



St Gregory's Catholic School

April 2017 Newsletter

Head Teachers News: Having received a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP the academy committee have asked me to share the letter with you all. Please see attached.

Upcoming Events:

April:

Tuesday 4th - Year 2 Fire Station Visit.

Thursday 6th - Mobile Planetarium visit KS2

Friday 7th - Whole School Mass in Church. Easter Bonnet Parade. **School Closes.**

Monday 24th - School Re-opens

Wednesday 26th - Group photographs, Nursery, Reception & Year 6

May:

Monday 1st - School Closed May Day

Thursday 4th - School Closed, Training Day.

Monday 8th - 12th - SATS Week

Friday 12th - Year 1 Inspire 9.00am

Saturday 13th - Year 1 Mass 5.00pm

Wednesday 17th - Phonics workshop (letter to follow)

Friday 19th - Decca talk Year 6

Friday 22nd - School nurses to see Year 6, healthy relationships (letter to follow)

Friday 26th - Year 4 Assembly. **School Closes.**

Reminders:

- Pupils are able to wear their summer uniform after the Easter break.
- Clive Mark Schoolwear, has a promotional offer until 22nd April, buy 3 for 2 get cheapest item free & buy a summer dress & sweat cardigan for £15.00
- Please remember to return the Father Hudson Appeal collection boxes.

Schoolcomms: If you have not registered on the gateway, please do so as soon as possible, and if you are able please use the App. (School will eventually be cashless) Many Thanks for all who are already using it.

Interesting fact



Mars experiences violent dust storms, which continually change its surface.

Thank You!

For making such an effort with World Book Day costumes.

As a school, we regularly fundraise for different charities and events. Many thanks for your continued support; you have again risen to the occasion raising over:

£300.00 on St Patricks Day (FOSG & School Fund)

£400.00 for Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

*Attendance for
March. Well Done
Year 4 for their
excellent attendance.*

| Attendance | % |
|------------|------|
| Year 1 | 94.8 |
| Year 2 | 95.7 |
| Year 3 | 96.1 |
| Year 4 | 96.9 |
| Year 5 | 96.6 |
| Year 6 | 96.8 |



Any other business:

- Easter Bonnet Parade, send in £1.00, make a hat, two winners from each class.
- If your child is off school through illness, please ring school to report their absence before 9.30am.
- Children who have stomach bugs need to be kept off for 48 hours.
- If you need to send medicine into school, please make sure it is in a named container and has a spoon or syringe with it. A form should be filled in at the office.



Easter Reflection:



Easter is the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Jesus is the Son of God and he gave his life to die for our sins. On the third day after He died, Easter Sunday His friends went to His tomb, and found that He had risen from the dead. They saw an angel who told them, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said it would happen."

This Eastertime let us remember that:

God loves us - The Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" **Jesus offers us the gift of eternal life.**

We make mistakes - All of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong this separates us from God. We can ask Jesus Christ to forgive our sins and pray to him.

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins.
Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life.
I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Saviour.
I want to serve you always."
Amen



Sacramental Preparation:

Please see below a list of important dates for Year 3 children preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Enrolment Mass - Saturday 29 April 5.00 p.m.
Parents and children to attend.

Tuesday 2 May 7.00 p.m. and Tuesday 9 May 7.00 p.m.
Parents Catechesis - Year 3 Classroom, a session for parents only to talk and reflect together about the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Tuesday 16 May 7.00 p.m. at the Guild Room - A meeting to discuss and finalise arrangements for the First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 10 June at Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Gregory the Great at 12.00 p.m.

The Going Forth Mass will take place on Sunday 25 June at 11.00 a.m.



Easter

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CHURCH

Thursday 13 April

Holy Thursday

7.30p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 14 April

Good Friday

A day of Fasting and Abstinence

11.00a.m. Children's Celebration of the Passion

12.30p.m. Outdoor Witness Service at St Mary's CE Church

3.00p.m. Celebration of the Lords Passion

7.30p.m. Stations of the Cross Confessions and Communion

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

A Good Friday Service will be held at 11.00a.m. in St Gregory's Church for children and their families. Children from Year 2 upwards who want to take part in the service by reading, singing or drama are invited to come to the Guild Room by 10.00a.m. on Good Friday for rehearsals. Parents are able to leave their children or can stay with them until the service is complete.

Thank you, Children's Liturgy Team.



Saturday 15 April

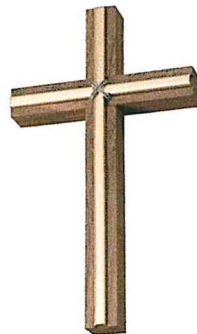
Holy Saturday

7.30p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday 16 April

Easter Sunday

Mass 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.



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17 February 2017

Dear Mrs Bickley,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high level of progress pupils in your school are making.

Your school's results, as published on 15 December, show that your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2 in English reading, writing and mathematics.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP