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St. Gregory's

Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher's Message

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy and successful week comes to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school and share some of the highlights from the past few days.

Signing Choir Performance

Children in the Signing Choir should come to school next Wednesday in full school uniform.

The choir has been invited to perform at church for members of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Mrs Molyneux, members of staff and I will accompany the children to and from church.

We know they will represent St Gregory's with the same pride, enthusiasm and excellence they always demonstrate.

EYFS Nativity Preparations

Our Early Years children are now fully immersed in rehearsals for their first Nativity performance, which will take place on 1st December.

Preparations are certainly well underway, although it seems we have already had a few shepherds wandering off, Wisemen needed a sat nav and a donkey making a run for freedom! However, I'm confident that Miss Crook and her team will have everything under control by opening night.

Watch this space... I'm sure it will be a wonderful celebration and a memorable first Nativity for our youngest children.

Inclusion Strategy Parent Questionnaire

As part of our ongoing work to further strengthen inclusion at St Gregory's, we are asking all families to complete a short Inclusion Strategy Questionnaire.

The questionnaire will be available via Seesaw and can also be accessed using the link included with this newsletter. We are asking for one response per family.

Your views and experiences are incredibly important and will help staff and leaders shape our future Inclusion Strategy, ensuring it truly reflects the needs of our children and families.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute and for your continued support.

Click here for Parent Questionnaire

Open Day Success

The week began with our Open Day on Monday, and what a wonderful day it was. A special thank you must go to our Year 6 pupils who acted as tour guides for prospective parents and families.

The feedback we received was outstanding. Parents were incredibly impressed by what our children had to say about St Gregory's and the pride they showed in their school. Our pupils spoke with confidence, eloquence and maturity, demonstrating the qualities we value so highly. Their manners, courtesy and willingness to help made a lasting impression on all who visited.

As Headteacher, I was immensely proud of every child involved. They were excellent ambassadors for St Gregory's and showcased everything that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr D Darbyshire

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK: WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATION Y1 - EXTRA BREAK!

Class	Attendance	Authorised Sessions	Unauthorised Sessions	Lates	Ranking
Reception	91.92%	24	0	3	6
1	94.95%	14	1	6	4
2	95.87%	10	0	2	3
3	97.31%	5	4	7	1
4	97.25%	6	4	6	2
5	92.78%	18	9	8	5
6	90.37%	23	13	3	7



This Week's Weekly Wonders are:





	Merit	Star	Value
EYFS	Shayden	Phoebe	Elliot
Year 1	Thomas	Elijah	George
Year 2	Charlie K	Harlan	Harry
Year 3	Ben	Freya N	Rowan
Year 4	Sophie	Mia	Valentine
Year 5	Emilia	Hugo	Levi
Year 6	Rosie	Oakley & Albie	Annie

Finally...

As we approach the final few weeks of the autumn term, I continue to be enormously proud of our children and grateful for the support shown by our families and wider community.

Together, we are continuing to build a school where children feel safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best.

200 club winners for October

1st Prize	£50	Lucy McIntosh
2nd Prize	£30	Agata Bialas
3rd Prize	£20	Nicola Warburton

Front Elevation Extension Completed

This week saw the completion of our front elevation extension project. The new entrance and signage look fantastic and provide a warm, welcoming first impression of St Gregory's, while also significantly improving site security.

As previously communicated, the school car park is now for staff use only and parents should not access this area. This is an important safety measure and we ask for your continued support in following these arrangements.

As we continue to improve our site, it is also important that all communication within our school community remains respectful and professional.

Our new **Respectful Conduct Policy**, approved by Governors, is now available on the school website and outlines the standards of behaviour we expect from all adults when on school premises.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe, welcoming and respectful environment for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr D Darbyshire
Headteacher