



3rd February, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

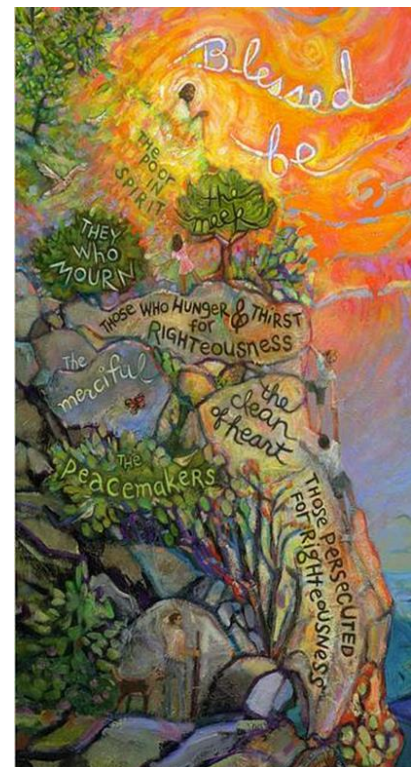
Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents who have been respectful when dropping off in the morning. It has certainly been a lot calmer this week, although I still observed some parents ignoring the safety warnings given last week and one unfortunate altercation. Please remember children are aware when adults are having a less than quiet disagreement and can come into school distressed.

Congratulations to Year 5 who have excelled themselves on their 3-day residential to York! As expected, they have been excellent ambassadors for St. Gregory's. Staff in the places Y5 have visited have said they are a credit to our school; they shared that our children are so enthusiastic about their learning and that their behaviour is outstanding. Well done everyone and huge thanks to the school staff who accompanied them.

Prayer and Liturgy

This week we continued a series of Prayer times based on the Gospel of St. Matthew. On Monday, we thought about the Beatitudes: the rules that Jesus gave us which will lead us to have a happy and blessed life. We prayed that we would always be peacemakers, forgive others, be gentle, kind and loving. We also thought how we can reach out to others and work for fairness in our world.



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

Father Grant has confirmed (from his sunbed) that the first of our Parish Masses celebrated in school will resume this Monday, February 6th for Year 1, 2 and 3 at 9.15am. Parents and families are more than welcome to join us, but we understand most parents will be at work so please encourage grandparents to attend. After Mass, we will say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Hynes who retired this week.

Formal Assessment Information meetings

The parents of Y2 and Y4 children are invited to attend information meetings about the end of Key Stage 1 SATs and the Y4 Multiplication Check. Y6 parents have already attended meetings in November.

Information regarding the Year 1 Phonic Check will be sent via email, as the information is quite simple and does not require a meeting. In the meantime, I hope Year 4 are keeping up with their Times Table Rockstars and Year 1 are enjoying Phonic Play! Any issues with logins, please contact school.

The meetings will take place as follows:

Formal Assessment Information Evening, Wednesday 22nd February:

6.00pm – Parents of Year 4

6.30pm – Parents of Year 2

The dates for all the Formal Assessments are below. We ask that no holidays are taken before or during the Formal Assessments, or indeed they should not be taken afterwards or at any point in the school term.

National Primary Assessment dates 2023		
Year group	Type of assessment	Dates
Year 1	Phonics Check	Week commencing 12 th June 2023
Year 2	Key Stage 1 SATs	May 2023 during a 3-week window
Year 4	Multiplication Tables check	From Monday 5 th June 2023 during a 3-week window

Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATs	Tuesday 9 th May- Friday 12 th May 2023 (Tests each day) Please remember that school will be closed on Monday 8 th May for the Additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation.
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Parish Sacramental Programme- First Holy Communion

Y4 parents, don't forget to return your child's completed application form to the Parish office by Monday 6th February. Forms will be available at all Masses this Sunday.

Masses are at 4.30pm on Saturdays at St. Gregory's Church, and on Sundays they are at 9.30am at Our Lady's and 11.00am at St. Gregory's. At the 11.00am Mass, the children have the opportunity to go to 'Little Church', which brings the Gospel message to children at their own level.

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

With kind regards,

Kind regards,

Deborah Albon

Headteacher



Newsletter

3rd February, 2023

St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

Year 2 / Year 4 Parents Information Evening

Mrs Thompson and Mr O'Hara will be holding a Parents information evening on Wednesday 22nd February, in school.

