



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School



## Parent Newsletter – March 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 Lent



We are blessed by the God who speaks of repentance.

We are blessed with the opportunity that this holy season holds out to us,  
as individuals, as families and as communities.



We are blessed by the knowledge of our Father's open arms at our choice to return

Amen

### A message from Mr Boodell

The children have settled back into school amazingly well after the latest lockdown period and it has been lovely to see them all again. Our classrooms and playgrounds are once again filled with learning and laughter and the children have been fantastic. Thank you once again for all of your efforts with Remote Learning over the lockdown period.

We will contact you again next week to inform you of our plans for Parent's Evening Telephone Consultations in week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This will give you a chance to discuss your child's progress and targets with their class teacher once they have had a chance to settle in fully and carry out some baseline assessments.

### Prayers for Mrs Williams

Thank you for the many messages of support and condolence for Mrs Williams, who tragically lost her husband and sister to Coronavirus over the lockdown period. Please continue remember Mrs Williams and her family in your prayers over the coming months.

A memorial fund has been established for Mr Williams to support the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity. If you would like to donate, please do so here: <https://Russell-williams1.muchloved.com>

### Coronavirus Safety Measures

Please continue to help us ensure that as a school community 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 guidelines 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

### Staffing Update

We are pleased to announce that Miss Maynard's baby girl arrived safely at the weekend and that mother and baby are doing well. Mrs Wearing's baby boy arrived on New Year's Day and is also doing well. Mr Heard has also welcomed a new baby boy to his family in recent weeks and all the staff thank you for your good wishes in this respect.

We can now formally welcome some new members of staff to our team at St Gregory's and your children will continue to get to know them well as the term progresses.

Year 1 Class Teacher: Miss I Johns

Year 2 Class Teacher: Mrs F Wycherley

We also formally welcome Mrs A Kopiec to our team. Mrs Kopiec will be running our school office on Thursdays and Fridays and is looking forward to getting to know all of our families in school.



### Refurbished Toilets in Key Stage 2 ☺

Our toilets in Key Stage 2 were refurbished over the half term break and are now looking fresh, clean and hygienic. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will continue to be encouraged to treat these toilets with respect as they use them over the coming weeks.



### New Website Design

We have been working hard on redesigning our school website to make it more user friendly and easier to navigate. The new website has now gone live and can still be found at <https://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk/> We will continue to refine and update the website over the coming weeks and will be in touch soon to let you know more about the exciting new features that will soon be available for parents to use.

### Job Opportunities at St Gregory's



We currently have two vacancies at school:

- 1 x Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
- 1 x Relief Cleaner

Please contact the school office or email [headteacher@st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk) for more details if you are interested in either position.



### 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.

### 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.

### Spring Half-Term 2 and Summer Half Term 1 Key Dates

#### Virtue Focus for this half term:

#### Attentive and Discerning

Week	Theme	Key dates this week	Training Days
Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Spring 2	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Rescheduled World Book Day</b> Come to school dressed as your favourite book character or in your own clothes for Red Nose Day – Please bring in £1	n/a
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring 2	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – World Down’s Syndrome Day</b> Come to school wearing odd socks and your own clothes– Please bring in £1  <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 3.30pm-6.00pm</b> <b><u>Parent’s Evening – More information to follow</u></b>	n/a
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Spring 2	<b><u>Holy Week</u></b> <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Bereavement Walk - More details to follow</b>  <b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Autism Awareness Day celebrated in school</b>  <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Maundy Thursday - Break up for Easter Holiday</b>	n/a
5 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Easter Holiday</b> <b><u>Children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</u></b> <b>* <u>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Reception 2021 places offered to parents.</u></b>		
19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Summer 1	<b><u>Vocations Theme Week</u></b>	n/a
26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer 1	<b><u>STEM Theme Week</u></b>	n/a
3-7 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer 1	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – School closed – May Bank Holiday</b> <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils due to Local Elections</b>	06/05/2021
10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer 1	<b><u>Art Week</u></b>	n/a
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> May	Summer 1	<b><u>Music &amp; Drama Week</u></b>	n/a
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer 1	<b><u>Sports and Fitness Week</u></b> <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils</b>	28/05/2021
<b><u>Things to remember</u></b> <b>Please remember to put your child’s name on all their school uniform and PE kit – this greatly helps us when it comes to reuniting lost jumpers etc. with their owners.</b>			
<b><u>Small Acts of Kindness</u></b>			
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	Children will be asked to bring in £1 on this day to raise money for our AstroTurf project.	
<b>19/03/21</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>		
<b>22/03/21</b>	<b>WDSAD</b>	Children will be asked to bring in £1 on this day to wear their own clothes and odd socks. Money raised will go to Ups and Downs.	