



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School



Parent Newsletter – June 2021

'Loving and Learning'

To love all those with whom we come into contact as taught to us by Jesus through the Gospels.

To learn to the best of our ability using our God given talents.



Prayer of Spiritual Communion for the Year of St Joseph (2021)

Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
Son of God and Son of Mary,
through the intercession of St Joseph,
your earthly Guardian and guardian of the Church,
unite us with the gift of your Real presence,
your Sacrament and Sacrifice,
which feeds your Church along the path of holiness.

Amen

A message from Mr Boodell

As this academic year draws to a close I'd like to take the opportunity to say once again how impressed we have been with the children's effort and application to their learning throughout this difficult year. Whether at home or in school, the children have continued to show enthusiasm, resilience and a real love for learning.

We will be sharing your children's end of year reports with you at the end of next week and this will give you a chance to see just how well your children have been doing, along with some important targets for next year. As always, you will have the option of booking an appointment with your child's class teacher if there is anything in the report that you would like to discuss in more detail.

At present, we are still hoping to have a Transition afternoon on Wednesday 7th July where children will have the chance to spend some time with their new class teacher for September.

Coronavirus Safety Measures

Due to rising cases locally, we will continue to implement our current safety measures until the end of this academic year. Please continue to be vigilant and help us to minimise the risk of further closures as much as possible. These safety measures include:

- The wearing of masks by adults on the school grounds
- Only one adult accompanying children to school for collection and drop off
- Adhering to social distancing rules on the school grounds
- Not arriving on site early and leaving the school site quickly after pick up and drop off
- Children not attending school if they have any Coronavirus symptoms.





Year 4 First Holy Communion

The children in Year 4 received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Gregory's Church on Saturday 26th June. Well done and congratulations to all involved..! The children conducted themselves beautifully and we offer our thanks to Father Roger who stepped in during Father Cownley's absence. Please remember the children and Father Cownley in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Soccer Star Challenge and Astro Turf Update

Well done to all the children for their participation in the Soccer Star Challenge last week. We raised an amazing £1,584 for the school so thank you all for your amazing generosity..!

Congratulations to the winners of the main prizes for the top fundraisers:

1st Place: Gabriel – Yr 1 – A Family tour of Wembley Stadium, Family ticket to Gulliver's Theme Park and a year of FREE Football camps

2nd Place – Luca – Yr2 - Family ticket to Gulliver's Theme Park and a year of FREE Football camps

Gold Level – FIFA 21 Prize Draw – George – Yr 4

We are also pleased to announce that we have now raised sufficient funds to install our Astro Turf over the summer holiday. Thank you for all your generosity in helping to fund this project 😊



Names on school uniform/property

We continue to experience a large number of jumpers, cardigans, coats and other items without children's names on.

Children will often take off their jumper or coat when playing outside and will sometimes forget to pick it up. If items of clothing do not have a child's name on them it can be extremely difficult to return them to their owner.

Please help save valuable time in school – Put your child's name in anything that could potentially get lost (jumper, cardigan, coat, lunchbox, school bag)



St Gregory's Pre School places for September 2021 😊

We still have some places available at St Gregory's Pre-School for September 2021. We are offering 30 hours and 15 hours packages with flexible wraparound options available to create a package that works for working parents (7.30am-6.00pm).

Please contact school to register your interest or apply for a place if you have not already done so.

Change of address, phone number email address etc.

A reminder to please let the School Office know if you change your phone number, move house or need a new email address adding to our mailing lists.

Warley Woods - Small Acts

Small Acts is a Wild Warley initiative set up to show how even the most time-pressed of us can make a positive change to our local area. Take the humble honeybee, each workers contribution to the colony is small, but collectively their actions add up to something much greater than their constituent parts!

Visit the website here

<https://www.warleywoods.org.uk/small-acts> and see how you can make a difference.

There are a wide range of Acts, something to suit everyone, how many can you tick off?

Let's be like the humble honeybee and see how many small acts we can get done! Collectively they all add up to make a better environment for both us and Wildlife!

#SmallActs

- Ask a question or share a piece of knowledge.
- Help support the Trust:
 - One off donation
 - Volunteer
 - Become a member
- Report a wildlife sighting to EcoRecord.
- Attend a Wild Warley event.
- Spot a seldom seen bird:
 - Stock Dove
 - Woodcock
 - Harlequin
 - Treespecker/Gokwee
- Take a piece of litter home with you and recycle it.
- Photo some wildlife at Warley Woods and share to the Trusts Facebook page.
- Find, photograph and re-hide a smile stone.
 - Can you find a Wild Warley Stone?
- Devote space in your garden to nature:
 - Let some grow wild
 - Build Feeder/Boxes
 - Wildlife Pond
- Use a Wild Warley Guide to identify a:
 - Plant
 - Insect
 - Bird
- Take part in the City Nature Challenge. (Apr 30th - May 3rd)

Difficulty Key: Easy/Medium/Hard

Small Acts mean Prizes!
An Act needs an entry in the prize draw, to take part simply log your acts on our website www.warleywoods.org.uk/small-acts

HERITAGE FUND



Bear Bookshop

The newly opened Bear Bookshop on Bearwood High Street have kindly donated two £5 book vouchers for us to share with children at school. One child from each key stage was randomly selected to receive a voucher. Well done to **Anna in Year 2** and **Myles in Year 5** 😊

Summer Reading Challenge @ Thimblemill Library

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a Wild World Heroes collector poster.
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website, wildworldheroes.org.uk, hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD HEROES

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



School Term Dates 2021/2022

Autumn term 2021

- **Thursday 2nd September 2021: Training Day - School closed to pupils**
- **Friday 3rd September: Training Day - School closed to pupils**
- Monday 6th September: Start of term – School opens to all pupils
- **Friday 8th October: Training Day- School closed to pupils**
- Friday 22nd October: Break up for Half Term Holiday
- **Half-term holiday: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021**
- Monday 1st November: School opens
- Term ends: Friday 17 December 2021
- **Christmas holiday: Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022**

Spring term 2022

- Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022
- **Half-term holiday: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022**
- Monday 28th February: School opens
- Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022
- **Easter Holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022**

Summer term 2021

- Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022
- Monday 2nd May: May Day Bank Holiday -school closed to pupils
- **Friday 27th May: Training Day- School closed to pupils**
- **Half-term holiday: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022**
- Monday 6th June: School opens
- **Friday 24th June: Training Day- School closed to pupils**
- Term ends: Friday 22 July 2022
- **Summer holiday starts: Monday 25th July 2022**

Note: * School is used as a polling station for local and general elections so will also be closed to pupils in the event of these elections taking place in 2022