St Gregory's Catholic Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23.10.26

Headteacher message:

Thanks to everyone for helping us to get this year off to a great start.

Few bits to mention before we head off on half term …

Week 2 (9th - 13th November) is Friendship Week where we will be doing a wide range of interesting activities such as Anti-bullying debates; Remembrance Day Peace-making activities; British Values/Parliament activities and celebrating Diversity Day.

As in previous years, for **Diversity Day (Friday 13th November)**, children are invited to **come to school dressed in clothes from the 'home culture'** and to share a little something about their culture too (e.g. a few words about friendship in a different language, sing a song, share some fun facts, bring in some food etc).

Thanks to everyone for your feedback about **Parents Evening**; we will definitely use this information to keep further-improving the experience for everyone.

And finally, just an update about staffing:

Sadly **Miss Skinner (Y1)** has decided to take her talents elsewhere so we wish her all the best. Happily, we have **Mrs Pedder** as a ready-made replacement who will be working in Y1 on a Thursday and Friday starting after half term. Also in Y1 we have also been very lucky to recruit **2 new Teaching Assistants** - **Mrs Kolia** and **Mr Macdonald**. I'm sure you'll join with me in offering them a walm welcome to the Greg's community.

Have a great half term!

If you would like to read the Parish's newsletter, please follow this link:
https://www.stgregoryspreston.org.uk/newsletter/

Introducing Linda - our wonderful School Counsellor!



We are very lucky to have Linda here with us at St Greg's on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She is a qualified counsellor who supports children presenting with issues such as: anger, anxiety, attachment, anticipated grief, bereavement, gender identity, low mood, sadness, trauma and much more.

Currently she works with children on a 1:1 basis to aid their mental health and wellbeing through play. She also carries out group sessions to help with things such as anger management, emotional literacy, low self-esteem, self-regulation and social skills.

She is our Senior Mental Health Lead who oversees a team of staff and children who help to keep us all 'mentally healthy' here at school with lots of activities such as wellbeing walks; Wednesday breakfast; Wellbeing Champions; Mental Health Awareness Days - Hello Yellow Day and lots more. She is also here to support parents so if you feel the need for a chat - just shout up!

For more information about Linda and Mental Health and Wellbeing Support at our school, just click the link below this newsletter.

Safeguarding at our school ...

St Gregory's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the physical, mental and emotional welfare of every pupil, both inside and outside of their schools / college premises. We recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that the welfare of the child is paramount.

We are committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive environment where all children and young people are respected, valued, listened to and supported to thrive. We recognise that effective safeguarding requires a whole-school approach and strong partnership working with children, families and other agencies.

St Gregory's recognise the importance of Family Help and providing support as soon as a need emerges at any stage of a child's life. We are committed to identifying concerns at the earliest opportunity and ensuring that children and families receive the right help, at the right time.

We recognise that no single practitioner can have a full picture of a child's circumstances and needs. Effective safeguarding requires timely information sharing, professional curiosity, professional challenge and effective multi-agency working to ensure children and families receive the right help at the right time. All staff should understand their responsibility to act on concerns and that anyone can make a referral to Children's Social Care where there are concerns about a child's welfare or safety.

St Gregory's provides Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) provision for children under the age of five and safeguarding arrangements will be implemented in accordance with the EYFS Statutory Framework, including the safeguarding training requirements for staff and Designated Safeguarding Leads set out within the framework: Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - GOV.UK

All staff, volunteers, governors and trustees have a responsibility to contribute to a strong safeguarding culture and to take appropriate action where there are concerns about a child's welfare or safety. St Gregory's will work in accordance with current safeguarding legislation, statutory guidance and local safeguarding arrangements, including the procedures of the Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP): Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership –

Children are taught about safeguarding, including online safety, through the curriculum and wider school life. This helps children to recognise risk, build resilience, understand how to keep themselves safe and know where to go for help and support.

The school recognises that children may be vulnerable to abuse, neglect, exploitation and other safeguarding risks both within and outside the school/college, home, including online.

St Gregory's recognises the benefits of Family Help and early intervention. The school will work with children, families and partner agencies to identify emerging needs and provide appropriate support through school-based provision and referral to Family Help and other services where required.

