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Message from Mrs Albon.....

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to say an enormous thank you to every member of our school community, particularly the staff, whatever their role, for their hard work and dedication during this year, for the children of St.Gregory's. It has been amazing during the last two weeks, being filled with joyful experiences for our children, staff, and families.

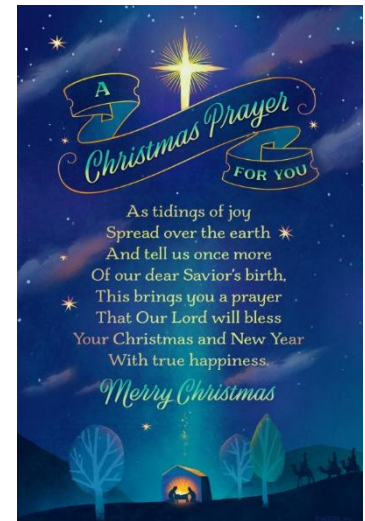
Today we bid farewell to Mrs Groves as she retires, and as one child in Y4 so eloquently said, "Our school is like jigsaw, and now one of the pieces will be missing." We know that Mrs Groves will always remain a most treasured member of our school family, and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

We also say bon voyage to Mrs Gordon and hope that she and her family find happiness and fulfilment in Australia. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to our school.

Finally, may I wish you and your families a very merry and peace-filled Christmas. We look forward with joyful hope that 2024 will be a happy and healthy one for the entire St. Gregory's School Community.

With my warmest wishes and Christmas felicitations!

Deborah Albon
Headteacher





It has been really emotional this week, as we firstly wished Mrs Gordon goodbye and good luck for her future life in Australia.

Mrs Gordon is a wonderful teacher and will be missed by the whole of the St.Gregory's family. She has brought so much fun to the children's learning in Year 4 and we know they will all miss her.

During her farewell assembly, the children all gave her cards and presents and Mrs Thompson also wrote a farewell song, which all the children sang to Mrs Gordon.

We hope that Mrs Gordon will not be a stranger to St.Gregory's and will come to see us all when she visits the UK.



HAPPY RETIREMENT

We then had the very difficult task of all, saying goodbye and good luck to our very own Mrs Groves, as she retires this week.

Mrs Groves: the queen of bling and glitter, who has always helped everyone and is our very own school mum!

Mrs Groves started at St.Gregory's over 35 years ago, working in the playgroup, Nursery and then becoming a Teaching Assistant, working in Reception Class for many, many years.

She has supported lots of children over the years, showing tremendous care in her roles. We are all going to be lost without 'our Maureen', who we always go to in times of need and she is always on the Hail Marys when we need them.

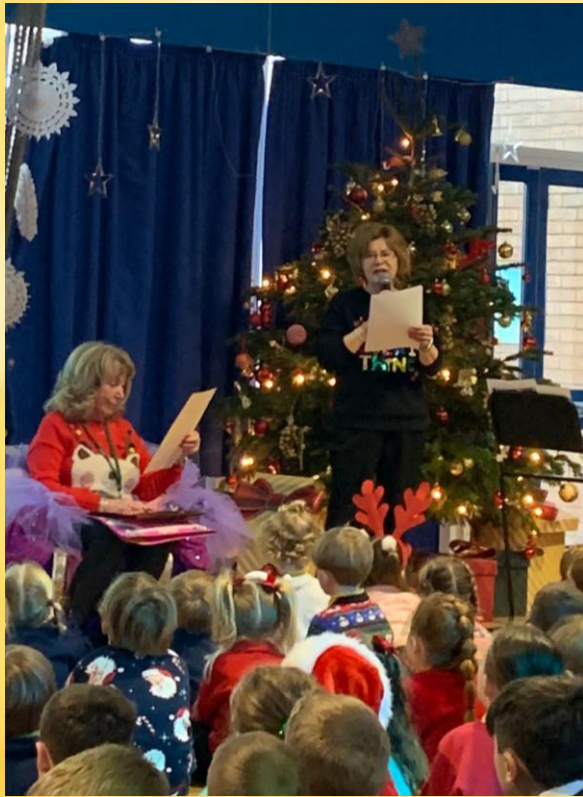
The whole school came together, as well as friends and colleagues both present and past, to wish her well in a special Collective Worship. There was not a dry eye in the house, as we wished her and her family good luck and all the very best for the future.

Mrs Groves - you are one in a million and we will all miss you at St.Gregory's. The school will not be the same without you!

Good luck in your retirement Mrs Groves; enjoy your visits to Australia to see your grandchildren and please pop into school and say "hello" to everyone – we know you will!









All the children at St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School were very excited to eat their Christmas Dinner, all together, on Wednesday. The children sang and danced, before tucking into a wonderful, festive Christmas Dinner.







With school staff serving the children their Christmas Dinner, this really was a special festive occasion.
Thanks to our wonderful cook for creating such a delight!

Gingerbread!

Children in Year 2 created some festive gingerbread biscuits this week, as part of their D&T lesson. They were involved in every part of the making process and improved their skills as they went along.

There are certainly some future bakers in the making!





St.Gregory's School Choir



Special thanks to our wonderful St.Gregory's School Choir, who have performed at so many different events over the last few weeks.

Thank you to all our families for allowing your children to commit to this harmonious choir - Mrs Albon, Mr Perree and Miss Brown are extremely proud of all of you!





Goodbye Mrs Groves!



*We would like to wish all our
families a very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*



See you on the 8th January 2024!

