



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School



Parent Newsletter – May 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 May – The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen

A message from Mr Boodell

The children have thoroughly enjoyed our thematic learning over the past weeks and it has been lovely to see and hear the fruits of their labours. Our Art Week and gallery event was a great success and you can see some of the wonderful art work produced on the third page of this newsletter. It was also very lovely to hear the children singing in their classrooms again and producing such wonderful performances for our Music Week last week – if you have not already done so, the songs can be viewed in our Music Week assembly, a link to which was shared with you last week on Friday. The children's application to their learning, behaviour and enthusiasm has been fantastic throughout this period and they have certainly earned a well-deserved break over the upcoming half-term holiday. We will look forward to some better weather ahead and the same level of effort and enthusiasm from the children on our return to school on Monday 7th June.

Reminder – School Closed on Friday 28th May for Teacher Training 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.



Sacramental Celebrations during this Academic Year.

Year 4

- Sacrament of Reconciliation – During the school day on **Wednesday 9th June**
- First Holy Communion at St Gregory's Church – 11.00am on **Saturday 26th June.**

Year 6

- Sacrament of Confirmation at St Gregory's Church – 6.00pm on **Wednesday 7th July**
More information to follow on arrangements for this Sacrament in due course

Year 3

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 with Father Cownley and shared with parents as soon as possible.



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.

Summer Term Key Dates

Virtue Focus for next half term:

Faith-Filled and Hopeful

24-28 th May	Summer 1	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 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

Art Week – May 2021

During our Art Week in school, all classes chose a famous artist to study and created Artwork inspired by their portfolio. We created a gallery in the school hall and all classes had the opportunity to come and view the wonderful work we had created:

**Pre-School -
Wassily Kandinsky**



**Reception -
Andy Goldsworthy**



**Year 1 -
Giuseppe Arcimboldo**



**Year 2 -
Romare Bearden**



**Year 3 -
Roy Lichtenstein**



**Year 4 -
Andy Warhol**



**Year 5 -
Keith Haring**



**Year 6 -
Banksy**





On Thursday 27th May we will be holding a 'Break the Rules Day' in school. All money raised will go directly towards the project to convert our grass area into all-weather AstroTurf.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity towards this project. We have nearly reached our target and hope to be able to book the work in to take place during the Summer holidays 😊

BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

- No wild hairstyles
- No trainers
- No jeans
- No temporary tattoos
- No earrings
- Long hair tied back
- No football shirts
- No nail-varnish
- No squash in your water bottle

Here's how it works:

When?
Thursday
27th May

Pay 50p for each rule you would like to break. Up to a maximum of 4 rules (£2)

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