



15th March, 2024.

A message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

After talking with many of you over the past few days, it is lovely to hear how you, like me, are delighted at the news of the appointment of my successor, our very own Mr Perree. Having known Mr Perree as a former pupil of our school, (he was in Y3 when I arrived in 2000), as a volunteer in his teens, as a student teacher and then finally as a teacher and school leader, nobody could be prouder of his fantastic achievement, well may be his partner and parents! I know he will make an excellent Headteacher, as at the heart of his thoughts and decision making, is what is best for our children and our community. As I have devoted more than half my teaching career to St. Gregory's, it will be hard to say goodbye, but I know I am passing on the leadership of our wonderful school to an inspirational and caring leader, and that the school will go from strength to strength under his leadership. Well done Mr Perree!

Prayer and Liturgy

This week, we thought about our Catholic Mission to help those in need. One of the kindest things we can do in Lent is to help people who are in need, in other words to Act and to Give. We heard the story of the Good Samaritan and how, no matter who we are, we have a responsibility to look out for those who need our help. We learnt how we can do this through fundraising for Cafod and Nugent Care- The Good Shepherd Fund. See later on in the newsletter at the plans to do this.



*Loving God,
We thank and praise you for all the gifts you have given us.
But in a world of plenty too many people go hungry.
We pray that you may work through us, so our small acts of love
may make a big difference
and everyone may have enough to eat.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for your attendance and support for our Parents evenings this week. It was lovely to welcome you all to school and share your child's progress so far this year.

Huge thanks to our pupil leadership team who were amazing receptionists and worked alongside staff to assist in the smooth running of the evenings.

Future Staffing Decisions

Following the successful appointment of Mr Perree last Friday, the Staffing Committee met on Monday to discuss the next part of the recruitment process, the appointment of a new Deputy Headteacher. There are certain timescales laid down by the Archdiocese and the Local Authority which we abide by, and as well as arranging observations of any shortlisted candidates, I am sure you will appreciate this is not something we can do overnight. As the Easter holidays falls in the middle of the recruitment process, the earliest we hope we can appoint is the beginning of May.

Once the Deputy Headteacher appointment is made, then the rest of the Staffing structure can be agreed, including who the next Y6 teacher will be. We cannot make that decision until then, so please be patient and be assured we will make the right and best decision for our children.

First Holy Communion - Parish Sacramental Programme

The first of the First Holy Communion sessions takes place this Sunday at 12.30pm for one hour in the Parish Club, with the second one being at the same time the following Sunday, 24th March. It is important to attend the two sessions, as this is a vital part of the preparation to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist. The third and fourth sessions will take place in school, during the RE lessons.

We will send out a detailed plan of the day before Easter. However, after discussion in school, we have decided not to include a Communion breakfast on the actual day after the Mass.

Our experience is that given that the Mass will last a good hour, you would be unlikely to be back to school until after midday, and we appreciate that families will have their own celebrations booked for around this time and may feel rushed or not attend at all. Therefore, we will hold a school celebration at a later date.

St. Patrick's Day- Ceilidh

What another fun Friday we have had today, celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Each class learnt a traditional Irish Dance and then we enjoyed a performance together. There was a wonderful atmosphere and lots of laughs along the way. It was fantastic for our children to dance together and to learn something new. As well as being superb exercise, it certainly contributed to mental well-being, especially for the adults!



The Stone has Rolled Away- Choir Easter Play - *Change of venue*

Having looked at the logistics and the timescales, we have decided it would be easier all round if we performed our Easter Play- '***The Stone has Rolled Away,***' in school. The performance will be at the same time: 6.30pm on Tuesday 26th March in the school hall.

There will be no tickets or entrance fee for this performance, however there will be collection on the night for one of the Archbishop Malcom's Lenten charities- The Children of Gaza and the Holy Land.

Next Thursday, 21st March, choir are asked to stay late again until 5pm so we can have a full-dress rehearsal of the Easter Play. The choir will be wearing different coloured T-shirts for the performance, which will be given to them in school. Please could parents provide either school trousers or leggings to wear with the T-shirt. The dress rehearsal will be the following week. They will need to bring the trousers and leggings on Thursday 21st March. Thank you!

