

Issue 14: Friday 6th January 2023



## Happy New Year 2023 Everybody

Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

We hope that everybody had a lovely festive break; the staff would like to express their appreciation for all their Christmas gifts. I hope you have spent quality time together as a family — has anyone seen Easter Eggs appearing in shops already??

At the start of a new year, we look forward in huge anticipation to what it may hold for all of us at St Gregory's, especially for our pupils. We hope to build on the successes of 2022 and look forward to seeing our children meeting new challenges and achieving their goals, taking the next steps in their journey of faith and most of all being happy and enjoying each day at school in 2023!





### We have had a great first week back the children have been a delight and it was wonderful catching up on their news!

On Thursday, every child took part in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr Des to deepen their understanding of how Jesus is special to us all and today we joined together to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a whole

#### ☆ Information for You ☆

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)						
	Thursday	Monday Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday	Monday Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday Friday	Wednesday Friday
Α	Attendance: 94% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.						
98% 😊	95.4%	85.4%	91.4%	99.3% 😊	95.2%	96%	90.7%
Class Attend	Class Attendance Winner		Year 3				
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Godiva ~ 132 Points		Overall Winner: Herbert ~ 1996 Points			

#### 💶 Reception September 2022 📢

Reminder that applications close on January 15th for places to start Reception on 1st September 2023. Please note, even if your child attends St Gregory's nursery and you wish for them to attend our Reception, you must still fill in an application as a place is not automatically guaranteed. To apply click here!

Please also contact the school office if you would like to take a tour- we wholeheartedly recommend you visit so you can see all the school in action and fully experience the Catholic ethos on offer.



#### Nursery Applications for September 2023 - Now Open!

We are now also taking applications for our Nursery for a September 2023 start. Please contact the office if you would like an application pack 😊



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#### <u>Uniform Update</u>

'The Gregory's way is being smart for school each day!'

Please can I remind you that we are currently asking the children to come dressed in Winter Uniform. This means that they should be dressed in a **blue collared shirt and be wearing a school tie**. Many of the children are still in polo shirts which is our Summer Uniform. Black boots do not form part of our uniform policy either, girls should be in black shoes please. We are more than happy for them to wear boots if they are walking to school and change once they get to their cloak room as some of them have been doing. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



A reminder that you are now able to purchase uniform from Cat Ballou rather than the school office. This means that you can now purchase uniform at all points of the year (especially in school holidays!) and can also order and pay for uniform complete with delivery online should you wish to. Our uniform range can be found here: <a href="https://www.catballou.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-gregorys-primary-school/">https://www.catballou.co.uk/product-category/schools/st-gregorys-primary-school/</a>

Here you can also purchase ties which now come in an elasticated version too! We have acted on your feedback to make this change!

#### Uniform Swap Shop

Come along to our school uniform swap shop! Saint Gregory's has partnered up with Clothing Coventry to help support our families during this difficult financial time. Clothing Coventry are a registered charity which support anyone in need of clothes or shoes in Coventry. The charity aims to make sure that every child in Coventry has the uniform they need.

Therefore, on Monday 9th January 2023 they will be visiting Saint Gregory's. They will also bring along a selection of other clothes, shoes, and coats in all sizes for you to access.

All families are welcome and there are no costs involved. Clothing Coventry do accept donations of good quality clothes and shoes that they can use to support other families in Coventry so if you have any outgrown items, please bring them along with you.

We look forward to seeing you at our first school uniform swap shop on Monday 9th January 2023 at 2.30pm — 3.30pm in our Year 3 classroom.

#### Holiday request forms

Please can I remind you that if you decide to go on holiday during school time, then you must complete a Holiday Request Form. Mrs Sweatman will then arrange to meet with you to discuss this. As stated in our Attendance Policy — no holidays in Term Time will be authorised by the Principal. If a child is absent for more than 4 days then on the fifth day a penalty notice will be issued. This also applies to children that are absent from school for a number of days or where attendance has fallen.



