



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Part of The Romero Catholic Academy

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Keeping
a Holy Lent

Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



It has been another wonderful but busy term at St Gregory's Primary School. The children have been working hard, as ever, and staff and our Governing Body have been working equally as hard in order to improve the quality of education for all so that St Gregory's can be the very best it can be.

The children are enjoying their learning across the curriculum, and the progress they are making within this learning is great to see. I now wish everyone a lovely break as we approach this Easter holiday. I hope that you all are able to enjoy some time with loved ones, and, are able to take some time to rest and relax after a short but busy term.

We will once again be raring to go when the 9th April rolls round and can look forward to a Summer Term filled with some fantastic curriculum experiences, fun learning opportunities and another chance to make those all-important memories!

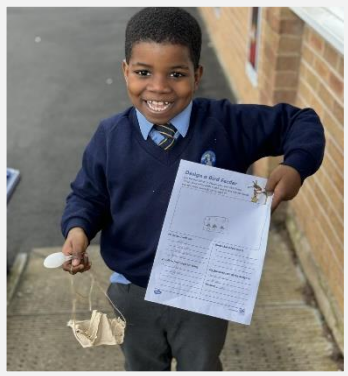
'Serve with your whole heart, as if serving the Lord not people'



During Lent, we have launched our **St Gregory's Serves project** and it has been lovely to see the children really throwing themselves into this in order to make a difference in our community. Social action is always important, but especially so during the Season of Lent when we are trying to bring ourselves closer to God and closer to others. The activity each Year Group committed to ensured that a variety of people in our community were in receipt of our help. And we have worked to ensure that help comes in all different forms: whether that be lending a hand; sharing a smile or providing company – the children have learned that serving others, in whatever form, is one of the most rewarding things we as God's stewards on Earth can do.

Year 6 prepared and served **Afternoon Tea for the parishioners** of the Parish to add to their 'cuppa and a chat afternoon'. The parishioners were so thankful for Year 6's time and efforts and had an enjoyable time. The children also managed to discuss ways in which we can be involved in the Parish's 60th Anniversary Celebrations! Watch this space!

This week, Year 3 and Year 5 have been out in the community in order to fulfil their 'St Gregory's Serves' mission. **Year 3** visited our **Nursery Children** and spent time reading some of their favourite stories to the children. They also delivered 'Jelly Bean Prayer Cards' that they had lovingly made to help the children celebrate Easter when it arrives. **Year 5** have spent time during Lent **collecting Easter Eggs to donate to children who are in hospital** over the Easter holidays. They are hoping to spread some joy with their offerings, and today, delivered 92 Easter Eggs to the Hospital so that the children can enjoy these and experience some joy at this special time. This is such an amazing offering – you have made such a difference Year 5!



Also, we cannot forget the efforts of **Year 4, who are still collecting unwanted clothes** to donate to Coventry Clothing; **Year 1 who have written letters to the sick and housebound** within our Parish; **Year 2 who have been helping the local wildlife** by making bird feeders and **EYFS who are planting sunflowers** to send out to people within the community to remind them of the need for togetherness at this time.

Overall, it has been a very successful project and we are so happy that, not only have we been able to make a difference, but that we have been able to help the children understand the joy that is brought into our own hearts when we help others and that they might carry a little bit of this joy forward with them for years to come.

A reminder that on **Monday 8th April**, the school will be closed to all pupils for a teacher training day

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MEET the TEACHER

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations were available to book on Arbor up until the 21st of March at 16:00pm. This consultation will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and gain an understanding as to how your child is progressing within their current year group. The staff are looking forward to meeting you and updating you on your child's progress to date. Parent Consultations will be held on the following dates, and appointments will be available from 3.30pm until 6pm:

Year 5 - Tuesday 9th April and Wednesday 10th April

All Other Year Groups – Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th April



Easter Celebration Day

On **Tuesday 9th April**, we return to school and celebrate Easter during the Easter season. **The children can come in non-uniform and there will be no charge for this.** The children will take part in a range of activities e.g. making Easter cards and every child will be given a Cadbury's creme egg with their name on. The catch is the children have to find their egg in a hunt on the playground and can only eat the one with their name on! Staff will have to hunt for their own egg also. We will be coming together as a whole school during our Easter Celebration Mission at 9am with all staff and pupils and welcome parents to join us.

The children have also asked for the Easter Bonnet Parade to return, so on **Tuesday 9th April** we will be holding our **Easter bonnet parade at 2.40pm** for children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will need to make their Easter bonnets over the Easter Holidays at home – we are looking for creative and unique creations. Each class will be judged and awarded prizes throughout the morning. Parents are welcome to attend the bonnet parade.

Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 will be taking part in our annual competition – Famous Egg Head Competition. We are asking children in KS2 to boil an egg(s) and to decorate them as a famous person, or favourite character from a book etc – be creative.....the bolder and crazier the better. Can all children bring them into school on Tuesday morning into the hall. I am really looking forward to seeing them. Please place the Egg Head in an egg box or decorated box with their name clearly labelled. Thank you.