Unavoidable Hub Closure- Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March

Please remember that we will be unable to operate the Hub after school on the last two days of this term: Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th of March. Due to important and unavoidable meetings and events, staff will be required elsewhere, meaning we will be unable to meet the necessary staffing requirements to operate the Hub. We apologise for inconvenience and are assured that this advanced warning will enable families to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you all once again for all your support,
have a lovely weekend. Slainte!

With kind regards,

Deborah Albon

Headteacher





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Clubs

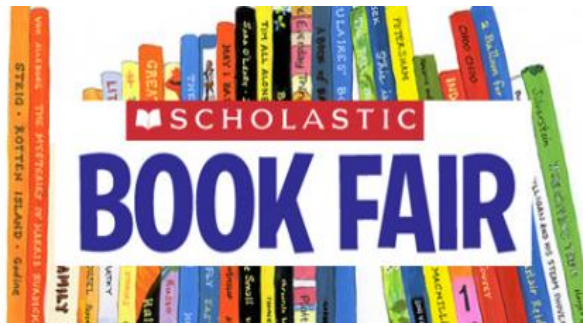
All clubs continue as usual as from next week. Choir will be finishing at 5pm.

Upcoming Sports Events

Tuesday 19th March
Y5/Y6 Boys Football Match

Wednesday 20th March
Sefton Schools Cross
Country Championships

Coming soon.....Sefton
Netball league....more
information to follow!



Friday 15th
March
to
Wednesday
20th March

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall at the end of each school day from Friday 15th March to Wednesday 20th March.

Parents will be invited to come along with your children and purchase one of the wonderful books on display.

No cash will be taken when you make your selection, you simply scan the barcode on the leaflets and place your order.

Good Shepherd Appeal



If you are baking any cakes, biscuits etc for this event – can we please insist on the goodies being **completely 'nut free'**.

Can you please add a list of the ingredients used in the baking. Any items without a list of ingredients cannot be used, this is to ensure the safety of children and adults who have food allergies.

We will be holding our Good Shepherd Fundraising event during next week, with all funds raised being donated to Cafod and Nugent Care.

All children will have an opportunity to come into the school hall during break times and enjoy the activities on offer.

The order of the week will be as follows:

- Year 6 – Tuesday,
- Year 5 – Wednesday,
- Year 4 – Thursday
- Year 3 – Friday.

Children will only need to bring small change into school to take part in the activities throughout the week.

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a whole school Irish Dance event.

Every class was given an opportunity to learn the art of Irish Dancing.



We ended the day, with a whole school jig, enjoying performing the dance that they had all learnt throughout the day.











ST. GREGORY'S HAS GOT TALENT

On Thursday 28th March, St.Gregory's will be holding their annual Talent Show. This fabulous event is enjoyed by all the children and adults throughout the school.

In the past, we have had jugglers, acrobats, comedians, singers, footballers – the list goes on! This is an opportunity for the children to really show off their talents, whatever they may be.

If your child would like to take part in this year's Talent Show, there are forms available on each classroom door – all the children have to do is pop their name down on the list. If the children have any special requirements for their act (props, songs etc) can they please speak to Miss Brown and she will do her best to assist!

Each act will have a limited amount of time, as we will have lots of acts to perform. So maybe think of timings when practising your act over the weekend.

We know we have a lot of talented children at St.Gregory's and we all look forward to watching our annual show once again.



Some of our wonderful entrants from last year's Talent Show.





Y6 SATS INFORMATION EVENING

Mr Perree will be holding a Y6 SATs Information Evening next Wednesday 20th March, beginning at 6pm. The meeting should last no more than one hour, and we would strongly encourage at least one parent from each family to attend where possible.

During the meeting, Mr Perree will share key information about KS2 SATs, including dates and arrangements. Families will get to review the most recent assessments and hear about strategies to support children in achieving their best.

Please note that this session is for parents/carers only; Y6 children should not attend.

We look forward to seeing Y6 families on Wednesday 20th March, at 6pm.