



23rd June, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

It never fails to surprise me how busy the second half of the summer term is - we try and pace ourselves, but there is always so much to fit in! One thing you should never say to anyone working in a Primary school at this time of year is – ‘are you winding down?’

In a week when we are asked to thank a teacher, I would ask that we say thank you to all the adults who work in our school, for their dedication and commitment to our children, and for always going the extra mile. Thank you everybody!



Prayer and Liturgy



This week we heard in the Gospel about Jesus sending His disciples on a mission to spread the Good News of God's love. Through the example of our Mini Vinnies, children learnt that we are all commissioned to work together on the same joyful mission – to allow Jesus to shape how we think and act as we share God's love.

Key Stage prayer times continued with this theme, when we thought about how we could answer that call in very practical ways. Our Mini Vinnies have launched a very simple appeal to help the homeless, through the Whitechapel Centre. See later in the newsletter for all the details.

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

First Holy Communion

At the weekend, we were so proud of our Year 4 children as they celebrated their First Holy Communion in St. Gregory's church. It was a wonderful occasion and the mass was so beautiful, because our children led by their reverential example. Although the technology wasn't always on our side, as one parent said to me, it didn't matter and, in some cases, it was better just to hear the children's voices. Huge thanks to everyone who played a part in the preparation or on the day- from our school, our homes and our church. It was a wonderful example of us all working together, in partnership, to walk beside our children on their faith journey. Thank you all!

Choir

Thank you to the choir members who were able to support our First Holy Communion children. Once again, the choir sang their hearts out and added to the joyfulness of the celebration.

Our next choir event is on Wednesday 28th June, when we will join a massed choir of 1000 children in the Metropolitan Cathedral, for the Good Shepherd Mass. We will be leaving school at 8.40am, so the choir children will need to arrive at school for 8.30am. The choir should wear their school uniform, not PE kits. Y4 may bring their PE kits in a bag and leave them in the classroom ready for the afternoon. The children will be back for lunch, however, in case of traffic issues, if your child would like a school dinner, I will need to ask the kitchen to provide a cold alternative. If those having a school dinner prefer, they may to bring their own packed lunch on Wednesday instead.

Mrs King will send out an APP for parents to give permission to attend the event and for you to select your lunch preference.

I am sure this will be a wonderful experience for our children, not only singing with so many other children, but visiting the Mother Church of our Archdiocese.

Summer Fayre- Wednesday 12th July from 3.00pm

Here are some reminders of what we need for our Summer Fayre, which we sent last week. Please read carefully, and see if you can help in any way- thank you!

Throughout our planning, we had two things high on the agenda; trying our very best to be sustainable and to keep the running costs as low as possible.

With this in mind, there will be only one mufti day, **Friday 30th June**, and families will be asked for only one item on this day, some of which you may already have at home. There are three options to be donated: bottles for the bottle tombola; unwanted presents such as toiletries; new/good condition toys or games. If it is easier to make a small monetary donation for school to buy any additional prizes if needed, this would also be appreciated.

We will also be calling upon all our home bakers for homemade cakes to be delivered to school on the 11th or 12th July (so that they are fresh). This won't be a mufti day and will only be for families who feel they are able to contribute.

Other donations needed, but not expected, are old but clean white or light-coloured sheets, which will be cut up so that each child can make a flag for the bunting. We also plan to have a book stall, so any good condition books will be gratefully received. Please send these in with your child or drop them off with Mrs King.

Don't forget we are still looking for offers of wonderful deeds for our 'Promise Auction'! This is a new idea for us and involves parents and staff pledging to do something for others. For example, 3 hours of computer support (already offered), baking a cake or offering a manicure, altering an item of clothes, washing a car or cutting someone's lawn, it can be just about anything! We know we have lots of parents out there with many gifts and talents, so who will be brave enough to offer? This is also a great way to promote and market your business if you do this full or part time. Get in touch with Mrs King to pledge your promise.

The next planning meeting will be on Monday 3rd July at 5.30pm, all members of our school community are very welcome to attend.

St. Gregory's Ambassadors!

Well done to all our children who have been out on trips recently, Reception- Imagine That, Year 1 – The Safari Park, Year 2- Wavertree Tennis Club. All our children represented St. Gregory's wonderfully! Staff commented on their excellent behaviour and manners. Well done everyone! There are some fantastic photos later in the newsletter.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to enable our Sports Day to take place especially Miss Richardson, who organised the day, and the staff for making sure everything ran smoothly. Thankfully, the weather was on our side and we were able to complete both sessions. Thank you, parents, for your support and enthusiasm for all our children. There was a lovely atmosphere and we appreciated all your kind comments.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Deborah Albon

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Headteacher

News at St.Gregory's

23rd June, 2023.

