



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a lovely half-term, although, for many, I am sure it feels like a distant memory (*especially given the business of this week in school!*). The children have come back to school as wonderfully as I knew they would – and what a welcome back they have had! The school has been abuzz with the excitement of hosting our very own swimming pool this week and by next Friday, all children from Reception – Year 6 will have had the chance to swim in the heated pool which has found a home on our playground. Swimming lessons have taken place daily this week, with children in Year 3, 4 and 6 receiving lessons from our swim teacher, Vicki, in groups as small as 4 for a targeted and personalised approach. It really has been a case of swimming success as the pool has received overwhelmingly positive reviews from staff and children alike! We are very fortunate that we are able to provide experiences like these to our children; experiences that we hope they enjoy and that make an impact on not only their educational & academic journey, but their personal journey too – and long may this continue here at St Gregory's!

Catholic Life Focus ... November

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

On Monday during mission assembly, we introduced our new focus for the month of November ~ remembrance. We also celebrated the feast days of 'All Saints' and 'All Souls'. As we progress through the month of November, we have a number of opportunities for the children to reflect on those who gave their lives during the War or to remember our loved ones who are sadly no longer with us, but are very much still in our hearts. The School Council will be selling poppies each day in order to raise money as part of the Poppy Appeal; each child will have the opportunity to make a poppy to contribute to our remembrance art installation in school and on Tuesday, Fr Des will join us to celebrate a special mass in honour of remembrance day taking place on the 11th November.

Coventry Peace Festival and Lord Mayors Remembrance Service

Coventry residents will have the chance to see Luke Jerram's Gaia in a free, ticketed event as part of the City's Peace Festival. The thoughtful and creative piece will be on display in the Coventry Cathedral Ruins for three days over this coming weekend. This deeply moving event is completely free of charge, however, you will need to book a ticket in advance. The ticket provides a 30-minute slot at a set time for you to view the artwork with a maximum of four tickets per person. See below links for more information.

www.coventry.gov.uk/gaia

www.coventry.gov.uk/info/218/peace_festival/4045/gaia

On the 11 November, from 6pm, Coventry Cathedral hosts the Lord Mayor's Annual Peace Lecture "Sounds of Unity" a reflection given by Coventry's own Christine and Neville Staple as part of the RISING Global Peace Forum. A very important part of the festival every year is the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade which returns to the War Memorial Park on Sunday 14 November at 10.45am. This is followed at 3pm by the Communal Grave Service at London Road Cemetery, which also remembers those who lost their lives during both World Wars.

☆ Star of the Week ☆

Our Celebration Assembly was truly joyful yesterday morning, and it was lovely to celebrate all of our Stars of the Week and their achievements. Thank you to the parents that joined us – your support means a lot!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
n/a	n/a	Ifunanya	Lila	Anya	Kyle	n/a	n/a
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Attendance: 96.5% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
100% 😊	98.9% 😊	94.8%	96.7%	97.1%	98.7% 😊	92%	96.2%
Class Attendance Winner		Year Nursery & Reception					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Godiva ~ 237 Points			Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 1407 Points		

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Thank you for your Support!

Thank you to all of the children who attended this week's Pumpkin Party and Monster Ball. It was so lovely to be able to host events again and watch the children enjoy themselves with their friends. Overall, we raised £180.67 (costings taken into consideration) which will be used to fund experiences for the children throughout the year. Our next event will be a 'Movies and Munchies' night on Wednesday 8th December, to allow you as parents some additional time to yourselves to perhaps get some Christmas shopping done whilst we provide childcare for the children 😊



Primary Admissions for Reception September 2022 - Rising Fives

If you have a child, whose birthday falls between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2022. Apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Closing date for applications is 15th January 2022. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated. Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.

Looking at Learning

Next week, you will have the opportunity to come into school and spend some time with your child to look through their books and discuss their learning with them. You should have received an invitation this week and we would appreciate your RSVP so that we can cater for the correct numbers. Please do make the most of this opportunity – the children (and staff!) have been working so hard since returning in September and are eager to share their learning and progress with you. The dates and times are as follows, we do hope that you can make it!

