



29th September, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear Parents,



During our welcome assembly this morning, it was lovely to officially welcome our new Reception children and their parents, Mrs Walker our KS2 support teacher, and Miss Perrin, a new Y6 Teaching Assistant, to our school. Our Reception children have settled wonderfully into school life, enjoying the variety of activities our Early Years staff set up in the different learning areas each day. They're showing kindness and care towards their friends, and particularly enjoying spending time with their buddies. We ask for God's blessing upon our new Reception children as they begin their school journey here with us at St. Gregory's.

At the assembly our new Pupil Leadership team were announced, and they too welcomed the new children and their families. We could not be prouder of the Y6 candidates who applied to be Head Boy or Head Girl. From the standard of their letters of application, to the responses in the interviews, they were outstanding. Their first duty was to tell the new families what they liked about our school, which made

Together, in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate!

Stay and Read- Friday 13th October

We will be reinstating our Stay and Read sessions, beginning with one on Friday 13th October. If you are able to, parents are invited to bring their child to school as normal on that day and enter the children's classroom from 8.45am. The children will be delighted to show their parents their classroom environment and read them part of a story that they are very fond of. If you have more than one child at St. Gregory's, you are very welcome to bring your children to one classroom to read.

The bell will then ring at 9.15am to mark the end of the Stay and Read session and parents are then invited into the hall for refreshments, in support of our Macmillan Coffee Morning fundraiser.

The Hub- important information

Due to the fact that some parents are not booking into the Hub, we will no longer be able to accommodate children who are not officially booked in. This week we were overwhelmed with children, meaning we needed to draft in other members of school staff, who were involved in meetings at that time. As a result, we have now capped the numbers we can take to 30. Please remember this is a service for parents who need child care at the end of the day and it is not a social club for children. Please only use the Hub if you need it. Whilst it is lovely that children want to stay in school at the end of the day, we need to keep everybody safe and make it manageable for the staff. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents' Evenings

The October Parents' Evenings will take at the end of this half-term, and Mrs King will soon send out the appointment times. The meetings will take place over two days- **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October between 3.30pm and 6.30pm.** For the safety and well-being of our school staff, we will be operating the Parents' meetings in the same way as we did in March. Parents will wait in the hall and be called to the classrooms individually.

Your child's books will be given to you either before the meeting or following the meeting depending on where we are in the evening, and how big the queues are!

We do not leave children's books in the hall as they are personal to you and your child. The Governing Body agreed that all parents attending the meetings will be required to

sign up to a Parents Code of Conduct, which will be sent out before the meetings on the school APP. Fortunately, we are more than reassured that most parent/teacher meetings take place in a spirit of mutual support and respect, and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

School uniform 'free' shop

Mrs King continues to organise our school uniform shop and parents may come and replace lost or worn-out items at any time throughout the year. Donations of washed wearable uniform is always accepted and we thank those parents who have already donated to the free shop. The uniform shop will be available on Parent's night.

Thank you, Mrs King.

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

With kind regards,
Deborah Albon

Newsletter



St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

Date 29th September, 2023.



Congratulations to our Year 6 football team, who took part in a tournament last Friday, at Chesterfield High School.

The footballers all really gave it their best and came second overall in their group – only being pipped to the top by goal difference.

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and are looking forward to playing in more games and tournaments throughout the year.



We have just received some wonderful news, St. Gregory's have come third place in the Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

Congratulations to the children who entered this competition!

We will be holding a special assembly to present the certificates to the children who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, at Meadows Leisure Centre library.

Intensity Sports

St. Gregory's have welcomed Matty, Tom and Harry from Intensity Sports, who a lot of our children already recognise from football training outside of school.

In light of Mr Hutson deciding to 'hang his boots up' for junior football, we have arranged for Intensity Sports to continue with our football teams.

We would like to thank Mr Hutson for all the hard work and commitment he has shown over the years to our football teams. We know they all thoroughly enjoyed working with you.

Intensity have been organising training sessions for both girls and boys at lunchtimes and have selected their teams for two matches next week.

