



19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

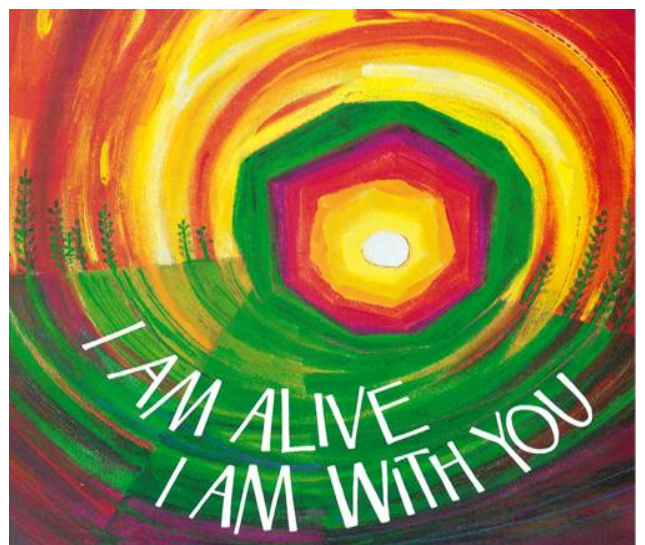
## *Message from Mrs Albon.....*

Dear School Community,

Planning the calendar as the year draws to a close is a tricky business, as we try to fit in so many fun activities for the children, including day trips, residentials, sports day, First Holy Communion, as well as complete all the statutory assessments and reports. That is why you received a hasty message earlier this week, to say that we had changed the date of two of the events announced last week, again apologies. We hope the weather is kind to us as we have very few alternative dates if it rains, fingers crossed!

### **Prayer and Liturgy**

This week we have thought about how when Jesus went back to heaven, He promised to send a Helper – the Holy Spirit – to be with us forever. Like the footprints in the sand reminds us that someone has walked there before us, the Holy Spirit reminds us of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our helper and our guide, pointing us to Jesus and the way that Jesus told us to live. We can know Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The disciples might have felt worried, sad, or confused when Jesus said He was returning to heaven, but Jesus' message is one of hope – during half-term, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



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

On Wednesday, Miss Brown and I were thrilled to be invited to class Collective Worship in both Year One and Year 4. The children's participation and engagement were exemplary in both classes and Year 1 children sang with true sincerity. There was a sense of pride from the children, who were welcoming and delighted that we were there to share in their prayer. Thank you, Miss Moores, Mr O'Hara, Mrs Mooney and children in Year 1 and Year 4.



The next Parish Mass will take place this Monday 22nd May at 9.15am with Year 5 and Year 6 in attendance. Following the Mass, the Y5 Mini-Vinnies group will crown Our Lady in our newly planted prayer garden. We warmly invite all our families to attend.

### **First Holy Communion- Saturday 17th June**

Our Year 4 children are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. Mrs King has sent a message to Y4 parents to ask if you would like an official photographer to take individual photos and a class photo, please can you reply as soon as possible. If there is enough interest, we will arrange this to take place before the mass. The choir children from Y3, Y5, and Y6 are warmly invited to support our Y4 children by singing at the mass. They should arrive at 10.15am and be collected at 12.15pm.

### **Choir visit to the Cathedral**

We are delighted to announce that our school choir have been selected to join a 1000 strong schools' choir to sing at the Good Shepherd Mass, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00 am in the Metropolitan Catholic Cathedral. The mass takes place within the school day and the children will be travelling by coach into Liverpool. There will be no charge for this event. Please look out for a consent form from Mrs King.

## **Summer Fayre- Change of date to Wednesday 12th July from**

### **3.00pm**

Mrs King has managed to secure some fun fair rides to be part of a wide range of activities planned for our Summer Fayre. The next planning meeting on Monday 12th June at 5.30pm in school. Any member of our school community is welcome to attend the planning meeting or support the actual event. Please let Mrs King know if you are able to help in any way.

## **Sports Day- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Our annual Sports day will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and will follow the usual pattern of Early Years and Key Stage 1 in the morning, and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. We will let you know further details nearer the time.

We hope you have a lovely sun filled weekend. Please remember we break up on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at normal time for half-term and return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

With kind regards,

D.Albon

Headteacher

# Newsletter - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Our school community are invited to attend a Parish Mass on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 9.15am, with Father Grant.

Children from Year 5 and Year 6 will be in attendance.

Please come along and join us in prayer.



