

## St Gregory's **Catholic Primary School**

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy





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 <u>and who gave their today for our tomorrow ~ *we will remember*</u>

This week, 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 thorugh 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. Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be selling poppies each day in order to raise money as part of the Poppy Appeal; each child will have the opportunity to visit our chapel to contribute to our remembrance installation and, as a school, we will join together in a special remembrance service taking place on the 11th November as we pray for those impacted by war & conflict.

#### Star of the Week 🛣

Our Celebration Assembly was truly joyful this 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	Darcey	Jacob	Harry B	Amelia	Deepak	Alfie		
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)									
n/a	Friday	Wednesday and Friday	Monday and Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday and Thursday	Thursday		
Attendance: 94.6% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.									
98%©	99.1%😊	97.2% 😊	86.8%	94.4%	93.1%	95.5%	95.4%		
Class Attendance Winner		Reception							
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Belgrade ~ 146 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 1163 Points				

#### 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 see the children having such fun and the dance moves on display were incredible! Overall, we raised £410 (costings taken into consideration) which will be used to fund the coaches that will take us to the pantomime at Christmas. Our next event will be a 'Festive Film Night' on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 😊





#### Winter Uniform

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

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#### <u>ooking at Learning.</u>

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 ~ Monday 7th November Year 1, 2 and 3 ~ Tuesday 8th November Reception and Nursery ~ Wednesday 9th November



It has been an action-packed 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 Wednesday evening, our Football Team were in action against Sacred Heart. Unfortunately, a win was not to be but the boys enjoyed their run out nonetheless!

Yesterday, our **Netball Team** took to the court in the first match of their season. There was some great play from the team but they were up against a slick St Anne's side who remained victorious. The team played with great competitive spirit and have lots to take back to training to work on ahead of their next game!

## MR SWEATMAN'S **DEFIBRILLATOR** CHALLENGE



MR SWEATMAN, HAS DECIDED TO GROW A BEARD IN EXCHANGE FOR SPONSORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Jonations can be made via our Just Giving Page







IF AN ADULT OR A CHILD GOES INTO CARDIAC ARREST, WITHOUT A DEFIBRILLATOR, THERE IS ONLY A 7% CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. IF A DEFIBRILLATOR IS ON THE PATIENT WITHIN THE FIRST 3-5 MINUTES, THE CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IS OVER 70%.



WE ARE LOOKING TO PURCHASE THE MINDRAY CLA DEFIBRILLATOR. WE ARE HOPING TO SECURE A GRANT OF £300 TO OFF-SET THIS PRICE, WHICH WOULD MEAN OUR FUNDRAISING TARGET IS £745.

#### .Sponsor Mr Sweatman

We are hoping our school community can come together to support our amazing Mr Sweatman, who has decided to grow a beard in exchange for sponsorship in the month of November.

Mr Sweatman is hoping to raise enough funds so that we can purchase a defibrillator for St Gregory's Primary School.

The nearest defibrillator in our area is located at Binley Fire Station - this sounds nearby but it would be too far away in a medical emergency.

We are looking to purchase the Mindray C1A Defibrillator at a cost of £1045.00. We are hoping to secure a grant of £300 to off-set this price, which would mean our fundraising target is £745!

Even the smallest contribution from each of us would really help achieve this target, especially if you are able to gift aid your donation via our Just Giving page: Just Giving Page Here

Thank you in advance for your support 😂 🛠

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#### Holy Communion Date Change!

Unfortunately, the original date we gave for First Holy Communion – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – has been announced as King Charles' Coronation. We also are unaware of the plans for a bank holiday surrounding this celebration and are conscious of a potential clash. Therefore, we have made the decision to move the First Holy Communion Mass to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 10.30am.

#### Admissions Policy 2024/2025 Consultation

The Governing Body of St Gregory's Catholic Primary School are consulting on proposed changes to their admissions arrangements for the Academic Year 2024-2025. The Consultation will run from 31st October 2022 until 12th December 2022.

Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation, should contact the school in writing to:  $\ensuremath{\textit{Mrs Megan Scullion}}$ 

Consultation on Admissions Arrangements St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Wyken Coventry

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Or by email to: admin.sq@romeromac.com

To view the policy, either scan or click on the QR code to the right!



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

#### Special Educational Needs Parent Survey

Parents of children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) - Please could you take five minutes to answer the following questions in our Parent Voice Survey to help us celebrate our strengths and help us to improve our SEND provision at St. Gregory's.

St Gregory's Parent Voice SEND 2022 Survey (surveymonkey.co.uk)

Thank you in advance - Miss Mullen and Mrs Grainger



THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM - 10.30AM

WE WARMLY INVITE YOU & YOUR CHILD TO COME AND VIEW OUR EARLY YEARS SETTING SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO SCHOOL

LIFE AT ST GREGORY'S AND SEE WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD!





WE ARE CURRENTLY
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO
JOIN OUR NURSERY IN
JANUARY 2023\*
CHIDDEN ACED 315-HOUR AND 30-HOUR PLACES AVAILABLE
LIMITED PLACES REMAINING

APPLY TO JOIN OUR RECEPTION COHORT IN SEPTEMBER 2023

APPLY VIA COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL ADMISSION:

Nursery and Reception Open Morning

Please do help us spread the word to new families!

We warmly welcome you to join us on THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER at 9.30am to come and experience our Nursery and Reception environments.

Both are recently refurbished and offer our children chances to learn, play and explore and become members of our school community.

Children are welcome too, and activities will be on throughout the morning to keep them entertained!

And, if you like what you see, we are still accepting applications for our Nursery in January 2023 - however, we must warn you, these are being snapped up quickly!

So please do consider joining us for our open morning! We can't wait for you to see what we have to offer and we'll hopefully meet some families of the future!

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD!





### Looking at Learning - wb. 7th November From 2.45pm

Come and spend some time with your child looking at their books and discussing their learning. Celebrating your child's learning and achievements can have such a positive impact upon their progress so please do come along!

## Behaviour Workshop-23rd November 3.30pm - 4.15pm

Join us to hear all about our new approach to behaviour. Based on research, learn about our rationale for behaviour management and browse the resources we use in school. Mrs Waters will be leading this session - and she is keen to share our vision with you all.

Childcare will be provided in order to allow you to attend the session!



# Phonics Workshop- 7th December 430pm - 5pm

We know that lots of you are keen to support your child with their reading and we want to help! This session will talk you through our phonics programme 'Phonics Shed' and provide you with an overview of some takeaway resources you can use at home to support your child. This session will be led by Miss Rowlands.

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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity					
	Value and	l Virtue – Faith Filled and Hopeful					
Swimming Pool on Site!							
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	11.30am	Year 6 Mass of Preparation for Confirmation					
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Mission Assembly					
•	2.45pm	Year 4, 5 and 6 Looking at Learning					
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights					
•	AM	Year 4 & Year 5 STEM Computing Lesson					
	PM	Rock Steady Lessons					
	PM	Swim Team Trials					
	2.45pm	Year 1, 2 and 3 Looking at Learning					
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	GIFT Team Food Bank Visit					
_	PM	Year 4 Visit to Synagogue					
	2.45pm	Reception and Nursery Looking at Learning					
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	AM	Special Intention Liturgy: Remembrance Day					
-	After School	Netball Match vs St Elizabeth's Away					
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Celebration Assembly and Year 5 Class Assembly on 'Anti-Bullying Week'					
Armistice Day	TBC	Remembrance Service					
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at St John Fisher with Father Des					
Remembrance Sunday							

Thank you for your continued support.

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal



To thole Range	R E D O P T I O N	Y E L L O W O P T I O N	BLUE PURPLE ORANGE OPTION
M O N	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Egg Fried Rice	Vegan Sausage Roll with Diced Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
TUE	Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
WED	Chicken Roast Dinner	Quorn Fillet Roast Dinner	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
THU	Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Quorn Nuggets with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
FRI	Battered Fish & Chips	Quorn Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans



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