



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

Issue 29:
Friday 9th
June 2023



Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,

We couldn't have asked for a better week of weather for our return to school this week! Hopefully the sun is a sign of all the good to come this half term with lots of opportunities for memory making including various educational visits, sporting opportunities, award celebrations and, of course, giving our wonderful Year 6 children an all important send off as they end their St Gregory's journey!



Over the next 3 weeks, we will be beginning our end of year assessments with the children. It is important that these are done so that we are aware of where the children are as they end their time in their current year group. These results will also be used to celebrate the progress each and every one of them has made this academic year. That being said, we are not shying away from our belief that the biggest achievements from the last year will not be able to be assessed via a test paper or knowledge quiz. We know that the results will not show us which children have learnt a new skill this year, who has been a great help at home or who makes their friends smile day in and day out. Therefore, these assessments will be done in the kindest way possible and will be used to shape future learning, so that those children who are in need of a little extra support when they move up into their new year group in September will have this in place from the off.

Next week will see our **Year 1** children undertake their statutory **Phonics Testing** and **Year 4** will undertake the Government's **Multiplication Check**. We keep these children in our thoughts and prayers! All children have achieved SO much this year and should be proud whatever their outcome, as here at St Gregory's there are many ways to achieve success. For after all, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" ~ Aristotle

☆ Roll of Honour ☆

A huge congratulations to all of our children nominated as Star of the Week today – it was so lovely to hear all about your achievements! Keep shining!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Emma & Hugo	Olivia & Molly	Desife	Julia	Gabriel	Sean	Lena	Marlow & Sinead
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
n/a	Wednesday	Thursday Friday	Wednesday Friday	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Attendance: 93.5% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
100% 😊	91.7%	95.1%	89%	93.1%	96.6%	90.3%	94.4%
Class Attendance Winner		Nursery					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Herbert ~ 171 Points			Overall Winner: Trinity ~ 4682 Points		

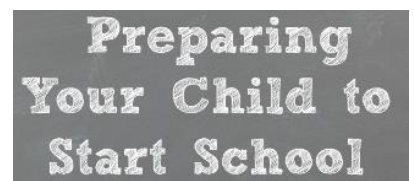
Holiday Requests

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 £60 per parent per child, to be paid within 21 days (the fine doubles to £120 per parent per child after 21 days).

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

Rising Four/Five Information (New Nursery and Reception Children 2023)

There will be a meeting for parents of children allocated a place in Nursery and Reception on **Wednesday 28th June at 6:00pm in the school hall**. During this meeting you will meet the staff and have an insight into being a Nursery/Reception child at St Gregory's. We will confirm the starting date in September shortly and a letter and admission pack will be available for all parents/carers soon. We have invited the school nursing team, along with our care club, uniform examples and samples of food to try from our Romero caterers.



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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, our Leaders of Learning manage the phases within school. These are listed below:

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



Sunny Days are Here to Stay ☀️

The warm weather looks set to continue into next week, therefore can we please remind you to send your child in with a water bottle so that they have access to a drink throughout the day. Also, children are permitted to bring in a sun hat to wear outside during break times and lunch times to protect themselves from the sun. Sun cream is also permitted if you feel that your child needs it, however, the children must be able to apply this themselves.

Extra-Curricular Club Offer ~ Summer 2

Please see details below regarding the clubs on offer for this half term. Please use Arbor to book your child's place at these clubs.

Club	Day & Time	Year Group(s)	Staff	Costing	Booking Link
Football Club	Monday PM 3.15 – 4.30pm	Reception Years 1, 2 & 3	Mr Duggins	£15 per half term	Arbor
School Council	Monday PM 3.15 – 4.30pm	Open to members of the School Council Only	Mrs Swiadek	n/a	n/a
Summer Sports Club	Tuesday PM 3.15 – 4.30pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Mr Duggins	£15 per half term	Arbor
Summer Sports Club	Wednesday PM 3.15 – 4.15pm	Reception Years 1, 2 & 3	Mr Lindley	£15 per half term	Arbor
Homework Club	Wednesday PM 3.15 - 4:15pm	All Years	Mrs Ellis	Free to attend	Invite Only
Striking & Fielding Club	Wednesday PM 3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 4	Mr Duggins	Free to attend	Arbor
Gymnastics Club	Thursday PM 3.15 – 4.15pm	Years 2 & 3	Mr Duggins	£10 per half term	Arbor
Netball Training	Thursday PM 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Scullion	Free to attend	Arbor
Boys Football Club	Friday PM 3.15 – 4.15pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mr Sweatman Mr Hastings	£15 per half term	Abor

5 Star Food Hygiene Rating Maintained!

Congratulations to our wonderful Mrs Mockford and Mrs Hill in ensuring that we have retained our five-star Food hygiene rating after the visit from Environmental Health on Tuesday. We would like to thank both Mrs Mockford and Mrs Hill for all of the hard work and effort they both give delivering safe food and practices in the school. This achievement reflects the care they both give daily ensuring that the children are fed in a safe environment and way. Thank you and Congratulations!



Please note that Year 1's Class Assembly has now be re-scheduled for Monday 19th June at 9am instead of Friday 16th June!

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DUG Day ~ Calling Dads, Uncles and Grandads (and those you love)

After the success of our Moments with Mum and those you love Craft Afternoon, we are hosting another family afternoon again next Friday in celebration of Father's Day. Dads, Uncles, Grandads (or any family member you love) are invited to spend some quality time and take part in our reading picnic. The session will begin at 2.30pm and during this time you will be able to snuggle up with a book as you spend some time reading together in the surroundings of the great outdoors! If you wish to attend the session, please ensure your child has a book of their choosing with them and you are also welcome to bring blankets, cushions and some small snacks to share during the session. Please don't worry if your child has someone who cannot attend, the staff will run group reading sessions for the children during this time! We hope that you can join us 😊



Parent/Carer Survey - Your Voice Matters!