This is a very important meeting about assessments in both year groups. We require a parent representing each child from each Year group.

Bikeability – Year 6



Children in Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability training during next week. Children will be put into groups and need to bring their bike and helmet into school.

If you need to keep your child's bike in school overnight, we do have an area where they can be kept safely.



Children in Year 3 will be going swimming as from Monday 6th February. All children will be taking part in swimming, as part of their PE curriculum.

Children will need their full swimming kit: costume/trunks, towel, hat and goggles .

A consent form is available on Parentapp – we must have a consent form completed for every child.



Football Competition

Selected girls from Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in a football competition on Wednesday 8th February at Liverpool Football Academy in Kirkby.

Good Luck to our girls' football team!

School Nurse
Drop-In **NHS**



Tuesday
7th
February
At
8.30am

No Appointment Required



Year 5 were all thrilled and so excited to be attending their two-night residential trip to York this week.

During their stay the children the children visited Jorvik Viking Centre, exploring life in a Viking village and even had a cruise along the river!



York is probably one of the most beautiful walled cities in the UK. York Minster, its stunning gothic cathedral, comes with original medieval stained glass and two bell towers that still work today.



With a tasty cooked breakfast to start the day off, the children were really ready for their day of fun!





Whilst cruising along the river, they were able to soak in all the many historic and modern sights of the wonderful city.



Although the weather was blustery, the cruise was one that the children will always remember!





Bread making was a popular activity and one which all the children thoroughly enjoyed. Rolling, kneading and getting messy – it was all great fun indeed.

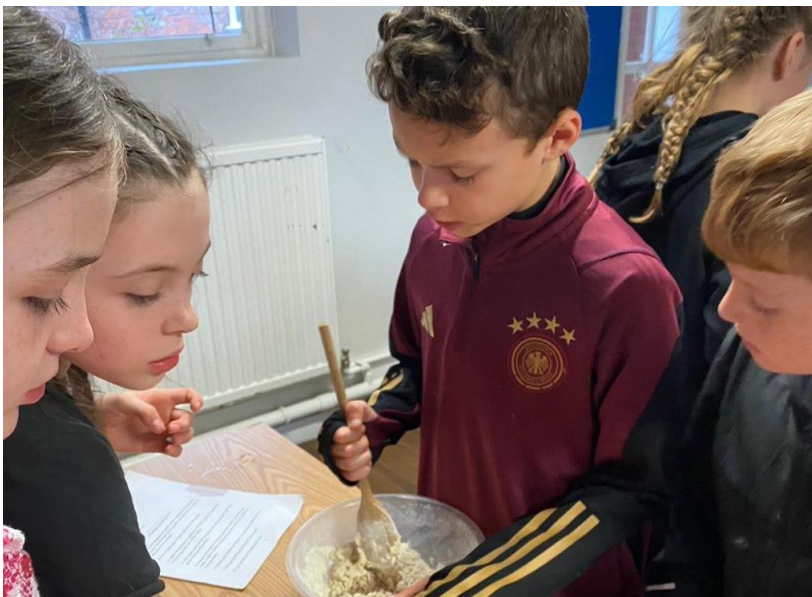






The children all followed a centuries old recipe – yummy!

“Bakers, are you ready?”



The children excelled in making their bread, there were lots of shapes and sizes!



Exploring life in a Viking village.

The children became archaeologists, digging for artefacts to piece together an image of what life was like in Viking York.



Even though it was a bit smelly, the children had a lot of fun!





Year 5 enjoyed an evening workshop, designing their own viking shields, then presenting them and talking about their inspired designs.





Special Mention Award

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



Year 6 - Eleanor

Year 4 - Cody

Year 3 - Kian

Special Mention Award

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



Year 2 - Ava

Year 1 - Arthur

Special Mention Award

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



Reception - Henry

Gold Medal Award

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



Year 6 - Kiera

Year 4 - Charlie

Year 3 - Joseph

Gold Medal Award

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



Year 1 - Florence

Year 2 - Noah

Reception - Ivy

Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 1 - Maria
Reception - Jude

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.5%	89.3%	82.7%	91.6%	92%	98.7%	95.3%

Congratulations to **Year 5** on winning the Attendance Cup this week.