Please remember to send your child into school having had suncream applied and with a sun hat. Hopefully, we will be seeing a lot of sunshine during the next few months and we want to protect the children as much as possible.



Parents of children in Year 4 are invited to attend a Malham Residential Information Meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.30pm. This is a very important meeting, where lots of information will be shared with parents about this trip. Therefore, we ask that each child has at least one representative in attendance. Year 4 children are asked to remain in the school hall during this meeting.



Sadly, it has been brought to our attention, once again, that people are not thinking about other road users and pedestrians, when parking around school. Even a member of staff was nearly hit by a car, whilst waiting for the school gates to be opened. This car was using the school gates area to reverse into to turn their vehicle around.

Please, we ask again for you to think about your actions before parking and driving down Sandy Lane, particularly at times when there are lots of children around.



If your child arrives late to school, parents will be asked to complete a form on our new electronic sign in system, located in the school reception area. Remember, the welcome gate opens from 8.45am each morning.

INSET  
DAY

A chalkboard with the words 'INSET DAY' written in white chalk. The board has a dark green background.

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be closed to children on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for Inset Days (Staff training days).

Children are to return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

# Parachute Fun!

Children in Reception Class have been enjoying PE with the parachute this week.

This exercise is fantastic for improving their upper body strength, working as a team, competing in challenges and having lots of fun!





*Children in Year 2 have been reading special prayers in our peace garden this week.*



*The children celebrated being alive and thanked Jesus for guiding them and teaching them how to show kindness to each other.*





# Planting Seeds

Welcome to Reception Class outdoor garden. The children planted seeds this week and made sure that they had plenty of water and light to help them to grow.



St Gregory's Year 4 is blessed with talented footballers. Our young team recently won the Chesterfield High School tournament, becoming "Central Sefton Champions." As tournament winners, they qualified for the Everton F.C. Finch Farm Finals. This tournament consisted of 10 regional competition winners, competing in 2 groups of 5 teams. This event was to discover who would be crowned Year 4 Everton Champions.

The standard was high, with most teams having a number of academy footballers. We knew we had a decent side, but there are a lot of factors needed to win a tournament of this stature. You need to perform well, take chances and hope for some luck along the way. We performed brilliantly and took our chances in most games, but luck deserted us when it mattered most.



The boys couldn't have done any more. We dominated our opponents, we had shot after shot, but their keeper was excellent. On another day this would have been a 6-0 win, but Kelsall's goal appeared to have a force field around it! Our opponents had hardly been in our half all game, so a draw seemed the least we would gain from this encounter. Then it happened.....a moment that the referee described as "A heart breaker!"

In the last moment of the match, a Kelsall defender broke down the right and sent an awkward shot flying in off the post and into our goal. The match official said he couldn't believe it as he looked at his watch - there was just 3 seconds left to play.

Our boys were naturally deflated, but we are immensely proud of them all.

St.Gregory's Year 4 finished as group runners up, so still had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place playoff match to navigate. It was drummed home to the boys how important it was for them to finish on a high, after coming so close. St Greg's picked themselves up and turned on the style, coming out 3-1 winners to clinch 3<sup>rd</sup> place. What a great achievement, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> against the best of the best from Cheshire, Merseyside, Sefton, Wirral and Chester. What a fantastic side!

The football future is bright for St Gregory's.

# Netball Tournament



Congratulations to our Year 4 Netball Team, who recently visited Chesterfield High to play in an inter schools tournament.

All the children performed really well, worked hard and played as a team, beating the team who actually won the tournament overall.

Well done: Reuben, Oliver, Evie, Callum, Felicity, Beth, Zoe, Katherine and Matilda – you were all fabulous!

# Special Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Special Award this week.



Oliver Isla Ava

# Special Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Special Mention Award this week.



Nyah Thomas  
Callum Elliott

# Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



**Daniel Mason**  
**Bethany Sophia**

# Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award this week.



**Max Isabella  
Elias**

# Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



**Sienna Eleanor**

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Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



**Ted    Esme**

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Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



**Noah Mia Harry**

# Diary Dates

## May 2023

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Parish Mass  
with Y5 and Y6

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - INSET day,  
school closed

## July 2023

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Y5 trip to Museum  
City Explorer

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Robinwood  
Residential

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery trip Farmer  
Ted's

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre

## June 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day,  
school closed

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Malham  
residential trip

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Y4 Holy  
Communion

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Safari Park

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sports Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 performance  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Please Note: If any of the dates are  
subject to change, we will alert  
parents as soon as possible.