




NEWSLETTER

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School
"An outstanding school in providing Catholic Education"

Friday 29th April 2016

High winds, sleet and snow can only mean one thing... A Bank Holiday!
Enjoy your long weekend whatever the weather does
and we will see you all on Tuesday 3rd May at 8:55 am.

Y6 SATS Timetable It's that time of year again

Mon 9 th May	English Reading Comprehension		 KEEP CALM THEY'RE ONLY SATS!
Tue 10 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling paper 1	English grammar, punctuation and spelling paper 2	
Wed 11 th May	Maths paper 1 Arithmetic	Maths paper 2 Reasoning	
Thur 12 th May	Maths paper 3 Reasoning		

Y6 pupils need to try to eat healthily and get plenty of sleep over the next couple of weeks. The power of an early night or two to aid concentration and resilience cannot be underestimated. As always, we will be creating a calm and positive atmosphere in school, giving children the message that tests are important to measure how much we've learned, but we mustn't let them stress us out. They need to be approached with calmness, confidence and a 'can do' attitude..!

Desperately seeking a budding actor / actress ...

The Helen O' Grady Drama Academy has generously donated a voucher for one term's free drama lessons (value £104) for one of our pupils, but it can't go to anyone who has previously received this offer or anyone who is already enrolled in drama lessons there. If anyone would like the voucher or more information, please let me know, and if more than pupil would like it, we will draw a name out of the hat. Names to me by next Wednesday 4th May please.

Friends of St Gregory's

"Bog-Eyed Jog"

Thursday 26th May 2016 - 8.15am

Details and sponsor form at the end of this newsletter!

Parking

Once again, parking round school at the end of the day has been inconsiderate and dangerous for pedestrians. Several parents have voiced concern over the potential for a serious accident. Please park with consideration to the children and families who walk to and from school.

Summer Fair & Circus
Friday June 17th from 3:30 pm

Coconut shy, refreshments, raffle, tombolas, bouncy castle, hook-a-duck, hoopla, face painting
and 2 circus shows at 4:00pm and 5:30 pm

Please order your circus tickets using the form at the end of this newsletter ...

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER THIS WEEK BEFORE TICKETS GO ON SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!

SUMMER FAIR HELPERS WANTED!

So that we could bring the circus to school this year we decided to change our Summer Fair day to a Friday afternoon. This in turn brings other challenges with usual volunteers being at work etc.

Also the regular parent volunteers would like to experience the circus with our own children too which means we will need covering for that time.

We want everyone to enjoy the summer fair and circus, can you make this easier for us by volunteering to do a "shift" to allow other parents to take their children to the circus?

We need helpers to: 1. set up - 1.30-3.15pm; 2. run stalls shift 1- 3.30pm - 5pm, shift 2 - 5pm - 6.30pm; 3. clear away - 6pm onwards.

If you can volunteer to help with any one or more of these sessions, please let us know ASAP via the office, Facebook or email on fosg@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk

If you can do the first or second shift we promise to guarantee your chosen time slot for the circus so you can also enjoy with your children. Parents, friends, relatives all welcome to help! The more the merrier ... and easier!! Thank you all in advance, all money raised will go towards enhancing playgrounds and outdoor learning experiences for infants and juniors.

'In the Beginning'

Parents should have received a letter and a parents' booklet containing information about our 'In the Beginning' learning which takes place this term for children from Y1 –Y6. It covers learning about growing up, relationships and reproduction at an age appropriate level, and we ask for parental support in using the homework tasks as an opportunity to have conversations with your children so that these topics and important messages are taught from school and home together.

**Congratulations to all those who have been awarded with a certificate
in recognition of their excellent efforts this week:**

Stars of the week are:

Y6 Luke for amazing table tennis skills

Y5 Nathan for an excellent attitude to learning this week

Y4 Connie for fantastic maths problem-solving

Y3 Jakub for always giving 100% in both content and presentation of his work

Y2 Lilly-Kay for a wonderful start to Y2

Y1 Emily-Rose for being a kind friend

YR Xavier for being a super space scientist

Merits go to:

Y6 Logan and Natasha

Y5 Thomas and Emily

Y4 Olivia and Luke

Y3 Ella and Libbie

Y2 Logan and Charley

Y1 Summer and Chloe

YR Kian and Ciaran

**Science awards were presented to one child in each class
who has shown excellent scientific skills during Science Week.**