We look forward to bringing home the silverware for St. Gregory's at the end of the football season.

Good luck to all our footballers!



Height and Weight Programme

Children in Reception and Year 6 will be taking part in the Height and Weight programme, run by Sefton Council Public Health and Wellbeing team. The team will be visiting school on Monday 6th November. If you want to opt out of this programme, you must contact the team directly on 0151 247 6354.



With self portraits painted by Reception Children and beautiful singing by our school choir – this was a wonderful way to welcome the children to our St.Gregory's family.

The paintings were amazing and the children thoroughly enjoyed showing them to their families.

Well done Reception!



W E L C O M E

St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School welcomed families of our Reception children to a special Welcome Assembly on Friday.



During our Welcome Assembly, we also celebrated our Year 6 Pupil Leadership Team. The children in Year 6 were given an opportunity to write an application letter for the role of Head Boy/Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Deputy Head Girl. The standard of applications was outstanding, making Mrs Albon and our school governor, Mrs Scott, very proud of our school.



The children were then given an interview and they had to give answers on what they could bring to St.Gregory's if they were successfully chosen and why they liked being at St.Gregory's. Their answers were amazing and heartfelt – they were read out during our Welcome Assembly and touched everyone's hearts.

As the standard was set so high, it was difficult to only select one person for each role, therefore every child who applied for roles has been successful and the Pupil Leadership Team will be split into three groups, all taking a turn for each term.

Congratulations to: Millie, Florence, Katy, Jessica, Thomas, Harry, Grace, Maisie, Brooklyn, Jude, Will, Luca, Ava, Emily and Ava.

You are all perfect examples of what the St.Gregory's child is all about, well done!

Reception – Year 6 Buddies

During the Welcome Assembly, children in Year 6 welcomed their Buddies from Reception Class to St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School.



Healthy Eating

Year 2 welcomed Maria from Sefton Active this week for a Healthy Eating Workshop.

The children enjoyed the lesson and Maria was very impressed with their knowledge of food groups.

Thank you Maria for such a wonderful lesson.





The children discussed the fruits and vegetables that they prefer and some which they have not yet tried, but would like to.

The smoothies made from fresh fruit, went down extremely well with all the children.....yummy!



We will be celebrating the fruits of the harvest on Tuesday 3rd October in church, with Father Grant, the parish and any families who are able to join us.

Children are to come into school as usual and will be walked up to church



Families who are able to are invited to donate either one tin of food per family, or a dry food product.

Many thanks to our families who have already donated food for our Harvest Festival.

All food items will be donated to the local food bank, based at St. George's United Reformed Church in Maghull.



The Food Bank is open every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon, for anyone in need. There is no need to prebook your visit. The door is open and welcome to everyone.



Only in last week's newsletter we were encouraging families to put names in all items of school uniform.

As you might have seen in the news, Tommy Crank (now aged 27!) has today collected his jumper from his primary school, 20 years after it went missing. Back in 2003, Tommy's jumper was misplaced in school and after clearing the roof, the school's site manager found the jumper in the gutters. With his printed name still intact, Tommy has been successfully reunited with his jumper.

If there were ever an advert for labels printed or sewn in, this is the one! Please do label all items!



Gold Medal Award

Special Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Gold Medal Award and the Special Award in Key Stage 2 this week.



Florence - Year 6

Sophia - Year 3

Ronan - Year 5

Jude - Year 6

Kian - Year 3

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Gold Medal Award this week.



Reception - Paisley Rae

Year 1 - Luisa

Year 2 - Ben

Year 3 - Jacob

Special Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Special Award this week.



Reception - Lucy

Year 1 - Lillie May

Year 2 - Harper

Year 3 - Bethany

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.3%	95.9%	99.3%	92.7%	98.1%	98.6%	94%

Congratulations to **Year 2**, who are the winners of this week's Attendance Cup.

Congratulations to the following children, who have won the 100% Attendance Award this week:



Reception: Maggie
Year 1 : George
Year 2: Theo
Year 3: Noah
Year 4: Grace
Year 5: Oscar
Year 6: Will