Summer Uniform

After the Easter Holidays, children are welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish. This means that in all year groups, boys may wear **grey tailored shorts** instead of trousers and girls may choose to wear **blue gingham summer dresses**. In addition, children may choose to wear a **sky blue polo shirt** instead of a shirt and tie. Please can all children ensure that they come to school in the correct PE kit of hoodie, blue shorts, sky blue t-shirt and trainers, on their PE days, so that they can access the PE curriculum.

Shoes – please can I ask for children to ensure that they have school shoes for the summer term.

Earrings

Please can I remind you that the **only** earrings allowed in our uniform policy are **plain gold studs**. Please see the picture for clarification.



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Note about Dismissal – Please Read!

We understand how important communication is with our families; and that is why we always make sure that staff members are available to talk to on the door each morning and afternoon. However, during dismissal at home time, please can we ask that family members take the following into consideration:

- ♥ Queue in an orderly manner to collect your child; do not crowd the doors but give space to the staff member who is dismissing
- ♥ Inform the office in advance if a different person is coming to collect your child so that we can check adequate permissions are in place to ensure dismissal runs smoothly. Family members entrusted to collect your child should be listed as a contact on Arbor
- ♥ Avoid approaching the member of staff on the door directly until all children have been dismissed. We understand that there may be times you wish to speak with staff members, however, their priority at the end of the day is ensuring that all children are dismissed safely. Staff will happily talk to you once the children have been dismissed – but please give them an adequate amount of time to ensure that this is done
- ♥ Likewise, if a member of staff needs to speak to you, they may ask you to wait a moment whilst they dismiss the other children in their care. We appreciate your patience during this time

Thank you for your continued support

Starting School

We are excited to find out who will be joining our Reception in September 2024.

We are making plans for a smooth transition and further details will be sent out in the Summer term once you have been notified.

We can't wait to get to know our new pupils and families and make some magical memories as you start school with us. We are excited to meet you and find out all about you! To aid our process please make sure you accept your offer as soon as possible so we can confirm details for our Reception cohort.

We also have a small number of Nursery Places for September 2024 still available. If your child will be 3 by September and you are looking for 15-hour or 30-hour places, please do contact the office for an application form and for further information. You are also welcome to arrange a visit to see our lovely school in action and view our Nursery Setting for yourself!

Coventry University Hospital Donations!

As part of their Social Action Project, Year 5 have been busy making a difference to the lives of the children who are currently staying at UHCW. Year 5 managed to collect an impressive 92 Easter Eggs which they delivered to the Hospital today for the children to enjoy over Easter.

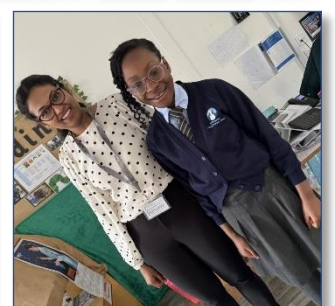
UHCW were so grateful for the children's generosity and extend a huge thank you to our St Gregory's community. We have really made a difference!

Takeover Day – Group 1

Yesterday, a group of our Year 6 children experienced the world of work! They were paired up with a staff member from St Gregory's and shadowed them for the morning. The jobs ranged from Teaching Assistant to Admin Assistant, from Teacher to Principal and we couldn't be prouder of the children! They threw themselves into the tasks ahead of them and quickly learnt that needing to be adaptable is essential when working at St Gregory's! Thank you to all of the children who participated – you were absolutely brilliant and the staff have spoken so highly of you! We hope you enjoyed your day 😊

Principal Millie said: 'Yesterday, I was the Principal for the morning and I shadowed Mrs Scullion. We had lots to do! I had to welcome everyone into school on the gate; attend the EYFS achievement award assembly; design our new English display; update the library to include our new books and award some pen licenses to Year 4 – as well as giving them some handwriting advice! It was a very busy morning, but I had a fantastic time!'

It was a pleasure having you Principal Millie – we got lots done! 😊



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St Gregory's Attendance

NURSERY	98.32%
RECEPTION	93.73%
YEAR 1	89.67%
YEAR 2	90.34%
YEAR 3	97.67%
YEAR 4	87%
YEAR 5	98.28%
YEAR 6	88.22%

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS

92.62%

WE ARE AIMING FOR AT LEAST 97%



Week at a Glance!

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Eloquent and Truthful		
Sunday 7 th April	9.30am & 11.30am	2 nd Sunday of Easter Parish Mass with Father Sebastian at St John Fisher
Monday 8th April	All Day	School Closed for Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th April	All Day 9am 2.40pm 3.30pm – 6pm	Easter Celebration Day Alleluia Easter Assembly Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 10 th April	PM 3.30pm – 6pm After School	Clothing Swap Shop Year 5 Parent Consultations Football Match AWAY vs Sacred Heart
Thursday 11 th April	3.30pm – 6pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 12 th April	9am	Celebration Assembly Football Match HOME vs Good Shepherd
Sunday 14 th April	11.30am	Year 3 Celebration Mass in preparation for First Holy Communion

We break up from school on Friday 22nd March 2024 for the Easter Holidays for two weeks.

We return back to school for the Summer Term on Tuesday 9th April

Wishing you a Happy & Holy Easter – God Bless! Mrs Scullion & Principal Millie 😊

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