



January

Be Kind: Be Fair: Be Honest

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

As we come to the end of our second full week in school the weather has certainly gone colder with more frost and snow on the ground in the mornings. This change has caused a few issues in and around school and the teachers and children are being extremely careful when outside and when walking around the school grounds.

Catholic Life of the School

As most of you know we begin the week and end the week with whole school assemblies. My Monday morning assembly sets the tone for the week, we discuss the weekly Gospel and discuss how we can act upon this whilst linking this to our weekly Value. This process continues in classes with daily Collective worship sessions. Some of you may be lucky enough to receive invites over the next week to attend the Daily worships. So please come along, join in and watch how your children engage in prayer. You can also see daily worships on class Seesaw. Please feel free to comment.

Weekly Gospel: John 1:35-39 - Weekly Value: Friendship

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality underpin good education, if children are not at school or miss parts of lessons, they cannot successfully access the curriculum. Establishing good time-keeping habits early is good preparation for adult life when we are increasingly responsible for our own time-keeping. This week some of you would have received letters from me about attendance. We are aware that in most cases there are genuine reasons why your child is off. However, whenever we do an attendance check and the attendance drops below 90% it will always trigger a letter. Please be mindful of this.

The vast majority of our children attend school well and are able to meet our expectation of arriving to school on time. All children are expected to be in school from 8.45am in good time for registration at 8.55am when the register is taken promptly. Any child who arrives after this time is marked late in the register. It is essential you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others. We understand that there may be rare occasions when your son/daughter is unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the office to inform us.

We must remind you that it is your duty, as part of the home school agreement, to tell us if there are any circumstances which might be adversely affecting your child's education, this includes all medical appointments. Thank you for your understanding.

School Uniform

All parents agreed to adhere to school policies when their child became a member of St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. Wearing the correct school uniform is school policy: it also creates an identity for school and is an important part of being a school pupil. However, since all children have returned to school, we have noticed many children are not wearing the correct uniform. Please help us to maintain the high standards that we expect.

Strike Action

Finally, this week you would have heard in the news that teachers in England and Wales will be on strike on, Wednesday 1st February. This will have a big impact on many families and children's learning. This strike action will not impact our school and we will still remain open.

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“In the joy of the Gospel we will work together to be kind, be fair and honest, and become the people Jesus calls us to be.

Merit Winners	Stars of the Week	Value of the Week: FRIENDSHIP
REC: Ethan G	REC: Kaine H	REC: Isla O
Y1: Neveah H	Y1: Stanley A	Y1: Luca S
Y2: Nyla K	Y2: Bella C	Y2: Holly W
Y3: Alice W	Y3: Poppy R	Y3: Poppy H
Y4: Dean M	Y4: Marcus K	Y4: Lois A
Y5: Ava C	Y5: Ben A	Y5: Freddie B
Y6: Oliver C	Y6: Joshua W	Y6: Talia L

We are: CURIOUS, REFLECTIVE, RESPONSIBLE & RESILIENT



Attendance of the week: Year

Musician of the Week: Jacob A



Spring Term Diary Dates:

Week beg 16th Jan: All extra-curricular activities begin

Thurs 26th Jan: Y3/Y4 Sportshall Athletics

Thurs 26th Jan: Bags 2 School

Fri 27th Jan: PTA Donut Day. £1 donation

Mon 30th Jan: Class pictures full uniform please.

Wed 1st Feb: EYFS Balance Bikes.

Thurs 9th Feb: Friendship Disco. (See PTA Facebook for more details)

Fri 10th Feb: EYFS balance bike competition for 6 selected children.

Fri 10th Feb: Half term

Mon 20th Feb: Spring 2 term begins

Thurs 23rd Feb: Year 3 Swimming lessons begin, (Swimming caps needed)

Thurs 2nd Mar: Netball league begins

Tue 14th Mar: Y5 Philharmonic Trip

Wed 22nd Mar: Face to Face parents evening 3.30 - 6pm.

Sat 25th Mar: Cross Country at Astley Park

Thurs 30th Mar: Year 4 Easter Service at 9.30am for Year 4 parents.

Thurs 30th Mar: Face to Face parents evening 2 - 5.30pm

Fri 31st Mar: Spring term ends

Have a good weekend.

Mr D Darbyshire

