



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

## Parent Newsletter – October 2019



### *'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 October

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



### A message from Mr Boodell

As we reach the end of September, I want to say a heartfelt 'Well done' to all of our pupils, from Reception to Year 6, who have settled into their new year groups so well and made a fantastic start to this new school year.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations last week were another lovely occasion within school and on Tuesday we celebrated a beautiful Mass together at St Gregory's Church with Father Cownley – even the torrential rain on the way to and from church could not dampen our spirits..!

Friday's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party gave us another opportunity to celebrate 50 years of St Gregory's and the children's creative costumes were a joy to behold ☺ Looking out of the window on Friday morning to see Freddie Mercury lining up next to Elvis Presley, Neil Armstrong, Theresa May and Audrey Hepburn is something I won't forget for a while..!

We turn our attentions now to our Harvest Celebration and the opportunity to help those people in our local community who are not as fortunate as we are. A perfect opportunity to live out the virtues of gratefulness and generosity that we are focusing on this half term in school.

### St Catherine of Sienna Logo Competition

Thank you for all of your feedback and responses to the new Saint Catherine of Sienna Logo design competition. The overwhelming favourite was logo number 6 - Well done to Lily in Year 3 who was the lucky winner of a box of chocolates in the prize draw from all the returned logo sheets.



### ALDI Kit for Schools Stickers

Thank you for your continued support in collecting the ALDI Team GB stickers as we aim to complete our poster for the chance to win £20,000. If you shop at ALDI please continue to collect the stickers and send them in to school.

### September 2019 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>	97.1%	97.9%	93.9%	97.5%	95.5%	95.7%	98.6%	97.6%

Congratulations to **Year 5**, who were the winners of the attendance award for the month of September. Our average attendance for this period was **96.7%**.

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



### Arrangements for collection at the end of school

A reminder for parents – if your child is being collected by someone other than yourself or a regular child minder at the end of the day could you please inform school in advance so that we can adhere to our safeguarding procedures.

You can inform the school office at any point during the day or let class teachers know verbally or with a note accompanying your child at the start of the school day.

### Roald Dahl Day Chocolate Bar Design Competition

Well done to all the children who entered our Roald Dahl Day 'Design a Wonka Bar' competition. After much deliberation the following children were selected as our runners up and each won a bar of chocolate: **Tenuri (Year 4), Betsy (Year 3) and Morgan (Year 4)**

The overall winner of the competition who won a chocolate bar and a £10 book fair voucher was **Saoirse from Year 1**. Her 'Slime Bar' was an extremely creative and eye catching design. Well done Saoirse ☺



### School Uniform Reminder

Another reminder to please label all of your child's school uniform and PE kit with their full name, or initials and year group. We already have quite a collection of unclaimed uniform in Lost Property but it is very hard to reunite jumpers with owners if they do not have a name on the label.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Service – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

We are holding our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 p.m. in the school hall and parents are warmly invited to come and join us. Children from all classes will be taking part in the Harvest service and will be singing, dancing or reciting poetry to offer our thanks to God for all the gifts we receive from him.

Thank you so much for your generous donations for the **Smethwick Food Bank**, who do a valuable job in providing emergency food to local people referred to them in times crisis.