Attendance Award for this week goes to with Y3 with 99.4%

Calendar of Events	
Monday 2 nd May	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Monday 9 th May	Y6 SATs week (Monday to Thursday) Local History Week
Thursday 12 th May	Friends of St Gregory's meeting 6-7 pm in school
Saturday 14 th May	Y4 First Holy Communions 11:00 am
Sunday 15 th May	Y4 parish party after 11:00 am mass
Monday 16 th May	Y2 SATs week
Tuesday 17 th May	Y6 orienteering team competition 4-6 pm
Monday 23 rd May	Y4 educational visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve
Thursday 26 th May	FoSG 'Bog-Eyed Jog' 8:15 am – sponsor form and details below Hi-5 Netball Finals after school
Friday 27 th May	NSPCC Board Game Day. Children in all classes will enjoy learning to play various board games. (A refreshing change from 'tech toys'!) Children may bring in their own board games if they also bring in a donation for the NSPCC. School closes at 3:15 pm for half- term week
Monday 6 th June	St Gregory's Art Week (Royal theme for the Queen's 90 th birthday)
Tuesday 7 th June	'Bag 2 School' - Collection of old clothes Welcome Meeting for the parents of children starting Reception in September 7-8pm
Thursday 9 th June	Garden Party themed lunch for the Queen's 90 th Birthday Stay and Play session for 2016 Reception starters 2-3 pm (Group A) Friends of St Gregory's meeting 6-7 pm in school
Friday 10 th June	Non-Uniform Day – outdoor toy donations gratefully received for the summer fair tombola
Monday 13 th June	Y1 phonics screening checks take place this week
Tuesday 14 th June	Y4 visit to Liverpool Cathedral for the Good Shepherd Mass
Thursday 16 th June	Stay and Play session for 2016 Reception starters 2-3 pm (Group B)
Friday 17 th June	Non-uniform Day – bottle donations please for the summer fair tombola. Summer Fair and Circus after school. Don't forget to order your tickets by 6 th May before general release to the public! Form below.
Monday 20 th June	Y6 residential visit to Hothersall Lodge until Friday afternoon
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y1 visit to Beatrix Potter Museum in Windermere
Wednesday 29 th June	Pimms and Pottery Evening parents' social event 7pm in school
Thursday 30 th June	Stay and Play for all 2016 Reception starters 2-3 pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Transition Day for all Chorley High Schools for pupils moving into Y7 in Sept. "Move Up Day" at St Gregory's – taster day in new classes. New Reception visiting for a ½ day in class.
Thursday 7 th July	Reception Class educational visit to South Lakes Animal Park Friends of St Gregory's meeting 6-7 pm in school
Monday 11 th July	Olympic-themed Week begins...with Samba Drumming workshops all day and an assembly to which parents are warmly invited at 2:45 pm
Wednesday 13 th July	Y6 Leavers' Production 6:30 pm (Y6 parents only)
Thursday 14 th July	(Olympic-themed) Sports Day 9:30-12 noon.
Friday 15 th July	"Commando Cadets" are visiting for the day – An end of year treat- assault course fun for all classes
Monday 18 th July	TALENT CONTEST – details coming soon!
Tuesday 19 th July	End of year mass at Church 10:00 am Term ends 3:15 pm

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend! Mrs Wroblewski head@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk



IMPORTANT INFORMATION
St Gregory's Bog-Eyed Jog
Thursday 26th May 2016

1. Arrive at school between 8.15-8.30am in your pyjamas and trainers (or wellies if it's wet!)
2. Complete the minimum amount of laps for the year group (as stated below) within 30 minutes.
3. Collect sponsors from family & friends. There will be a prize each for the girl and boy who collects the most sponsorship.
4. After the Bog-Eyed Jog all school children will be provided with a tasty breakfast before lessons start for the day.
5. Children can spend the day in their pyjamas.
6. **Please note** this event will still go ahead if it is raining, please ensure suitable footwear and coats are provided. You may also send in spare clothes/PJs to change into if it is wet.
7. Parents and family are very welcome to join you or cheer you on but all non-St Gregory's pupils must be supervised by an adult.
8. Please ensure you bring your sponsor form on the day so we can authorise it as completed.
9. Every penny will go towards improving our outdoor areas and learning experiences.
10. Friends of St Gregory's will provide breakfast for all school children taking part; however we would also welcome donations of fresh fruit on the day.
Please let us know a minimum of one week in advance if advance if your child has specific dietary requirements or if you have any additional questions.

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Minimum Laps Required

Reception – 6 laps
KS1 – 8 Laps
KS2 16 Laps



Roll up, Roll up!
Get your circus tickets here!

**The Circus is coming to St Gregory's Summer Fair
on Friday 17th June 2016**

Summer Fair opens 3.30pm, Two Circus shows - 4.00 pm & 5.30pm

Tickets are limited to 200 seats per show and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.
We will endeavour to allocate to your preferred time.

Tickets £6 per person (under 2's sitting on laps go FREE, over 3's need a ticket)
Refreshment bundles can also be ordered at a cost of £2.50, this will include:
a tub of ice-cream, sweets and a cup drink.

Circus Ticket Order Form

Name of child Class

I would like circus tickets at £6 each.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Please state your 1st and 2nd choice of time slot:

4.00pm show 1st / 2nd

5.30pm show 1st / 2nd

I would like refreshment bundles at £2.50 each

I enclosed cash/cheque for £

(cheques made payable to 'Friends of St Gregory's')

***Please Note: Exclusive sales for St Gregory's families up to Friday 6th May.
After that date, any remaining tickets will be advertised to the wider community.***