



3rd May, 2024.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

Thank you to all our Y4 children and their families, for making last Saturday such a joyous and prayerful experience, for all of us gathered in church. It was clear from the beginning of their preparations, that this was an important event in the lives of our Y4 children, as they fully immersed themselves in the lessons, hymn practices and the final rehearsals. The day itself was a true celebration of a milestone in their faith journey, and we could not be any prouder of them. We have received many lovely comments from families and the catechists, but, as I said on the day, the celebration was so beautiful because of the children and how they valued this important sacrament in their lives.

Huge thanks to everyone who played a part in the preparation or on the day- from our school, our homes and our church. Particular thanks must go to the choir, who gave up their Saturday morning to sing, and sing they did, with all their might! Thank you to the choir parents for making this additional effort at a weekend.

Saturday was a wonderful example of us all working together, in partnership, to walk beside our children on their faith journey. Thank you all!

A group of children and adults are posed for a group photo in a church. The children, mostly boys, are dressed in white shirts, blue ties, and blue sashes with a gold cross. Two girls are in white dresses. They are all smiling and have their hands clasped in prayer. The adults, including a priest and several women, are standing behind them. The church interior features a large wooden crucifix on the wall, flanked by two banners. The banner on the left shows a lamb with a cross, and the banner on the right shows a figure with arms raised. The ceiling has a large yellow skylight. The floor is covered in a green carpet.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Congratulations, Year 4!

Prayer and Liturgy

This week we thought about how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, loves and cares for each of us in a very special way. He walks with us, takes care of us, rescues us when we are in danger, looks for us when we get lost and rejoices when he finds us.

The children sang Psalm 23 and reflected on the words of that beautiful psalm, and how we too could find rest, protection and peace in Jesus.

We then left our time of prayer thinking about how we could look out for those who needed our care and kindness this week.



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Deputy Headteacher update

After a rigorous selection process, I am delighted to inform you that today, the Governors appointed Miss Connolly to replace Mr Perree as our new Deputy Headteacher. We are thrilled with the announcement and wish Miss Connolly every success and happiness in her new role.

We hope you have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.

With kind regards,

D.Albon

Headteacher



Newsletter

Together, in
Jesus, we
love, learn,
create and
celebrate!

Week ending - 3rd May, 2024.

CLOSED
BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY!

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be closed on Monday 6th May, as it is the early May Bank Holiday for 2024.

School will reopen on Tuesday 7th May and Breakfast Club will also be in operation.



Wednesday 8th May
to
Friday 10th May
2024

As children in Year 3 are preparing for their two day residential trip in CHET, Crosby – we would ask that all the Year 3 parents complete the Emergency Contacts form available on the school app.

As mentioned in the recent CHET meeting, it is really important that we have three contact telephone numbers for each child.

Lost Property

With the warmer weather approaching (finally!), we know that your children will be tempted to take off their jumpers and cardigans at lunchtime and hang them up outside somewhere – or even use them as goalposts!

We have so many jumpers going astray and cannot find the owners, mainly due to the child's name not being written inside the jumper.

It would make life so much easier for everyone if you write your child's name in all their uniform, so that any items found can be returned to the child immediately.

Many thanks!



Year 2 Football Tournament

Selected players from Year 2 will be attending a Football tournament at Chesterfield High School on Wednesday 8th May. This competition was previously cancelled due to staff shortages at Chesterfield High School and we are pleased that it has been rearranged.

Good Luck to our footballing stars!



School Meals

School meals have increased in price to £2.53 per meal, as from 1st April 2024. This is due to the current financial climate. This price change has now been reflected in your Parentpay account.

If your current financial situation has changed and you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, please email Mrs King in strictest confidence and she can check this for you, it is a simple process and you find out the results very quickly.



Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Children in Reception Class will be having a visit from the school health team on Wednesday 8th May.

The children will have their height/weight recorded and will have their hearing/sight checked.

Parents were sent out a letter in December about this visit. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Reception class were very excited as they visited Martin Mere on Wednesday this week. The children enjoyed pond dipping, discovering a whole new world of wetland species.

The wonderful team at Martin Mere helped the children to identify some species and answer any questions that they had.

Dressed in their own clothes and wellies, they enjoyed skipping across the pond and searching deep into the water!





The children were able to get very close to the birds at Martin Mere and were particularly interested in the ducks who followed the children on their adventures!

We think the ducks were in practice for their annual duck race at Martin Mere on 6th May!



The children were also engaged and enthusiastic during the workshop delivered by the staff. The staff were teaching the children all about the types of animals that they could see during their visit to Martin Mere.

