**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 in 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 25th May – Non-uniform Day – Bottle Donation

Friday 8th June – Tombola/ cakes donation

Saturday 9th June – Summer Fair

Friday 18th May

This week we have been learning all about weddings in anticipation of the Royal wedding on Saturday. Thank you very much for sending in photographs for the children to talk about, they loved looking at them and had a great time sharing them with their friends. This week the children enjoyed listening to the stories of ‘The Queen’s hat’ and ‘The Queen’s handbag’ and were able to innovate on them to write their own versions. We have also made a card to send to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and enjoyed going on a visit to the shop to buy a stamp and pop it in the post for them. In our maths work this week we have been learning about halving both shapes and numbers. We found it a little tricky at first but by the end of the week we were all able to find half and explain our answers.

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 sequence a story
* To read and write tricky high frequency words
* About halving – what it means and how to find half.
* About the Royal Family

This week we have enjoyed…

\*Exploring storytelling in our deconstructed role play area

\* Building castles for Prince Harry and Meghan

\*Halving Miss Smith’s recipe and decorating half of our biscuits

\*Singing and dancing on our new stage

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 **NEXT Thursday 24th May** to complete their homework challenges this half term.

Thank you for your support.

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.