Dates for your Diary

*KS2 performance
Monday 26th June
Tuesday 27th June*

*Choir performance
at Metropolitan
Cathedral
Wednesday 28th
June*

*Year 6 Maricourt
Transition Day
Thursday 29th June*

*Year 5 Museum/City
Explorer
Tuesday 4th July*

*Year 6 Robinwood
Residential
Wednesday 5th July
to Friday 7th July*

*Summer Fayre
Wednesday 12th July*

*Year 6 Leaver's Mass
Tuesday 18th July*

*School Closes for
summer holidays
Wednesday 19th July*

St.Gregory's would like to announce their class teachers for September, as follows:

Nursery – Mrs Fidler	Year 3 – Miss Weston
Reception – Miss Connolly	Year 4 – Mrs Gordon
Year 1 – Miss Moores	Year 5 – Miss Brown
Year 2 – Mrs Thompson	Year 6 – Mr Perree

Thank you to our families who have donated to our Make A Pledge appeal, for our Summer Fayre.

We have already received some wonderful items for the bidding auction, including: 3 hours of computer support, homemade cupcakes, door wreaths, eyebrow wax and tint, a full set of acrylic/gel nails or a Hollywood wax, massage, a spring clean of your home.

We have also received an exciting donation of a weekend hire of a car – further details will be given next week!

It would be wonderful if we had more items to add, please – if you can, support this appeal. It could be mowing someone's garden, a free haircut by a barber or hairdresser etc.

Come on Parents – join in the fun and support your school!

Make A Pledge



First Holy Communion

May the love of Christ surround our Year 4 children, who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th June.

Thanks to Father Grant, Father Simon, catechists, school staff and families for accompanying Year 4 in taking their next step along their faith journey.



CONGRATULATIONS

YEAR 4



KNOWSLEY SAFARI

Year 1 children had an adventurous day out at Knowsley Safari Park this week. The children were treated to a guided safari tour and a Sea Lion show!



Giraffes, elephants and tigers were spotted by the Year 1 Safari Rangers.



The children had a fabulous day on safari and were treated to a well-earned lolly ice!



The Liverpool International Tennis Tournament was held this year in Liverpool and St.Gregory's were invited to participate in a children's Tennis event at Wavertree Tennis Centre, as part of the celebrations.



Mrs Thompson, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Eastwood all joined in the fun with Year 2.

Even showing off their zumba moves in the warm up part of the event!

The day was not only about tennis, but incorporated maths within the games.









SPORTS DAY

St.Gregory's Catholic Primary School welcomed families along to their Sports Day event on Friday. With children from Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 classes in the morning and Key Stage 2 classes during the afternoon, it really was a day to remember!











It was really lovely watching all the children smile the whole way through the event. With the toddlers and parents thoroughly enjoying their involvement too!



Can you help us live out our mission?

In Year 5, we have been learning about what it means to be homeless. As part of our English writing topic, we have researched what it is like to be homeless and have heard some very sad stories. **We want to help!** In our 'Come and See' lessons, the children hear about how we should live out the mission God has given to us and spread His love by helping those in need. This is exactly what Year 5 are doing and we would like the community of St. Gregory's to help us.

Last week, Toni from the Whitechapel Centre, in Liverpool, came into school and spoke to our class about the best way we can help the homeless people and families in our area. At the moment, due to the hot weather, the centre are in great need of bottled water and suntan lotion, to keep the people they help hydrated and safe from the sun.

Each week, the centre give out 'Kettle Bags' to the people who they have housed in temporary accommodation. These bags are essentially food supplies which can be made with boiling water from a kettle, such as noodles, pasta meals and soups.

We would be so grateful if our families could help us with our mission. We are asking you to donate a few items of bottled water, suntan lotion or items which can be used in kettle bags to help the homeless in our local area. Next week, in the school foyer, there will be a box which the donated items can be placed in. Miss Brown and some children from Year 5, will then deliver the items to the Whitechapel Centre, where they will be distributed to the people in need. We know that at this time the rising price of food is affecting us all, but if you could buy an extra item in your 'Big Shop' this week, we would be so grateful.

Many thanks,
The children of Year 5 (and Miss Brown)



Summer Fayre

Tombola

Face
Paints

Prize
Raffle

*Wednesday 12th July
2023 from 3.30pm*

Beat the
Goalie

Fairground

Hook
a Duck

Tin Can
Alley

Rides

Homemade
Fudge

Refreshments