



Newsletter

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

Be Kind: Be Fair: Be Honest

Friday 10th SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back to a new school year at St Gregory's. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all our new families and children who have joined us this year especially the new Reception children.

I know we have only been back in school for a week but it is a wonderful feeling to see all our children back in their classes. I would also like to welcome Shar Blake to school. Shar is a very experienced family support worker and she will be with us for three days a week. (Mon-Wed) If you feel your child or your whole family would benefit from extra support please contact school or personally email Shar on s.blake@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk.

PE Kits.

Most parents are aware now that children do not need to bring PE kits into school instead the children come to school in their PE kits, tracksuit and trainers are also allowed.

COVID-19.

The lifting of restrictions has been a great relief to my staff, governors and myself and it was fantastic to have all the children together in two assemblies this week. This virus still hasn't gone away so we are still encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly and keep adult numbers in the hall to a minimum therefore we are not allowing parents to sit in the hall in close proximity for the time being. Thank you for your understanding

BOG-EYED JOG.

F.O.S.G have organized the annual and very popular 'Bog-Eyed Jog' again this year. The children will complete the event on the running path, A big thank you to everyone who has helped so far. We will allow parents to attend this event and support their children but I will ask that the parents are away from the staff and other children, once again thank you for your understanding.

School dinners.

Due to shortage of drivers and delivery issues the school cook is currently unable to always stick to the menu choices. If you need to know what choices are available each day please contact the school office. Sorry for any inconvenience, hopefully things will be back to normal soon. The price of a school meal is £2.35 per day for all key stage 2 children.



Children entitled to free school meals bring in extra income through the pupil premium grant. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Mrs Robinson in the school office for further details.

Please note this is different from the universal free school meal entitlement, which applies to every child in the infants but will end when your child moves to Year 3.

200 Club.

Renewals for this at £18 per year will close by the end of September. Any families who by this date have not joined or renewed their existing number will be asked to pay their £15 Diocesan Levy contribution. Joining the 200 club facilitates the payment of your Levy contribution and also gives you the opportunity to be entered into a monthly draw with cash prizes of £50, £30 or £20.

The Levy charge that goes to the Archdiocese gives all Catholic schools the opportunity to apply for funding for large school projects. This year we have received a further £150,000 from the Archdiocese. This money will improve the infant roof. These works will begin at the end of term and should take approximately 6 weeks.

Lancashire schools On-line Admission Applications

The on-line admission applications system is now live to be accessed via the Lancashire County Council website, where supporting information and instructions will be published.

Closing dates for Secondary admissions is 31/10/2021.

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Diary Dates:

Sun 12th Sept: THE BIG SUNDAY FESTIVAL AT CHURCH 1-5pm

Mon 13th Sept: Chorley Guardian Reception Class Photograph

Mon 20th Sept: Individual and Sibling Photographs from 8am.

Tue 21st Sept: Whole staff Safeguarding training. 4-6pm

Thurs 23rd Sept: Bog-eyed Jog starts 9.30am

Thurs 30th Sept: Year 2 Trip to Fairhaven Lake

Mon 4th Oct: Year 5 Bikeability

Tue 5th Oct: Year 5 Bikeability

Wed 3rd Nov: Open Evening for new parents

Vacancy for School Business Support Officer

Required for November 2021

Due to the early retirement of the current postholder, we require a SBSO to join our SBM. The post is permanent, 26 hours per week term time. Please see the link for application and job description:

<https://stgregoryschorley.co.uk/news/2021-09-07-vacancy-for-school-business-support-officer>

For an informal discussion please contact: Debra Robinson, School Business Manager for more information on 01257 263865 or email sbm@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk

Closing date for applications 01/10/21.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend:

Mr D Darbyshire
Head teacher



Merit Winners	Stars of the Week	Value of the Week: Self Esteem
EYFS: Everyone	EYFS: Everyone	EYFS: Everyone
Y1: Jack A	Y1: Louis S	Y1: Sofia B
Y2: Logan H	Y2: Isla-Rae M	Y2: Rocco W
Y3: Mya-Leigh B	Y3: Jack D	Y3: Jaykob M
Y4: Charlie G	Y4: Ava C	Y4: Layla R
Y5: Amelia A	Y5: Joshua W	Y5: Brody T
Y6: Eli P	Y6: Jonah L	Y6: Luke B