

Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



This week's newsletter is dedicated to a group of children; a group of children who this week have made me SO proud to work at and be a part of Saint Gregory's, and they are our amazing Year Six children! This week they have undertaken some very difficult tests designed to test their knowledge of the Key Stage Two Curriculum. What I have witnessed this week for each and every one of our Year Six children has been phenomenal: their resilience, their determination and their positive attitude in the face of testing circumstances has been admirable. They have worked so hard to get to this point and I know they have given it their all this week, to ensure that they have lived up to their God-Given Potential. That being said, we have reminded them on numerous occasions that although these tests seem important at this point in time, many of the things tested this week are not the things that truly matter. The tests haven't tested how artistic our children are; how kind they are to their family and friends or how infectious their laugh is in the playground. They haven't assessed whether or not our children can speak two languages at home or how that spark inside of them truly lights up a room. So our message to the children this week was clear: these tests will tell them something, but they will not tell them everything – and whatever the result, it will not change the amazing children that stand in front of us and help make St Gregory's that special place that it truly is!

# ☆ For Your Information ☆

A reminder that registers are taken at 8.55am. Any children arriving after this time are recorded as Late. Please do ensure that children are in school on time. We do operate a drift in system to support this – children are welcome to arrive at school from 8.40am.

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)								
n/a	Wednesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Wednesday Thursday	Tuesday Wednesday	
Attendance: 95.3% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.								
96%	86.7%	92.8%	96%	97.6% 😊	98% 😊	94.7%	100% 😳	
Class Attend	Class Attendance Winner		Year 6					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Trinity ~ 126 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 4249 Points			

# Holiday Requests

Please may I remind you that our school policy makes it clear that we **do not** authorise term time holidays. Can I encourage you to plan any holidays around school breaks and **not** to take children out of school during term time. Every day that your child attends school is very important.

Please remember if you proceed with an unauthorised holiday, the Local Authority may be informed and issue a Penalty Notice. This is currently  $\pounds$ 60 per parent per child, to be paid within 21 days (the fine doubles to  $\pounds$ 120 per parent per child after 21 days).



We do hope that you will continue to work in partnership with us.



# <u>May is for Mary</u>

As we begin the month of May, our thoughts and our prayers turn especially to Mary our Mother in this month of dedication. On Thursday 25th May, we will be holding our annual May Procession to pay homage to Our Lady; to think about her in our own lives and our faith. We will praise her through hymns and prayers. Year 3 will help lead us in our May Procession; we hope to have the assembly outside (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to attend. Please can I ask for all children to bring in small

**plants/shrubs/bulbs** so on the day we can adorn the shrine of Our Lady, but then, after the procession, our Eco Team will plant the flowers/plants/bulbs across our school site, so that every spring our school will be FULL of flowers, a much more sustainable approach. Thank you.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mockford for preparing a wonderful SATs breakfast for our Year 6 children this week! It was a wonderful start to the children's day, and the bacon sandwiches were a real treat!



# Saint John Fisher Catholic Church

Tiverton Road, Coventry CV2 3DL Telephone: (024) 7644 3439 Website: <u>https://www.sjfcov.org/</u> E-mail stjohnfishercov@yahoo.co.uk Parish Priest: Father Desmond Devenney Mass Times Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 9.30am & 11.30am







We are delighted to inform you that our Year 6 children will be performing their End of Year Production at the Albany Theatre this year! They will be performing 'Aladdin Trouble' - an adaption of Aladdin - and be supported by our Year 5 children who will form the ensemble. It will be an amazing experience for all involved and a brilliant way to create some lasting memories of their time at St Gregory's. Their performance will take place on the evening of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – so please save the date! Tickets will be available shortly! This is not one to be missed!

### St Gregory's Got Talent!

Much to the children's delight, St Gregory's Got Talent will be returning this year! Children from Reception – Year 6 have been busy auditioning in front of their teachers and friends. 2 acts from each year group will then make it through to the final show which will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We can't wait to see what the acts have in store for us this year!

#### Nursery Places for September 2022

We have a small number of places left in our Nursery for September 2023. As our Nursery is a fairly new venture, many people do not know it exists. It really is a lovely setting for children to learn and grow and we would appreciate it if you would help us spread the word to wider members of our community. If you know of anyone wishing to apply for a place, please advise them to contact <u>admin.sg@romeromac.com</u> or ring the school office. We can't wait to hear from them and welcome them into our school family!

Foin us for a Musical Adventure that is guaranteed to make all of your wishes come true! Tuesday 4th July, Albany Theatre, 7pm

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

you've got no idea of all that's waiting to happen!

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#### Free School Meals - Year 2 Parents: Are You Eligible?

As many of you will be aware, as a child in Key Stage 1 your child has been entitled to a Free School Meal as part of the Government Scheme. However, this funding will cease as your child enters Year 3 in September 2023, meaning that if your child requires a school meal you will then be charged accordingly.

We would like to make you aware, however, that there is funding (if you meet the criteria) for your child to continue to receive Free School Meals as they enter Year 3.

Saint Gregory's Pupil Premium Application Form.

To be eligible you would need to meet the following criteria:

If you are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Asylum Seeker (Immigration & Asylum Act 1999, part VI)
- Child Tax Credit but do not receive Working Tax Credit and that my annual income is less than £16,190.
- Universal Credit and that my annual net earnings are less than  $\pounds7,400$ .

As a school, to save you an extensive application, we are able to check eligibility and apply on your behalf for the funding. If you would like us to action this, please can we ask you to complete the following form, so that we have all the information we require:

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#### Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity			
Value and Virtue – Learned and Wise					
Sunday 14th May	9.30am & 11.30am	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter			
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Mission Assembly – GIFT Team Values and Virtues Assembly			
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning	Year 6 Treat – Pizza Express Pizza Making Session			
	11am	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation			
	Afternoon	Year 6 Auditions for Aladdin Trouble			
	Afternoon	Orienteering Competition – School Games			
	Afternoon	Rock Steady Lessons			
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	3.30pm	Girl's Football Team Match vs Good Shepherd AWAY			
	3.30pm	Boy's Football Team Match vs St Patrick's HOME			
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	All Day	Year 4 Conkers Residential			
	Lunchtime	Gift Team leading Rosary Club			
	2.15pm	Whole School Mass: Ascension Feast Day			
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	1pm	Year 4 return from Conkers			
	Afternoon	Year 3 First Holy Communion Rehearsal at St John Fisher Church			
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am Year 3 Sacrament of First Holy Communion				
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	9.30am & 11.30am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter			

# Have a wonderful weekend! Here's to cheering on Coventry City!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion Associate Principal



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