



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Parent Newsletter – February 28th 2020



'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.*

A Prayer for Lent



We are blessed by the God who speaks of repentance.
We are blessed with the opportunity that this holy season holds out to us,
as individuals, as families and as communities.



We are blessed by the knowledge of our Father's open arms at our choice to return
Amen

A message from Mr Boodell

The children have settled back into school really well after what I hope was a restful and relaxing half term break.

I ask you to once again keep Father Cownley in your prayers as he continues to suffer from ill health. We did get the chance to see him this week and celebrate Mass together on Ash Wednesday. It was lovely to see Father Cownley and he was ably assisted by Father Stefan who was very impressed with the children's reverence, respect and behaviour in church.

Our virtues for this half term are 'Faith-filled and Hopeful' and we will continue to recognise and acknowledge the children who display these virtues in our Monday Morning Prayer Service every week.

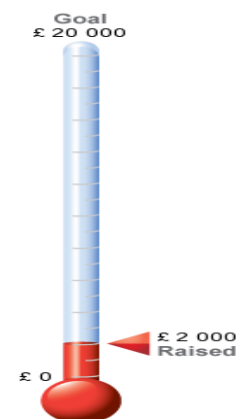
Thank you as always for your generosity in supporting our Epilepsy Awareness day and Gallery Afternoon, altogether we managed to raise **£256.91**. The children's artwork was fantastic and it was lovely to see so many masterpieces displayed together in the school hall again.



School Fund Appeal

Thank you as well to all the families who have already contributed to our School Fund Appeal. We are trying to raise the £20,000 needed to transform our grass area into an all-weather AstroTurf surface which will make a huge difference to the children's playtimes and wider curriculum opportunities for many years to come.

If you would like to make a donation you can donate by using SchoolComms and clicking the 'School Fund' tab. Every penny helps and we will be holding some additional fundraising events in school as the year progresses to help us reach our target as soon as possible.



February 2020 Attendance

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2M</u>	<u>Y2W</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>	<u>Y5</u>	<u>Y6</u>
<u>Attendance</u>	91.8%	97.2%	97.0%	93.4%	95.3%	94.6%	95.7%	95.5%

Congratulations to **Year 2M**, who were the winners of the attendance award for this term.

Our average attendance for this period was **95.1%**.

Our school target for 2019/20 is **97%**.

Welcome Mrs Garratt

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs Kristina Garratt who will be taking on the SENCo role at St Gregory's for the rest of the year. Mrs Garratt joins us from St Francis Xavier and will be working at St Gregory's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Corona Virus Guidance



We are continuing to monitor the Government advice on the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak. At school, we are following the advice given to prevent the spread of any viral infection. This includes encouraging the children to maintain good basic hygiene by washing their hands regularly and following the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' advice when coughing and sneezing. All toilets have been restocked with liquid soap and bars of antibacterial soap and we have purchased alcohol free, hypoallergenic hand sanitiser pumps which will be installed in all classrooms by the end of the week.

The main message that we are continuing to share with the children is to keep calm and try not to worry about the virus but to maintain good standards of hygiene in school by washing hands regularly and following the advice above regarding coughs and sneezes.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

All the children in school have been given a Father Hudson's collection box to keep during the season of Lent. Children are encouraged to give something up during Lent and perhaps put the money saved into their collection box. Lucy from Father Hudson's came into school before half term and spoke to the children to ensure they know just what a difference this fantastic charity can make to so many people who are less fortunate than us.



St Gregory's Pre School reopening in September 2020 ☺

We are pleased to confirm that St Gregory's Pre-School will be reopening in September 2020. We will be 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). More information will be sent out by school before half-term but you can register your interest with the school office now and we will contact you with more details about how to apply for a place.

Spring Half-Term 2 Key Dates

Virtue Focus for this half term:

Faith-filled and Hopeful

<u>Week</u>		<u>Theme</u>	<u>Key dates this week</u>	<u>Training Days</u>
Feb 24-28	1	Spring 2	Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday Whole school Mass at St Gregory's Church	n/a
Mar 2-6	2	Spring 2	Tuesday 3rd March – Year 2 SATs Meeting 5.30pm in School Hall Wednesday 4th March – Year 5 Puberty Talk Thursday 5th March – World Book Day Come to school dressed as your favourite book character Friday 6th March – Year 1 Class Assembly School Hall @ 9.00am	n/a
Mar 9-13	3	Spring 2	Wednesday 11th March – Year 1 Phonics Workshop School Hall @ 9.00am Friday 13th March– Sport Relief Bring in £1 to wear sports clothing for the day	n/a
Mar 16-20	4	Spring 2	Parent Consultation Week Parents' Evening – Tuesday 17th March – 3.30pm-6.00pm Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick's Day Bring in £1 to wear green for the day	n/a
Mar 23-27	5	Spring 2	Friday 27th March – Year 2W Class Assembly School Hall @ 9.00am Friday 27th March – Year 2 Fire Station Visit	n/a
Mar 30 – Apr 3	6	Spring 2	<u>I Can Do It Week</u> Thursday 2nd April – Autism Awareness Day Friday 3rd April – Break up for Half Term Holiday	n/a

Things to remember

- Please remember to put your child's name on all their school uniform and PE kit – this greatly helps us when it comes to reuniting lost jumpers etc. with their owners.

Small Acts of Kindness

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	
07/03/20	Sport Relief Day	Children will be asked to bring in £1 on this day to wear their own sports clothes and raise money for Sport Relief.
17/03/20	St Patrick's Day	Children will be asked to bring in £1 on this day to wear their green clothes and raise money for the School Fund Playground Appeal.

6th – 17st Apr

Easter Holiday

Children return to school on Monday 20th April

*** Thursday 16th April – Reception 2020 places offered to parents.**