



26th January, 2024.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week in school, with children enjoying their learning, particularly the new topics such as learning about dinosaurs and space in Early Years, through to studying mountain ranges, classification and The Suffragettes in Upper Key Stage 2. As I have been visiting classes, I am impressed by the level of responses to questions and how our children build upon each other's answers. It is also wonderful looking at the standard of written work in children's books. It will soon be your turn to enjoy your children's beautiful work at the spring parents' evenings- see below.



Prayer and Liturgy

This week we thought about the fisherman whom Jesus called to follow him. We thought about how much they had trusted in Jesus and how in following Jesus, they modelled their lives on Him and spread the Good News by their words and actions. We too are called to live good lives and reach out in love and kindness to others.

*Lord Jesus, lead us to join together with other people across the world in helping others, especially those who are poor,
so that all people may know that we are your followers. Amen.*

Parents' Evenings

Spring Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March**. Mrs King will be in touch with a booking form. Thankfully, the autumn meetings took place in a spirit of mutual support and respect, and we look forward to the spring meetings running smoothly and without incident. Following each meeting you will have an opportunity to see your child's books, which I am sure the children will be excited to share.

Recruitment of the new Headteacher for September 2024

The process for recruiting my successor is underway and it is hoped that it will be completed in March. This will allow me plenty of time to work with the new Headteacher, to ensure a smooth transition of leadership for September. The process is a rigorous one, including a panel of Governors, the Archdiocese and the Local Authority.

The advert going out makes it very real for me, but contrary to popular belief, I am not winding down! I wish the panel every success in finding the right candidate to lead our wonderful school.

Parish Sacramental Programme- First Holy Communion

The application forms for First Holy Communion will be going out in both churches this weekend. Y4 parents should return your child's completed application form to the Parish office by Monday 12th February. Forms will be available at all Masses this 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. As you already know, the date set for the First Holy Communion Mass is Saturday 27th April at 10.30am.

Thank you all once again for all your support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With kind regards,

Deborah Albon

Headteacher

St. Gregory's News

**Imagine
That!**

Children in Reception
Class will be visiting
Imagine That! in Liverpool,
on Wednesday 31st
January.

The coach will be
leaving school at 9.15am
and will return back to
school for normal finish
time.

**Enjoy
Reception!**

Children are to wear their school uniform and bring
a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks please).

Attendance

Attendance results for this week:

Reception – 97.3%
Year 1 – 95.3%
Year 2 – 98%
Year 3 – 96.3%
Year 4 – 91%
Year 5 – 97.9%
Year 6 – 91.3%

Overall Attendance for the whole school
is **95.3%** which is below the expected
attendance of 96.7%

Congratulations to Year 2 on winning
the Attendance Award this week.



Swimming

Children in Year 4 will attend their last
swimming lesson Monday 29th
January at Meadows Leisure Centre in
Maghull.

As from Monday 5th February, Year 3
will be starting their swimming lessons.
A form is available on the school app
for parents to give their consent.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris
from Ultimate Kids who
married his best friend, Liv,
this week.

St. Gregory's sends you
both our best wishes and
good luck for your future
lives together.



Important: Emergency Contact Information

As part of our safeguarding policy, **we require 3 Emergency Contacts for every child.** We have recently issued a form on the school app for parents to complete.

If you have not already done so, please complete the form providing the contact names and numbers – **one of the contacts must be a person living at another household,** for example a nan or granddad living at an address different to the child. Many thanks to the families who have already completed this form.

Late Arrivals

If your child arrives late to school and you arrive via the school office entrance, parents will be asked to complete the late form on the school signing in machine.

Mrs King will be there to meet the children and direct them to class, but we will need this form completing by whoever drops the children off at school.

This week, **17** late arrivals were recorded.

Remember – be in line by five to nine!

Eco Centre, Southport

Year 4 will be visiting the Eco Centre in Southport on Thursday 8th February. The children will investigate and discover lots of interesting facts with regards to climate change.

The coach will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return for normal school finish time.

Children will need to wear their full school uniform and a lightweight waterproof coat. A packed lunch is also required for this trip.



Administering medication

If your child is unwell and requires medication throughout the school day, for example antibiotics, school can only administer medication to children which has been prescribed by a doctor.

Bottles and tablet boxes must show the following information on the label -

Your child's name, name of the GP surgery, name of medication, dosage to be taken.

We cannot administer chemist-bought medication, for example, Calpol. If your child requires any paracetamol, this must be prescribed by your doctor.

Parents are very welcome to come along to school and administer medication throughout the school day, if required.



If your child requires prescribed medication during the school day, which you would like school to administer, please drop it off at the school office and complete the medication form.

Half Term

Reminder to parents that school closes for Half Term holidays on Friday 9th February at normal school finish time.

School will reopen on Monday 19th February at 8.55am. Breakfast Club will be available.

Gold Medal Winners

Congratulations to our Gold Medal Winners this week.



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