#### Extra-Curricular Clubs

We still have some availability for our Extra-Curricular Clubs. Take a look below and head to Arbor to sign your child up should they wish to attend:

Club	Day & Time	Year Group(s)	Staff	Costing	Booking Link
Multi - Sports	Monday PM	Years 1, 2 & 3	Mr Duggins	£24 per half term	Arbor
	3.15 - 4.15pm	rears 1, 2 & 3			
Dance	Monday PM	Reception	Dance Works	£24 per half term	Arbor
	3.15 - 4.30pm	Years 1, 2, 3 & 4			
School Council	Monday PM	Open to members of the	Mrs Swiadek	n/a	n/a
	3.15 – 4.30pm	School Council Only			
Football Club	Tuesday PM	Years 4, 5 & 6	Mr Duggins	£24 per half term	Arbor
	3.15 – 4.15pm	16015 4, 3 & 0			
*NEW*	Wednesday AM	Years 4, 5 & 6	Mr Lindley	£10 per half term	Arbor
Indoor Football Club	8.00 — 8.30am	16015 4, 3 & 0			
Basketball Club	Wednesday PM	Years 1, 2 & 3	Mr Lindley	£24 per half term	Arbor
	3.15 – 4.15pm	1 eurs 1, 2 & 3			
*NEW*	Thursday PM	Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Loakes	Free Club	Arbor
Cross Country Club	3.15 – 4.15pm	1euis 2, 3, 4, 3 & 0			
*NEW*	Thursday PM	Years 1, 2 & 3	Mr Lindley	£24 per half term	Arbor
Indoor Football Club	3.15 - 4.15pm	reurs 1, 2 & 3			
*NEW*	Friday PM	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mr Duggins	£15 per half term	Arbor
Board Game Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	1 eurs 1, 2, 3, 4, 3 & 0			

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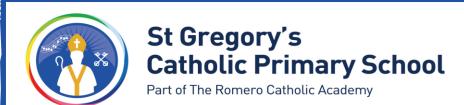
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Please send your child in wearing their PE kit in on their PE days.

Scan one of the QR codes above to see your child's PE Padlet page. Here you can see photos/videos of their learning, their sporting achievements & their skills/values learning journeys.

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#### Staffing Update!

We are saying a big St Gregory's hello to some new faces this week! They have settled into St Gregory's life wonderfully and we are looking forward to working with them

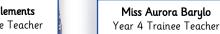


Mrs Claire Webb Year 1 Teacher & KS1 Leader of Learning



**Miss Tammy Edwards** Nursery Teaching Assistant





#### Values and Skills Champions

Every half term, the children focus on developing specific values and skills through sport. We've been extremely impressed by the progress the children have made in their P.E lessons this half term. Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the recognition of becoming their class values and skills champions in a special assembly today. Well done!



Year Group	Skills Champion	Values Champion	
D	Fundamental Skills	Focus	
Reception	Dagmara	Iniubong	
V 1	Gymnastics	Self-Belief	
Year I	Patrycja	Ronnie	
Year 2	Gymnastics	Self-Belief	
Tear 2	Tireni	Arushan	
Year 3	Football	Sportsmanship	
rear 3	Maisie	Gabriel	
Year 4	Swimming	Teamwork	
Tear 4	Cameron	Myla	
Year 5	Cross Country	Respect	
Tear 5	Oliver	Rufaro	
Year 6	Cross Country	Respect	
rear o	Imaobong	Bethany	

#### **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 Senior Leadership team — Assistant Principal (Miss Downing), Associate Principal (Mrs Scullion) or Executive Principal (Mrs Williams).

Please note, we have now appointed some new Leaders of Learning to manage the phases within school. These are listed below:

Leaders of	Nursery, Reception	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3	Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Learning	Miss Mullen	Mrs Webb	Mrs McCormick

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.

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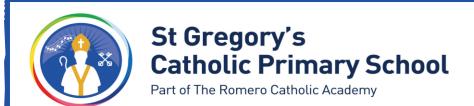


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#### Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
		Eloquent and Truthful
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher
	11:30am	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Mission Assembly
	2.30pm	Uniform Swap Shop
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	AM	Year 4 Dodgeball Competition
	PM	Rock Steady Lessons
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm	Y3 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting at St John Fisher Church
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Celebration Assembly
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	11:30am	Year 3 Celebration Mass at St John Fisher
	All Day	Closing Date for Rising Five applications for Reception 2022

Have a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal



or Catholic	REDOPTION	Y E L L O W O P T I O N	PURPLE ORANGE OPTION
MON	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
TUE	Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges	Quorn Beef Style Burger with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
WED	Chicken Roast Dinner	Quorn Roast Dinner	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
THU	Pasta Bolognaise & Garlic Bread	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans
FRI	Battered Fish & Chips	Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips	Jacket Potato with Tuna/Cheese/Beans



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# CHINESE

NEW YEAR MENU



**Monday 23rd January 2023** 



MAIN COURSE

Sweet & Sour Chicken served with Egg Fried Rice

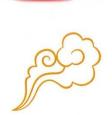
#### MAIN COURSE VEGETARIAN

Vegetable Chow Mein



Strawberry Sponge Cake









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