Then, after a play in the park, the children were all boarded the bus back to school, tired, sweaty, but full of lots of interesting facts discovered during their day out.

Thanks to Miss Connolly, Miss Riley, Mrs Shorrocks, Mrs Groves, Mrs Chatten and Ellie for all their hard work in making this trip so special for the children.



Child Safety Appeal

We are very disappointed that, once again, we have to remind our parents about parking around school during drop off and pick up times.

We send out endless messages and sadly they seem to be ignored by some!

This week, we have had incidents reported to us, as outlined below:

- A local resident telephoned school to say that they were not able to travel along Sandy Lane to get their own children to another school on time, as the cars had double parked along Sandy Lane and had brought traffic to a standstill. Double parking along Sandy Lane is not fair to other drivers, especially if emergency service vehicles need to be able to get past.
- People park on the bend of Sandy Lane, meaning that any vehicle who wants to get past, has to mount the kerb to pass through. This is dangerous to pedestrians, especially little children, who are trying to walk home safely with their parents.
- We have had a very upset parent who was collecting their child from an after school activity this week and a car driver parked on Sandy Lane, blocking other traffic, with no regard to other road users. The driver then left the vehicle to collect children, leaving all the traffic at a complete standstill. These actions can cause upset to others and again, causes serious road issues.
- Staff are again witnessing parents just 'pulling up' at the double gates on the field (KS2) and letting children out on the roadside by themselves, or more worryingly in the middle of the road. This is a serious issue that needs addressing! Please **DO NOT** pull up at the gates and encourage your child to just jump out in the middle of the road and run into the gates. Staff at the gate this week, witnessed a child getting out of a car that pulled up in the road and go to run to the gates, only to realise she had forgotten something in the car and went to run back! This is extremely dangerous and we do not want your children getting hurt.
- Parents are also using the gap by the gates to pull in and just tell the children to quickly jump out and they pull away again. This is also a serious issue.

Drop off and pick up time is such a short time in a full school day, but are times that are causing lots of traffic issues and upset to others, including children.

As responsible parents, we are urging you to please take just a couple of minutes to think about your parking around school.

We are in touch with Sefton Highways about our options to help ease the issues we are experiencing and we are in agreement with them, that it is not fair to install parking restriction items along Sandy Lane, when it is such a short time in the day that the issues are occurring - but we have to do something. Which is why we are asking you to take accountability for your own actions.

The safety of your children is the utmost importance to us and we want to work with parents to help resolve the parking issues. If you have any suggestions, please email school and we will welcome any positive ideas!



Upcoming Events

8 th to 10 th May 2024	CHET Residential Trip	Year 3
8 th May 2024	Height/Weight/Vision/Hearing Screening	Reception Class
10 th May 2024	First Holy Communion School Party	Year 4
15 th May 2024	Museum and City Tourer Trip	Year 5
24 th May 2024	INSET DAY	Children are not in school on this day
27 th May to 31 st May 2024	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	School closed
28 th to 31 st May 2024	Ultimate Kids Half Term Camp in school	Places to be booked online
3 rd June 2024	INSET DAY	Children are not in school on this day
4 th June 2024	School Reopens after half term	All children are to return to school
5 th June 2024	Imperial War Museum Manchester	Year 6 trip
5 th June 2024	Reception Welcome Meeting	Parents of children joining Reception Class in September 2024
19 th June 2024	Sports Day	Whole School Event
20 th June 2024	Knowsley Safari Park Trip	Year 1
25 th & 26 th June 2024	KS2 Performances	Year 3 to Year 6
27 th June 2024	Sefton Y6 Transition Day	Year 6
27 th June 2024	Crucial Crew Event	Year 5
28 th June 2024	MUFTI DAY	Fundraising event
3 rd to 5 th July 2024	Robinwood Residential Trip	Year 6
3 rd July 2024	Farmer Ted's	Nursery

3 rd July 2024	EYFS/KS1 Film Night (further information to follow)	Fundraising event
9 th July 2024	SATS results	Year 6
10 th July 2024	KS2 Summer Disco	Fundraising event
11 th July 2024	Leaver's Mass	Year 6
12 th July 2024	Sponsored Event morning	Whole School fundraising event
15 th to 17 th July 2024	Malham Residential trip	Year 4
22 nd July 2024	Leaver's assembly 2pm	Year 6 and families
23 rd July 2024	School closes for Summer Holidays	Whole School

- Some of the above dates may be subject to change. However, we will always keep parents informed of any changes as soon as we are aware.

Gold Medal Winners



Special Award Winners



Best Book Winners

