



22nd September, 2023.

Message from Mr Perree.....

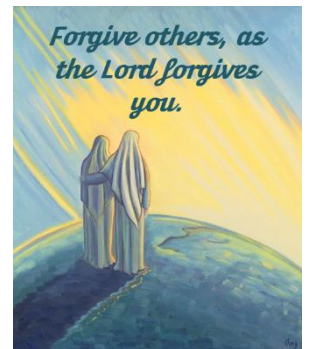
Dear Parents,

We're at the end of another very successful week in school, and the routines and expectations are now firmly embedded and being lived out in all areas. We're so very impressed that the St. Gregory's children are, as always, showing such positivity, enthusiasm and engagement in all class activities. Long may this continue!

With the weather forecast fluctuating so greatly this week, we lived in joyful hope that we would be able to have our annual Sponsored Walk. Unfortunately, just as the children were about to come in for the afternoon and begin the walk, the heavens opened! Mrs. King will share with you all a revised date when all children may come into school in their PE kits to have our fun Sponsored Walk afternoon – we'll be praying for a little drier weather soon!

Prayer and Liturgy

In our times of prayer this week, classes listened to and reflected upon Matthew's Gospel, when Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive someone who sins against us. Jesus says not seven times, but seventy-seven times: in other words, no matter how many times somebody hurts us, in body or in spirit, we need to forgive them. Through our prayer and discussion, we recognised what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to live out Jesus' golden rule: to 'love one another'. We all know how difficult this can be, and as role models of forgiveness, adults play a vital part in teaching children that forgiveness is a gift of grace that all of us can receive.



Medical and Dietary Forms and Emergency Contacts

Thank you to all families who have provided up-to-date information about any medical or dietary needs your child may have. In order to maintain accurate records and safeguard all children, we ask that you ensure you keep us updated with any changes to telephone numbers of the emergency contacts for your child: we request that we have three contacts for each child, with at least one from outside of your household.

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

School Parking

May we politely remind families that they must park their cars before allowing their children to exit the vehicle. There have been multiple occasions since returning to school this year where children have been collected or 'dropped off' from vehicles temporarily waiting in the middle of the road. This is unsafe and could endanger a child's life. There is plenty of parking space along Sandy Lane and at the park, as well as in surrounding roads – please also be courteous to our neighbours by not parking across their driveways. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping all children safe.

Play Leaders



A number of our Year 6 children have been working with our partners at ActiveSefton in their 'Play Leader' program. This program aims at developing our pupils' leadership skills whilst providing opportunities for other children to engage in creative games and challenges. Well done to our Year 6 children on completing your training; we know children from Year 2 to Year 5 look forward to you supporting them in their play!

School Council – 'All Different; All Welcome' Week

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been exploring democratic voting in classes this past week, as they considered and voted for their peers to form our School Council. School Councilors, alongside our Pupil Leadership Team, play a vital role in supporting the leadership of our school by representing each class and sharing the pupil voice with the school's senior leaders. Already our School Council have been hard at work, reflecting on and updating our 'St. Gregory's Children's Equality Charter', which will be shared with our whole school community next week, in the first of our 'All Different, All Welcome' weeks. More about this in next week's newsletter!



Welcome Assembly

We are very much looking forward to formally welcoming our Reception class families at our Welcome Assembly next Friday, 29th September at 9.15am. In this assembly, we pray for God's blessing upon our Reception children, as they begin their full-time school journey; Year 6 children are also eagerly waiting to welcome their Reception class buddies! We're sure you, the Reception Class families, will thoroughly enjoy this precious occasion, marking the start of your child's formal education.

This invitation is for Reception Class parents only.

PTA Fundraising Events

Once again, thank you to all families who were able to attend and support our fundraising events last year. Our Summer Fayre was a particular success, raising a record amount for much-needed school funds. We are beginning the planning events for the current school year, and we would welcome your input. If you are interested in supporting our PTA in any way this year, whether it be attending planning meetings or providing an extra pair of hands on the day, please do let Mrs King know.

We are always grateful of the extra help in making fun activities for families whilst raising much needed funds, which all go towards making St. Gregory's the best place for your children.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and with grateful thanks for the continued support.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Perree', written in a cursive style.

