



26th April, 2024.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

There is an air of excitement around school, as Year 4 complete their final preparations to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday. The children have been so enthusiastic learning the hymns for the mass, and in the lessons about Passover and the Last Supper. We will keep saying our prayers that the weather improves for Saturday, but be assured the sun will be shining brightly through our Y4 children whatever the weather!

Just a reminder that for those wishing to have your child photographed either individually or as a group, then your child should be dropped off at **St. Gregory's Church between 9.30am -9.45am, please do not arrive any earlier.** Children should be dropped off at the side door of church, nearest to the club. The children will then remain with school staff and Catechists until families arrive for mass at **10.30am. The main church door for families will be opened at 10.20am.**

Please remind your guests about reverence in church which includes no talking, having mobile phones switched off, not chewing gum or eating sweets or wandering around. We thank you for your co-operation. I am sure it is going to be a wonderful day.



Prayer and Liturgy

This week Miss Connolly led our Celebration of the Word for Key Stage 1 children, when we explored the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We thought about how Pentecost is the birthday of the church, and how we too can be filled with the fruits of the Holy Spirit, to continue to build our church here on earth. The children's prayerfulness shone through, especially when they were singing. The RE topic at the moment is centred on the feast of Pentecost and in particular, how the fruits of the Spirit are the visible signs that a person is led by the Holy Spirit.



Mr Hutson's Farewell

Mr Hutson was overwhelmed by an emotional farewell yesterday, as staff and children thanked him for his many contributions over his time with us. He entered the hall to the tune from Z cars and was still smiling from the score the night before!

He spoke about our school being a family and that he would miss everyone. We wish him every happiness and success in the future.

Summer events

At our staff meeting this week we planned some of the events to take place this term, which included:

- Celebration Mass for Year 6 and Leaver's Assembly
- Year 6/Key Stage 2 performance
- Sports Day
- Early Years and Key Stage1 Film night
- Key Stage 2 Summer Disco
- Numerous School trips and residentials

Celebration Mass for Y6 and Leaver's Assembly

This year we have had to slightly change the arrangements for the Leaver's Mass due to Father Grant's extremely busy diary. As you may already know, Father Grant is responsible for organising some of the many events for Deacon James' upcoming ordination in July, as well as leading the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which starts before we have broken up for the summer holidays.

Luckily, we have managed to find a time on **Thursday 11th July at 9.15am**. The mass will celebrate and give thanks for the many achievements of our Y6 children during their time at St. Gregory's and will hopefully take place in our Outdoor Cathedral in our school grounds.

On **Monday 22nd July**, we will hold a Leaver's assembly at 2.00pm in the school hall, when the children will share their happy memories and we will all get our tissues out, as we remember the children through their years in a photographic slide show.

Fundraising Activities

We have decided to spread our fundraising activities out during the summer term, rather than have one big Summer Fayre. A Summer Fayre takes many hours of preparations, as well as many willing hands, so we have opted for smaller events which will not take up as much time to organise but still be enjoyable for the children.

- Friday 28th June- Summer Mufti Day for items for a Grand Summer Raffle.
- Wednesday 3rd July- Early Years/Key Stage 1 Film night until 5pm.
- Wednesday 10th July- Key Stage 2 Summer Disco 5pm- 6.30pm
- Friday 12th July- Sponsored Event
- Grand Summer Raffle

Sports Day- Wednesday 19th June

Our annual Sports day will take place on Wednesday 19th June and will follow the usual pattern of Early Years and Key Stage 1 in the morning, and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. We will let you know further details nearer the time.

We look forward to a happy and productive summer term and to working together as a school community for the benefit of our wonderful children!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Deborah Albon

Headteacher

Newsletter

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Swimming

Children in Year 6 will be commencing their swimming lessons on Monday 29th April at Meadows Leisure Centre.

Please complete the consent form on the school app for your child to attend the swimming lessons.

Swimming lessons are part of the school curriculum and each child is to take part in the lessons, unless they have a medical condition which exempts them from swimming.

Reminder please, no earrings are to be worn.

Upcoming Events

8th to 10th May - Y3 CHET Residential Trip

8th May - Reception Class NHS Screening

13th to 16th May - KS2 SATS week

24th May – INSET Day (School closed for children)

27th to 31st - May Half Term Holiday (School closed)

3rd June – INSET Day (School closed for children)

5th June – Y6 Imperial War Museum trip

19th June – Sports Day event for whole school

20th June – Y1 visit to Knowsley Safari Park



Hopefully, we will start seeing the weather improve over the next few weeks and the sun will begin to shine!

Please remember to apply suncream to your child before they come into school each morning.

Please send in a sunhat for your child, that can be kept in school on their peg, for when the children are playing outside.



Martin Mere

Reception Class will be visiting Martin Mere on Wednesday 1st May.

The coach will be leaving school at 9.00am and will return for normal school finish time.

Children are to wear their own clothes, suitable for getting wet and possibly muddy, their wellies and a lightweight raincoat.

A packed lunch is required for this trip – please no sweets or fizzy drinks.

The consent form for this trip is on your Parentpay account under Reception Combined Trips 2024.



Gold Medal Award



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Special Award



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Best Book Award





This week, we said a sad goodbye to Mr Hutson.

Mr Hutson has been part of our St.Gregory's family for seven years and not only has he been our Site Manager, fixing and mending our school, he also coached our football teams – winning lots of trophies along the way, until it was time for him to choose to hang up his boots.

During a very emotional assembly, we said a fond farewell and Mrs Thompson also wrote a song for Mr Hutson, which all the children joined in singing and clapping along.



We would all like to wish Mr Hutson the very best of luck in his new school.