



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

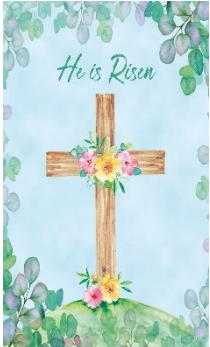


Parent Newsletter – April 2021

'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.



A Prayer for Easter

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, by Your radiant and magnificent resurrection, You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence, and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love, Amen

St Gregory the Great

A message from Mr Boodell

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and blessed Easter break and managed to navigate the wide variety of weather that came with it..! The children have settled back into school very well and have enjoyed their learning in this week's S.T.E.M week and last week's Vocations week, where they thought carefully about who God is calling them to be. The remainder of this half term will see us celebrate some more theme weeks focussing on Art, Music and Sports and Fitness which will allow us to devote some more time to those creative subjects that are so important to our children's wider development. These theme areas will be the focus of the children's learning in the afternoons whilst morning sessions will continue to focus on the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics & Religious Education.

Reminder – School Closed on Thursday 6th May for Local Elections

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday of next week (Bank Holiday Monday) and Thursday 6th May when St Gregory's will be used as a Polling Station. This date was set as a Staff Training day at the start of this academic year to coincide with the Local Elections so is not an additional Closure Day.

Coronavirus Safety Measures

Please continue to help us ensure that we are doing all we can to minimise any further disruption during the rest of this academic year. This will allow 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.



New School Badge Design

We are pleased to announce that our new school badge design has now been received and approved by the Emmaus Catholic MAC. Thank you to all of the children who submitted entries to the Design Competition and a big well done to the following children whose designs were selected as winners. Their entries were sent to the design company who used their lovely ideas to create our new badge: **Margaux Labourier** – Year 6, **Darcy Benton** – Year 3 and **Franky Lynch** – Year 3.

The new design, which incorporates a cross, a book and a musical note, reflects St Gregory's role as the Patron Saint of students, teachers and musicians as well as reminding us that Christ is always at the centre of all that we do.

Please be assured that children can continue to wear uniform with our old badge design and you do not need to rush out to purchase new uniform. This will continue to be the case going forward so uniform can still be passed on to younger siblings. We will now be informing our uniform suppliers of our new badge and will inform you when this is available to purchase, both online with ACE Embroidery and from Clive Mark's in Bearwood.



Fundraising Update – Thank you for your generosity

Thank you as always for your generosity during the Lenten period. Our Easter Raffle, with prizes kindly donated by parents and school staff, raised just under £400 pounds which will be put towards our AstroTurf project.

Our Forget-Me-Not Bereavement Walk raised £691 which has been donated directly to Grief Encounter to support individuals, families and schools in offering a way through the anxiety, fear and isolation so often caused by grief.



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

Sacramental Celebrations during this Academic Year.

We have now set a date for Year 4 children to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion (**Saturday 26th June**). We are working with Father Cownley to set a date for Year 6 Confirmation and will inform parents of this date as soon as Father Cownley has confirmed it.

Children currently in Year 3 will make their First Confession and First Holy Communion in the Autumn term of Year 4. Dates for these Sacraments will be set and confirmed as soon as possible.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Visit – Plas Gywnant – June 14th 2021

We are cautiously optimistic that this visit will still be able to go ahead as planned. If your children are attending please continue to pay towards the visit safe in the knowledge that you will be fully refunded should the visit not be able to take place.

Summer Term Key Dates

Virtue Focus for this half term:
Compassionate and Loving

<u>Week</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Key dates this week</u>	<u>Training Days</u>
19 th -23 rd April	Summer 1	<u>Vocations Theme Week</u>	n/a
26 th -30 th April	Summer 1	<u>STEM Theme Week</u>	n/a
3-7 th May	Summer 1	Monday 3rd May – School closed – May Bank Holiday Thursday 6th May – Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils	06/05/2021
10 th -14 th May	Summer 1	<u>Art Week</u>	n/a
17 th -21 st May	Summer 1	<u>Music & Drama Week</u>	n/a
24 th -28 th May	Summer 1	<u>Sports and Fitness Week</u> Friday 28th May – Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils	28/05/2021
31 st May- 4 th June	Half Term	<u>Half Term Week – School Closed to Pupils</u>	
7 th – 11 th June	Summer 2	Year 4 – Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday 9th June	n/a
14 th -18 th June	Summer 2	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Week	n/a
21 st -25 th June	Summer 2	<u>23/06/21 -Year 5 Hagley Sports Day – More Information to follow</u> <u>Year 4 First Holy Communion on Saturday 26th June</u>	n/a
28 th June – 2 nd July	Summer 2	<u>Monday 28th - Whole School Photos – More Information to follow</u>	n/a
5 th – 9 th July	Summer 2	<u>Transition Week</u>	n/a
12 th – 16 th July	Summer 2	<u>Provisional Week for Summer Sports Day - More Information to follow</u>	n/a
19 th -21 st July	Summer 2	Children break up for Summer Holiday on Tuesday 20th July	Wednesday 21 st July

Things to remember

Please remember to put your child's name on all their coats, school uniform and other belongings – this greatly helps us when it comes to reuniting lost jumpers, coats and other items with their owners.