



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils, OPEN EVENING

Next week is our annual parent pop-ins from 3-30 until 6pm and Open Evening will follow from 6pm for new and existing parents to come along and look at the school. All the teachers and teaching assistants will be around to answer any questions you may have. Please note the opportunity to discuss your child or their progress should be done during the pop-ins not the Open Evening.

I am asking for the help of the year 6 children. I would like them to work in pairs and be tour guides. If the children can help can they please be in full uniform and let Mr Wilson or myself know. Open Evening will start at 6pm and finish at 7pm. Thank you in advance.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Pupils	Attendance	Authorised Sessions	Unauthorised Sessions	Lates	Ranking
Reception	21	95.24%	10	1	1	6
1	28	96.43%	5	6	3	5
2	31	97.00%	9	1	4	3
3	32	96.59%	12	0	1	4
4	31	94.60%	14	5	8	7
5	32	98.86%	1	3	2	1
6	29	97.81%	6	1	2	2

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Over the next week I will be sending out letters via post to parents whose children are flagging up as persistently absent so far this year. In line with the Local Authority and Government guidance and our own Attendance Policy we will be checking attendance on a regular basis and potentially following this up with meetings, parent contracts and if warranted a visit from the Local Authority Attendance Officers to family homes. I would also like to remind parents about late arrivals in the mornings. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled, upset and confused about tasks. Teachers will not always be able to re-explain work and this is resulting in distress for the child and disturbances for the class.

Thank you for your co-operation and I hope we can improve punctuality and also achieve our school attendance target of **97%** this year.

PARKING

Please can we be mindful once again about parking. Please see below an email from a local, concerned resident:

To who this may concern,

I'm writing to you as there is a problem with parking round the school areas at 3 o'clock when I am coming home or going to work. There is loads of cars parked round and it's a struggle to get past. They are parking on both sides and it is blocking up Saint Gregory's place area so if anything was to come up in an emergency, nobody would be able to get up and help which isn't good and sometimes when I have work, I can't get down the street to get to my workplace plus some of the kids are just crossing the road without Looking and I am worried one of them will get knocked over I hope you can sort this problem out as it been going on for a while and it not fair to the people who live round this area

Thank you.

We have noticed that only 14 children have registered for their new high school place Please be mindful that the application process closes during half term. Late applications could result in your child not getting their first choice.

Lancashire schools On-line Admission Application

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 31/10/2024.

Diary Dates.

Tue 15th Oct: Year 3 WWI day & year 5 Anglo Saxon day-Children can come to school in costume

Thurs 24th Oct: Parent pop-ins 3.30pm to 6.00pm in classes. (EYFS 3.30-5.30pm)

Thurs 24th Oct: Open Evening for new parents. 6-7pm. Year 6 tour guides required

Fri 25th Oct: School closes for half term.

Fri 8th Nov: Year 3 Remembrance Assembly.

Wed 13th Nov: Year 4 Quarry Bank Mill trip

Thurs 14th Nov: Flu vaccinations in school for all children who have signed permission.

Tues 19th Wed 20th Nov: PSHE LIFE EDUCATION

Tue 3rd Dec: Reception nativity 9.30am.

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

Please be mindful that some of the Christmas dates may change over the next week or so.

FOSG INFORMATION

Thurs 17th Oct: 6pm - FOSG AGM - all welcome to discuss spending plans for the year.

Fri 6th Dec - Christmas 'Sparkle' Fair

Also, a new initiative with Asda to raise FREE money for school with Asda rewards. Sign up to support St Gregory's and Asda will donate money to us every time you scan and shop until 30th November 2024. **See poster attached below**

Parent Governor Vacancy.

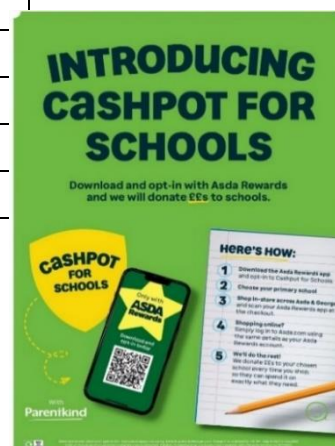
Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring that the Governing Body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to helping us to continue to improve the school's performance. Training is available for all newly appointed Governors, and there is an expectation that you will attend these induction sessions within the first year of your appointment.

If you think you have the time, skills and expertise to join our Governing Body. You can email your interest to me. Please put 'Parent Governor Nomination at St Gregory's in the subject. Thank you for your interest

	Merit	Star	Value
EYFS	Sophia North	Azalea Atkinson	Louie Sherlock
Year 1	Rex Starkie	Freya Nutter	Poppy Parkinson
Year 2	Libby Frankland	Elena Holmes	Felicity Carter
Year 3	Daniel Spadlo	Eve Cole	Holly Iddon
Year 4	Max Croasdale	Isabelle Taylor	Daisy Brookfield
Year 5	Abbey Wilding	Alex Mason	Logan Hansen
Year 6	Jessica Brennan	Everly Timmins	Isla Smith

Hope you all have a lovely week.

**Best wishes,
Mr D Darbyshire
Head teacher**



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and become the people Jesus calls us to be.***