



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Can I start by saying a big thank you to everyone in our community who has donated gifts, chocolate, and bottles over the last few weeks- we have been overwhelmed with your generosity once again and it's one of the things that certainly makes St Gregory's so unique.

Please join us on Friday for our annual Christmas 'Sparkle' Fair, doors open at 4.15pm and the event should be finished around 7pm. Thank you to all the PTA members and teachers who have volunteered and given up their time to support school. The financial contributions from these events are so important and allow us to give the children the best possible **'memorable'** education. Let's all just pray for no rain or storms on Friday!

ADVENT: As we start the first week of Advent we light the first candle and spread the value of **HOPE** around our community. Next Monday we light the second candle on our Advent wreath. We focus on **PEACE** in our world, school, home and community. Over the next two days we look forward to seeing our wonderful reception children perform their first Nativity and start the countdown to CHRISTmas.

TERMLY ASSESSMENTS

Last week the children completed their termly assessments and we are now focussing on catch up learning and interventions to support all the children in the weeks ahead. On the whole I was really pleased with how the children responded to the assessment process. Last week it was difficult with all the ongoing building works in school but the children all remained focused and completed all their tasks. Over the next few weeks the staff and myself will be analysing the data. We will do everything we can so all children can maximise their potential. My staff work tirelessly to give the children the best opportunities but it is a partnership with parents and we need your support, especially with completing home work.

Attendance

Class	Pupils	Attendance	Authorised Sessions	Unauthorised Sessions	Lates	Ranking
Reception	21	99.13%	2	0	0	1
1	28	91.23%	26	1	3	7
2	31	92.73%	13	11	3	6
3	31	97.07%	10	5	5	2
4	31	92.90%	25	0	10	5
5	32	93.47%	22	1	2	4
6	29	94.67%	16	1	1	3

Congratulations and well done to Reception. Extra break for winning attendance of the week.

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Diary Dates.

Tue 3rd Dec: Reception nativity 9.30am.

Fri 6th Dec: Y6 Blackpool Trip

Fri 6th Dec: Christmas Fair 4.15-7pm

Thurs 12th Dec: Key stage 1 Christmas Jingles starting at 9.30am.

Thurs 12th Dec: Whole school Christmas Carol service 2pm at Church.

Thurs 19th Dec: Christmas Panto paid for by the PTA Year 1 - Year 6.

Fri 20th Dec: School closes for Christmas holidays at 2pm (No After School Club)

Tues 7th Jan: School reopens

Tue 7th Jan: Welfare Assistant Training 1-2pm

FOSG INFORMATION

Fri 29th November – non-uniform in return for bottle donation

Fri 6th Dec - Christmas 'Sparkle' Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS

	Merit	Star	Value
EYFS	Kaiden	Arabella-Mae	Harlan
Year 1	Ezra E	Tabitha	Arthur
Year 2	Ezra	Sonny	Beatrix
Year 3	William	Amelie	Theo
Year 4	Florence	Gracie	Ruby-Rose
Year 5	Molly	Max	Lewis
Year 6	Savannah	Riley	Mollie

200 Club November Draw

1st Prize	£50	41	Sylvia Masterson
2nd Prize	£30	11	Nigel Lacy
3rd Prize	£20	139	Carla Abram

ADVENT MESSAGE.....

Sometimes it can be hard to have hope, especially in difficult or worrying times. We believe that Jesus teaches about hope as something that can grow, with encouragement and faith. Hope is to be shared.

EVERYONE CAN BE A HOPE CARRIER

'Hope is a baton, something to be held onto but also passed on. Hope comes to us... to flow through us.'

The Candle of HOPE

The Candle of PEACE

The Candle of LOVE

The Candle of JOY



The "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ.

Hope you all have a lovely week.

Best wishes,
Mr D Darbyshire
Head teacher

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