Years 4, 5 and 6 ~ Tuesday 9th November
Year 1, 2 and 3 ~ Wednesday 10th November

We have decided that we going to alter the way we run **Reception and Nursery's** Looking at Learning Session than how we had previously shared. Instead, we are now going to run a 'Looking at Learning Live' session. We feel that as the EYFS curriculum is predominantly about interaction with children, discussion and facilitating their learning ... simply showing you their journal (which many parents have access to on tapestry anyway) would not give you the best view. Instead, we want to immerse you in your child's learning so that you can see them at work firsthand. Therefore, on **Friday 19th November**, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Williams are inviting you to take part in a Forest School Friday session alongside your child. The session will run from 1.30pm – 3pm and an invitation will be sent home today. Please be aware that the session will be taking place in the great outdoors and a huge part of our forest school practice is that the weather does not have an impact on our plans, it only enhances them ~ therefore, please dress appropriately. We hope you are able to join us for this special look at your child's learning – you are most welcome!

Winter Uniform

As we enter the second half of the Autumn Term, all children are now expected to wear their winter uniform please. No summer dresses or polo shirts. Children will need to wear shirts/ties/jumpers/trousers (skirts/pinafore dresses) etc. Ties are compulsory and not optional – these are available to purchase from the office. Thank you.

Our Dress Code



Love in a Box: Start Collecting Your Box!

This year we will be participating in an initiative known as 'Love in a Box' – therefore, have you got a shoe box? A leaflet was sent home with your child before half term. This charity delivers boxes for children who have very little at Christmas. Our deadline is 12th November 2021. Please support this worthy cause; each box will need £5.00 for postage to another country.



Sport Success ~ Go Team St Greg's!

It has been a fantastic week of sport this week at St Gregory's. Not only have we had the swimming pool on site, but we also have had our netball and football team in action.

On Tuesday, the netball team were in action in our first Catholic Cup fixture against Holy Family Primary School. They have been working hard in training and were looking forward to getting back out on court after their win at St Patrick's before half term. We are pleased to report that they played amazingly well and played with grit & determination to secure another win. The final score was 13-1 and a special well done goes to Aimee who was voted as player of the match!



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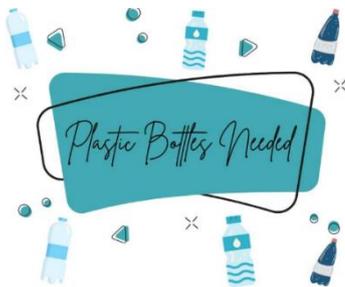
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Thursday evening saw our football team host a league game with St Elizabeth's Primary School. The children were sporting a new kit, which was sponsored by the Millpool – thank you to John Carey and his team for their generosity 😊 It clearly brought the side some good luck as they managed to clinch a 3-0 victory! It was a great game with 3 fantastic goals. Well done to all who played and Mr Sweatman for coaching. Cameron was this week's player of the match – congratulations!

NSPCC Assembly ~ Speak Out, Stay Safe!

All children have participated in the NSPCC assembly this week which even included Ant and Dec! We are committed to ensuring every child at St Gregory's grows up in a world in which they feel safe and are confident enough to speak out if there are times in which their safety is put into question. This assembly and the follow up work has helped us to work with the children to ensure that they are aware of this. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions ~ thank you to Miss Downing for organising!



Please continue to send in your plastic bottles as these will be used next week to make the poppies for our art installation.

Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Learned & Wise		
Monday 8 th November	9:00am – 12:00pm	Year 5 ~ Shakespeare Performance of Macbeth at Sacred Heart
Tuesday 9 th November	9:15am – 10:15pm Afternoon 2:30pm – 3:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Whole School Mass of Remembrance Swim Team Trials Looking at Learning ~ Years 4, 5, & 6 Netball Fixture vs St Elizabeth's AWAY
Wednesday 10 th November	2:30pm – 3:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Looking at Learning ~ Years 1, 2 & 3 Football Fixture vs St Anne's AWAY
Thursday 11 th November	ALL DAY Morning	Rolling Worship ~ Remembrance Day Swim Team Trials
Friday 12 th November	ALL DAY 9:00am	Year 6 ~ Churchill Life Day with Premier Education Celebration Assembly
Saturday 13 th November	ALL DAY	Year 6 ~ Plas Dol~y~Moch
Sunday 14 th November	ALL DAY	Year 6 ~ Plas Dol~y~Moch

Thank you for your continued support.

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