



29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

### *Message from Mrs Albon.....*

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated the unpaid work of Governors, with a National Governors Day - we thank all our Governors for their commitment and the time they give to our school. Currently, the Governors, along with the Archdiocese and the Local Authority, are working very hard on your behalf to appoint a new Headteacher. The recruitment process is well underway, and next week the candidates will be involved in several tasks, presentations and formal interview. The process is rigorous and the successful candidate will have worked very hard to achieve the position. It is hoped that if the selection process is successful, the Governors will announce the new Headteacher at the end of next week. Thank you, Governors, and please be assured of the appreciation of our community. On a personal note, I wish the selection committee and the candidates every success and blessing.

### **Prayer and Liturgy**

This week we continued our Lenten journey by listening to the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus took some of his disciples to a high mountain to pray. When they were there, God spoke to the disciples saying, "This is my Son, listen to Him." We reflected upon how God our loving Father wants us to follow his Son, Jesus. We thought quietly and prayerfully about how He wants us to pray to him, follow him, love him, be kind and forgiving, and show other people how great God's love is for all of us.



Considering the number of children and adults assembled, the prayer and silence in the hall were remarkable. We know and appreciate that this is a wonderful way to begin our week together. We recognise how important these precious moments of quiet are in our busy lives, giving us time and space to think and pray.

### **Parents' Evenings**

As you know the spring Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, hopefully you have all now booked your appointments on the school app.** This has been a new system set up by Parentapps Connect, and so far we have received positive feedback from parents of the simplicity of making your booking.

On both parents' night, we will be limiting the numbers in the Hub to 15, this is because we do not have additional space large enough to accommodate the normal 25 limit, and we cannot rely on the weather for the Hub to be outside. It would be really helpful if parents could find alternative child care arrangements on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March, as we also cannot guarantee that any member of staff will be in the hall to look after children who attend with their parents. Any child left in the hall on their own must not be on a phone or tablet. We look forward to your support and help in this matter.

### **First Holy Communion - Parish Sacramental Programme- Reminder**

There are two sessions with the Parish Catechists which all children and parents should attend.

Session 1 Sunday 17th March 2024

Session 2 Sunday 24th March 2024

**The children from St. Gregory's School will attend at 12.30pm - 1.30pm**

The children from St. John Bosco School will attend at 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Don't forget the expectation is that children preparing for their First Holy Communion attend Mass each weekend. Masses are at 4.30pm on Saturdays at St. Gregory's Church, and on Sundays they are at 9.30am at Our Lady's and 11.00am at St. Gregory's. At the 11.00am Mass, the children have the opportunity to go to 'Little Church', which brings the Gospel message to children at their own level.

### **World Book Day**

Next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Hopefully, you have read the information sheet sent out last week. As well as many different exciting events throughout the day, we will be holding a Book Fair, beginning Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March. After collecting children at the end of the day, families are very welcome and encouraged to visit our book fair in the

school hall, where there will be a vast range of books available for purchase. More information will be shared about our book fair next week!

### **Mothers' Day Celebrations**

We are delighted to be able to invite our Mums, or a significant adult, to a Mother's Day assembly in March for Early Years and Key Stage One Mums.

**Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Mums/Significant Adults are invited on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am** in the school hall.

We hope you will be able to join us!

### **The Stone has Rolled Away- Choir Easter Play**

The Choir have been working hard since Christmas preparing for our Easter Play- '***The Stone has Rolled Away.***' There will be an opportunity for parents and families to watch the play on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in St. Gregory's Church. 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.

### **Unavoidable Hub Closure- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

We are giving you advanced warning that we will be unable to operate the Hub after school on the last two days of this term: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards,

*Deborah Albon*

Headteacher

# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024.



## Parents' Evenings

St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Parents were given an opportunity to select their own date/time on the parent app.

## Hub Limited Spaces

As mentioned in Mrs Albon's letter, there will be very limited spaces in The Hub during both Parents' Evenings. Please only book your child into The Hub on the two nights if you really need the provision. This is due to the limited space. We cannot offer a childminding service whilst parents attend their appointments. There will be no clubs on during Parents' Evenings.

## Trips

We have some wonderful trips planned for the next few months, as detailed below:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5 at Maritime Museum and open top bus tour

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Y2 at Tatton Park

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** – Y5 York residential

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Reception at Martin Mere

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Y3 at CHET for their residential trip

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 at Knowsley Safari Park

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Robinwood residential trip

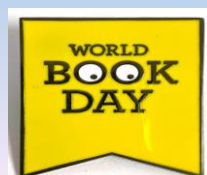
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Y4 at Malham for their residential trip



## Celebration Events!

The children at St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School are in for a real treat over the coming weeks. There are lots of fun activities arranged, such as; Mother's Day Assembly, World Book Day, St.Gregory's Talent Show and Irish Dance Day!

This promises to be another wonderful half term for the children!



## Parent App

We would urge all our parents to sign up to the school app. You can have both parents on the app.

All communication is sent via the app, as well as booking places for events, such as Parents' Evenings, The Hub and Clubs.

If you would like further information, please speak to Mrs King.



# TALENT SHOW

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary  
School proudly presents their  
annual Talent Show

Children from Reception Class to Year 6 are invited to sign up and show off their skills! We know at St. Gregory's we have fantastic Dancers, Comedians, Singers, Jugglers and more! If you would like to take part this year, please speak to Mr Perree or Miss Brown.