Mr Joseph Perree
Deputy Headteacher

Newsletter



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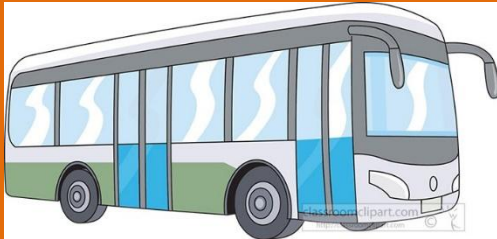
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During the school day, if your child hurts themselves, either whilst playing outside or in class, we will always make contact with parents. We do this by sending an app message directly to the child's parents, making you aware of the accident and informing them of the treatment the child has received and how they are feeling.

In more serious cases, if we believe the child requires further treatment for example at the hospital, walk in etc, or needs to go home and rest, we would always contact parents straight away on the telephone to make them aware of the situation.



We have experienced First Aiders located throughout the school and follow all our health and safety guidelines for recording and reporting an accident.



We are very busy finalising bookings of lots of fantastic trips for our children, for this academic year. Once we have confirmed all details of the trips, we will write to parents with an overall price.

Due to the current economic climate, we have tried our best to keep all costs to a minimum for trips and have arranged to spread the cost for parents, using a payment plan.

The overall payment plan will be added to your Parentpay account and will be spread over the academic year.

We have also booked a whole school panto- further news of this next week!

Reception Reading Meeting

Reminder to Parents that we will be holding a Reception Reading Meeting on

Wednesday 27th September at 6pm

Each child should have a representative at this meeting. This is a very informative meeting for parents .

Lost Property

We are only 15 school days into the academic year and we already have lots of jumpers and cardigans going missing. Please write your child's name clearly on all school uniform, so that it can be returned to the child if it is found.



Forgiveness

During prayer time on Friday, we talked about forgiveness to others, to enable us to move forward. When we forgive someone for their unkind actions or words, we can then take time to release the pain that we may in our hearts.

The children took time to pray and reflect on moments of forgiveness.



'TOGETHER, IN JESUS, WE LOVE, LEARN, CREATE AND CELEBRATE'

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2023



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

11th September – 6th October

Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning.
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it.

"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

JUDAISM – 13th – 17th November

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

9th October – 10th November

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism.
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness.
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

20th November – 15th December

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday.
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas.
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus.
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one.
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g., Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(26 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 3 December)

Advent means 'coming.' We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(31 December)



Early Years Foundation Stage

Children have been settling really well into Nursery this week, after their short staggered intake.



There has been lots of sorting, drawing and outdoor fun!



Controlled hand and eye co-ordination for threading the hoops!

Playing in the gloop is so much fun



During assembly on Friday, we introduced our Play Leaders to the rest of the school. Play Leaders will be delivering lots of fun games and activities to all the children, during playtime and lunchtime. The children have some wonderful ideas and are full of enthusiasm for the role.



Gold Medal Award

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



*Reception - Eimear Year 1 - Ivy
Year 2 - Grace*

Gold Medal Award

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



Year 3 - Bobby Year 4 - Will

Year 5 - Matilda Year 6 - Luca

Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Special Mention Award this week.



*Year 3 - Xander
Year 4 - Cillian*

*Year 5 - Thomas
Year 6 - Ava*

Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Special Mention Award this week.



*Reception - Sophia Year 1 - Grace
Year 2 - Arthur*

Best Book Award

Congratulations to the following children on winning the Best Book Award this week.



Year 1 - Albie

Year 2 - Chloe

Year 3 - Grace

Year 4 - Nikola

Year 6 - Jessica

Attendance

Please find below this week's Attendance percentages for each year group. The overall national average for attendance is 96.7%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.7%	98.1%	97.3%	98%	98.7%	97.2%	96.7%

Congratulations to Reception and Year 4 who are joint winners of this week's attendance award!

Congratulations to the following children, who all achieved 100% Attendance this week and won an Attendance prize:



Reception - Isobel

Year 1 - Sienna

Year 2 - Noah

Year 3 - Ava

Year 4 - Issac

Year 5 - Katherine

Year 6 - Sienna