**Sun cream and hats**

If possible please send into school a bottle of sun cream (labelled) for your child. On hot days we will supervise the children in applying their own sun cream. We also request that you send into a sun hat on sunny days, again labelled. Please no sunglasses, as these can be a hazard and easily broken when playing outside.

Thank you ☺

**Diary Dates**

Friday 11th May – Non-uniform Day – Outdoor Toys Donation

Friday 18th May – Bog-eyed Jog & Royal Wedding Party (see class dojo message and Miss Smith’s letter)

Friday 25th May – Non-uniform Day – Bottle Donation

Friday 11th May

This week we have been continuing to look at the story ‘Hattie Peck’ with the children imagining what it would be like to live in Hattie’s house with all the different animals and what might happen next in the story. This week we have also spent a lot of time reflecting on the story of Pentecost in our Come and See lessons, with the children being able to retell the story showing a great understanding of what happened and how Jesus’ friends were feeling. We also went to Church this week to celebrate The Feast of the Ascension with the rest of the school and Holy Cross. The children behaved beautifully showing great reverence and respect. Next week we will be learning about the Royal Family in the countdown to the Royal Wedding, we will be ending the week with a special Royal Wedding Party.

From The Reception Class Team

Reading Books

Please continue to practise your child’s key ring of ‘tricky words’ and let us know when they are able to read all the words and we will add the next set. Once they are confident with these we will be able to send home more books with words.

**Please ensure you write in your child’s diary to let us know when they have read their books and how they have been getting on with them. Books should be read each night if possible to support your child’s confidence and fluency**

Phonics

This week children began working in their new phonics groups. The children have really benefitted from working in smaller groups which are targeting their needs. A particular area of need we have noticed is in ‘blending’ letters to read longer words. Please use the sheets sent home in previous weeks to practise this at home.

This week we have been learning…

* To use exciting vocabulary in our sentences
* To read and write tricky high frequency words
* About doubling – what it means and how to find double.
* About how our words and actions can make other people feel.
* About how the disciples were feeling when Jesus had died on the cross and what happened when he came back to visit them.

This week we have enjoyed…

\*Exploring storytelling in our deconstructed role play area

\* Investigating and sketching the nest and real egg shells Darcy and Ben found at home

\*Completing Miss Smith’s ‘Ice breaker challenge’ using different tools outside

\*Exploring the new features in our outdoor area

Keep in touch

\*Follow us on twitter @stgregorys\_EYFS

\*You can also contact me directly by email if you have any concerns or questions:

[eyfs@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@st-gregorys-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

\*Send observations of your child’s learning at home by replying to the 2Simple report you have already received.

\* You can also use ClassDojo to send quick messages.

**Homework**

The children will have until **Thursday 24th May** to complete their homework challenges this half term.

Snack

In order to be able to provide a daily snack, we ask for a donation of £1 per week, per child.

Thank you for your contributions.