***Thursday 28th March***  
***2024***



*Mums, Nanas, Aunties and  
other significant adults of  
children in*

*Nursery, Reception,  
Year 1 and Year 2*

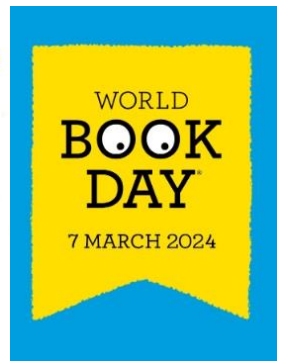
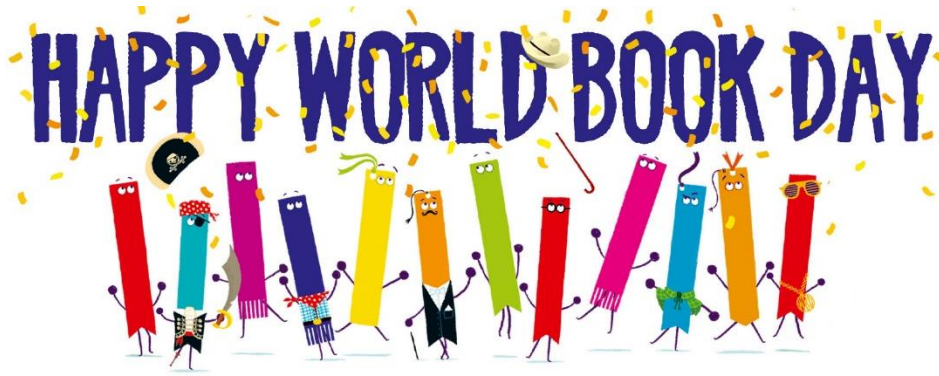
*Please join us for our*

*Mothers' Day*

*Assembly*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March*

*at 9.15am*



### **Nursery Class through to Year 4 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Pyjama Day**

Some of our favourite memories as children are being read to before bed: that special time shared together, igniting our imaginations and inspiring our dreams.

For World Book Day, children in Nursery through to Year 4 are invited to come to school in pyjamas and bring a copy of their favourite book, so they can share those special moments and stories with their class friends.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 should come to school in normal school uniform.



### **World Book Day Class Activities – Character Spoons!**

Children across the school will be thinking about their favourite characters from stories and will spend time in school creating a 'spoon puppet' of their chosen character. There will be plenty of arts and crafts materials around for children to use (and school will provide the spoon), though children are welcome to bring any specific materials in for their chosen characters if they wish.

### **Buddy Reading**



Our older children love sharing a story with younger classes, helping them to not only read the words but to imagine the characters and the events unfolding.

For World Book Day, children in Year 6 will spend special time with their Reception Class buddies. Children in all other year groups will also spend time paired up, sharing and talking about their favourite stories.

### **Home Task - Take a Shelfie!**

As in previous years, we'd love you to share your best 'Shelfie' with us! Children (and families!) can take a selfie of themselves in front of their bookshelf or collection of books. Alternatively, children might like to take a photo with their current (or favourite) reading book, wherever you choose - we've had some very creative reading locations in the past! Please share your photographs with staff on our school Twitter account, [@stgregs\\_primary](https://twitter.com/stgregs_primary), and send them into your class teachers via Dojo or Google Classroom.

### **St. Gregory's Book Fair!**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

We're very excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at in our school hall from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Children and families will be able to come to the school hall and browse the selection of books, chatting with staff about the books available to purchase; many will be exclusive titles! There will be options to purchase by both cash and card. Children will be able to use their World Book Day tokens as money off any titles, too. School will receive a portion of any takings, which will go straight back into purchasing books for classrooms.

### **Drop Everything and Read**

At random points throughout the day on World Book Day, children and adults alike will be stopping everything they're doing, to pause everything and dive into their books. The signal might sound at any point during the day, so children and adults will be listening out all day long!

### **Optional Home Task - Book in a Box**

In previous years, we have created books in a jar and even turned potatoes into our favourite characters! For those who wish to, children may like to create a 'Book in a Box' at home. Children might wish to recreate a scene or setting from their favourite book. If your children would like to create a Book in a Box, please bring boxes into school by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.



# Attendance Matters



Please find below the Attendance marks for this week.

Reception

94.7%

Year 1

95.5%

Year 2

96.3%

Year 3

98%

Year 4

96.8%

Year 5

98.6%

Year 6

97.9%

Overall Attendance for this week is **96.8%** which is above the expected overall attendance of 96.7%.

Children who have missed more than 10% of school sessions are considered persistently absent. If your child is classed as a persistent absentee, you will be asked to come into school and have a chat with Mrs Albon to discuss the reasons for the absence and also to see how school can help to improve your child's attendance.

Taking holidays during school term time is not acceptable, only in exceptional circumstances. If you are intending to take your child out of school, we would ask that you firstly complete a holiday request form, which is available on our school website and via the school office. Once we receive your completed form, a decision will be made as to whether it is authorised or not. This information will be held on your child's registration file.





Mrs Albon and Mr Perree attended a beautiful Lenten Service for Liverpool Archdiocese, hosted at St. Bede's Catholic High School. Moving scripture and moments of reflection were enriched by St. Bede's simply stunning choir, with our past pupils shining! Tremendous thanks to all involved.



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