At St Gregory's, we strive to provide a high-quality education in which all our pupils reach their God-given potential; your view is important in providing feedback on how well we are achieving our vision. To this end, we are delighted to share our sixth annual survey to parents/carers across all eight schools within The Romero Catholic Academy. It will close on Wednesday 19th July, 2023. The link can be found here. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Romero2023>

We would like to take this opportunity to 'thank you' in advance for completing our survey. As always, the survey will be analysed at school level by staff leaders and governors as well as centrally by the executive team and board of directors. We will share the responses and the key themes emerging in Autumn with a 'You said, we did' update in our newsletter.

Internet Safety – Social Media Workshop for Parents

Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in the number of concerns our children are raising regarding social media forums that they are using outside of school. Many of the children are using apps such as Instagram, Whastapp & Tik Tok (but to name a few), and sadly a small number of our children are using these inappropriately to make unkind comments and view/share inappropriate content. Please do rest assured that if there are any concerns regarding your child, you will be contacted by a member of staff to discuss these with you directly and we are also working to support children who are affected by any issues involving social media.

Our PSHE curriculum and Computing Curriculum also includes schemes of work around e-safety and how to stay safe online, so that we can educate children on the correct steps to take should they encounter an issue, but also teach them how to use the internet safely too. I would like to remind you that many of the apps the children are using have a minimum age limit of 13 and we would really relish your support, as parents and carers, in monitoring what the children are accessing. To support with your role as Parents and Carers in managing this issue, Coventry Police are running a Social Media Workshop for Parents – the details are below if you are interested in joining. Thank you for your support regarding this – if you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.



INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their children safe online. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above



Seed Donations wanted!

This half term our Eco Team will be focusing on gardening. Therefore, we are asking for donations of a variety of seeds such as rosemary, carrots, chives, dwarf beans, radishes, peas, honeysuckle, lavender, sunflowers – anything that is safe for children that we can grow in our school. Also, if anyone has any gardening tools they are not using anymore, they would be gratefully received. If you are able to make a donation, please hand these to Mrs Tate who would be very thankful 😊

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School Fete – Friday 23rd June



Our Summer Fete will take place from 3.30-5.30 on Friday 23rd June 2023, at St John Fisher School in Kineton Road. This will be a lovely community event and will directly benefit our children at St Gregory's from the funds raised.

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 22nd June - Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform **in exchange** for donations of chocolates, or new unused toys, gifts, toiletries for our tombola at the fete. We are also asking for donations of **pre-loved cuddly toys**, which we will wash, and rename for the new 'Adopt A Teddy' stall! If you have any unwanted cuddly toys, please leave them in the labelled box in the school office by Friday 16th June. **Would you like your own stall?** If you, or anyone you know would like to run your own stall, pitches are available at £15 each, plus the donation of a prize for our raffle. form below.

Can you help us find raffle prizes? If you are able to help us source prizes / vouchers for the raffle, please let us know.

If you are able to offer to help at the fete, or would like to enquire about a pitch, please complete this [Summer Fete Community Helpers Form](#)

Raffle tickets are now on sale and can be purchased under the clubs' section on Arbor 😊

Race for Life Support – Wear Pink and White on Monday!

On Sunday, Ava-Jade in Year 6, will be running the Race for Life with members of her family for a very special cause.

Cancer Research is a charity that is close to many of our hearts, as sadly, a number of us will have known someone who has been affected by cancer within their lifetime. In order to support Ava-Jade and the hard work of such a brilliant charity, we are inviting all children to come dressed in non-uniform on Monday based on the theme of '**wear blue, pink or white and support the fight!**' Participating children will be asked to make a donation to charity in exchange for wearing their own clothes for the day.

Thank you in advance for your support!



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Week at a glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Curious and Active		
Sunday 11 th June	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher Catholic Church
Monday 12 th June	All Day 9am	Non Uniform Day – Cancer Research Mission Assembly
Tuesday 13 th June	AM 1:15pm	Class Photographs Rock Steady Lessons
Thursday 15 th June	AM	Y6 Big School Transition Performance at St John Fishers
Friday 16 th June	9am 2.30pm	Celebration & School Council Assembly DUG Reading Picnic
Sunday 17 th June	9.30am & 11.30am	Parish Mass at Saint John Fisher Catholic Church

Have a wonderful weekend!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion, Associate Principal

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Parent Information Sessions

The School Nursing team are continuing to offer free online Parent Information Sessions for the following areas of concern; toileting, sleep, eating, behaviour & anxiety.

To book a session, please scan the QR codes on the right, using the camera function on your mobile phone/device. Not all phones/devices are compatible with this feature so you can follow the links instead (also provided).

New dates are added regularly so please keep checking for available sessions!

Understanding Anxiety Session



https://forms.office.com/r/EJEpY_uFMwF

Challenges in Behaviour Session



https://forms.office.com/r/nzcp_mvnCsU

Toileting Session



<https://forms.office.com/r/TeGKvc23FV>

Challenges in Eating Session



https://forms.office.com/r/mHcB_LCW5JT

If you need any further assistance please contact us (see our contact details in the footer)

Useful Resources

Don't forget to check out the links throughout this newsletter for more information and support! Please see more resources below/on page 6 which may be of help to you, your families and/or school:

Does your child have a hidden disability?

Parents can apply for a sunflower lanyard for children with a hidden disability. Some cafes/attractions/restaurants etc. recognise the sunflower and offer support, this could include priority access etc.

Click here/visit site to order one: <https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/uk/>

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