



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

Loving and Learning

July 2023 Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 20/7/23 Mass for Reception and Year 6 at 9.20 in school (parents/carers welcome)
- Friday 21/7/23 Extra Strings Lesson
- Friday 21/7/23 Year 4 and Year 6 Sports Competition at Our Lady of Fatima (children to come in PE kits)
- Monday 24/7/23 Please send your child in with a strong shopping bag to take their books home
- Monday 24/7/23 Reception Talent Show at 1.30 (parents/carers welcome)
- Monday 24/7/23 Strings Concert at 3.00 (parents/carers welcome)
- Monday 24/7/23 Year 6 pupils to bring in a spare shirt for signing
- Tuesday 25/7/23 School closes for Summer (normal time)
- Wednesday 6/9/23 School re-opens for pupils

As this academic year ends, we say goodbye to the following members of staff:

Mrs Cadman, who has been teaching in Year 1 this year and has been a valued and hardworking colleague. We are happy that she will still be part of our Emmaus MAC family as she takes up a post at another of our schools.

Ms Morris, the manager of our Wraparound service, who is seeking a career change. The children who have attended our Breakfast and After School Clubs know how brilliant she is and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs Vanstone, who has given many years of dedicated and devoted service to St Gregory's. She is now going to enjoy a well-earned retirement. We are all so grateful for everything that Mrs Vanstone has done for the school and its pupils.

Our entire school family wishes them the best of luck in the future.

Goodbye to Year 6

Next Tuesday, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. I have only had the privilege of knowing these young people for a term but I have been so impressed by their attitude, their humour, their resilience, their politeness and how they live out our St Gregory's mission of 'Loving and Learning'. If you were lucky enough to see their production of 'The Lion King' then you will know how amazing these young people are. The whole school wishes them every blessing as they embark on the next stage of their educational journey.

PTA Summer Fayre

Last Friday's Fayre organised by our PTA, was a wonderful success. It was lovely to see so many people there and that the typical English Summer weather did not stop anyone eating ice cream and having fun. At the time of writing, I am not sure of the final total but I do know that the school community were extremely generous. A massive thank you to the PTA who work so incredibly hard to organise and run these events.

Young Carers

We are aware that in some circumstances, some of our pupils are carers. If that is the case, please let us know so we can provide support for them. All discussions will be strictly confidential.

Diversity Focus Group

A number of parents/carers have already said that they would be interested in becoming part of our new focus group, looking at how we can improve the school to truly represent our diverse community. If anyone else is interested, please let us know via the school's email address.

Summer activities in Sandwell

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All the staff wish all of you a happy, relaxing and (hopefully!) sunny Summer. We look forward to seeing you again on the 6th of September! May God bless you and your family.



Mark Paine, Principal