John Fisher, to celebrate mass in order to recognise the first Sunday of Advent. This will be the first Whole School Mass we have had in a very long time and will be a very special occasion. We would like as many children to attend as possible to help sing in the choir and support with readings. Please can all children in attendance wear their winter school uniform and come and sit at the front of church with members of school staff. Your support is greatly appreciated and will ensure it is a wonderful occasion.

### Advent Art Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, on Friday each child will be participating in Advent Art Day with their class. This will be a day in which they prepare for all things Advent and make crafts, decorations for our school tree and prepare to make way in their hearts to welcome Jesus. We would love for Parents to be involved in Advent Art Day and are inviting Parents to attend the below sessions with their child to partake in some of the lovely ideas the staff have planned. The sessions are below:



EYFS and KS1 ~ 9.30am until 11.30am  
KS2 ~ 1.30pm until 3pm

Please note, that children will also be able to attend in a festive jumper on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November and any parents attending are also welcome to follow this dress code too 😊

### Advent & Christmas Key Dates

Please put these dates in your diary – there are a number of events that are open to parents and carers as we get ready during Advent.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 <sup>th</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of Advent	9:30am Blessing of the Nativtree and Advent Wreaths (all welcome)				Years N/R/1/2/3/4/5/6 Advent Class prayer times (9:00am) for parents to join us in Prayer
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent	9:30am KS1 Dress Rehearsal (to perform to Year 5/6 only) 10:30am EYFS Dress Rehearsal (to perform to Year 3/4 only)	9:30am EYFS Nativity Performance "Happy Birthday Jesus" 5:30pm KS1 Nativity "A Wriggly Nativity"	9:30am KS1 Nativity "A Wriggly Nativity" 1:30pm EYFS Nativity Performance "Happy Birthday Jesus" Christmas Shopping Night Childcare for Parents – Movies and Munchies	Rolling Worship ~ Advent	ALL DAY – Year 5 Harry Potter World Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week of Advent		9:00am EYFS/KS1 Achievement Awards 6:30pm KS2 Carol Service at St John Fisher Church	10:30am Beauty & The Beast Pantomime ~ Belgrade Theatre (Reception – Year 6)	9:00am KS2 Achievement Awards 11:30am – 1:15pm St Gregorys Christmas Dinner 1:00pm Father Christmas to visit EYFS/KS1	Christmas Jumper Day ~ £1 9:30am End of Term Whole School Mass 10:30am House Point Treat 1:30pm Step into Christmas 3.15pm finish for Christmas Holidays (school closes)

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## Prayer of the Month ~ Eternal Rest

As November is the month of remembrance, all children have been set a challenge to learn the Eternal Rest prayer.

Can you help them at home?



### Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
<b>Value and Virtue – Learned &amp; Wise</b>		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00am 12.15pm	Mission Assembly Choir and Soloist Auditions for Advent Carol Service
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	1:30pm – 2:30pm 3:30pm – 5:00pm	Animal Man Visit ~ Year 1 Netball Cup Game vs St Mary and St Benedict (HOME)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Penitential Service for Confirmandi ~ Year 6
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL DAY	Flu Vaccinations ~ Reception – Year 6 Advent Art Day ~ Wear Festive Clothing (Parents invited)
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	11:30am	First Mass of Advent ~ St John Fisher R C Church

Thank you for your continued support!

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