St Gregory's fully recognises the contribution we can make to protect children from harm and to support and promote the welfare of all children who are pupils at our school. We foster a strong safeguarding culture where children feel safe to speak, are encouraged to share their views and concerns, and know they will be listened to, taken seriously and supported.

Where there is reasonable cause to suspect that a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer, significant harm, the school will act in accordance with local safeguarding procedures and statutory guidance.
This policy applies to all members of the school community, including pupils, staff, Governors, volunteers, trainee teachers, placement students, visitors, contractors, agency and supply staff, and anyone working on behalf of the school. It sets out our expectations and responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children.

This policy provides the framework through which the school fulfils its safeguarding responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with current legislation, statutory guidance and local safeguarding arrangements, having due regard to the safeguarding procedures of other local authorities where relevant.

If you have any safeguarding concerns relating to our school, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mr Quigley) or one of our Deputy Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Wright or Mrs Nightingale) immediately.

All the ‘little extras’ happening across the year this year …

Extra-Curricular Activities to aid Personal Development

Sport	Music	Arts	Culture	Other

	Aut1	Aut 2	Spr1	Spr 2	Sum1	Sum 2
Rec		Nativity			SportsDay	Mini Skills
		Nativity				
		Theatre trip		Ballet Workshop		
		Allotment visit	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Dentistvisit Autumnwalk	Postbox walk Mini Skills	Winter walk Author visit	Librarytrip Supermarketwalk	Peoplewhohelpus (police,fire,nurse)	Role PlayCentre trip
Year 1			Mini Skills		Football Gymnastics SportsDay	
		Nativity				
		Ballet Workshop Nativity				
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	CommandoJoe	Commando Joe Brockholes (Science)	CommandoJoe Explorersworkshop	CommandoJoe ComputingWorkshop	Commando Joe Clitheroe Castle	Commando Joe Local Area walk
Year 2		Mini Skills	Mini Skills		Football Gymnastics SportsDay	
		Nativity				
	Opera workshop	Nativity				
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe	Commando Joe Guy FawkesWrkshop	Commando Joe	Commando Joe Computing Workshop	Commando Joe Farm visit	Commando Joe
Year 3	Mini Skills (SEND) Mini Skills		Kurling (SEND) Gymnastics		SportsDay	Athletics
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Advent Service	Rocksteady	Rocksteady	Rocksteady	Rocksteady
	Opera Workshop					
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe	Commando Joe ManchesterMuseum	Commando Joe Harris Museum (art)	Commando Joe Computing Workshop Eureka	Commando Joe Gardening Club Brockholes (Science)	Commando Joe Gardening Club Dentist visitor

Sport	Music	Arts	Culture	Other

	Aut 1	Aut 2	Spr1	Spr 2	Sum 1	Sum 2
Year4	MiniSkills(SEND) Mini Skills		Kurling(SEND) Gymnastics		SportsDay	Athletics
	Rocksteady	Rocksteady AdventService	Rocksteady	Rocksteady	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir
	Opera Workshop Art Club		Drama Workshop (Pied Piper)			
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	CommandoJoe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe ComputingWorkshop Computing Club	Commando Joe Multiplication Club	Commando Joe Clitheroe Castle
Year 5	Mini Skills(SEND)	MixedFootball Gymnastics	Kurling(SEND) TagRugby		Mixed Netball Sports Day	Cricket Athletics
	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices AdventService	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir
	Opera workshop Art Club					
	Mass	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe Computing Workshop	Commando Joe Bikeability	Commando Joe First Aid	Commando Joe Ribby Hall(Science) Computing Club	Commando Joe Science Festival	Commando Joe Greeks workshop
Year 6	Mini Skills (SEND)	Mixed Football Gymnastics	Kurling (SEND) Tag Rugby		Mixed Netball Sports Day	Cricket Athletics
	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices	Rocksteady Choir Young Voices Advent Service	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir	Rocksteady Choir Y6 Production
	Art Club					Y6 Production
	Mass Harris Museum	Mass Theatre trip	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
	Commando Joe Computing Workshop	Commando Joe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe	Commando Joe Residential Science Festival	Commando Joe

Chat and Chill

A chat, a brew and a warm welcome!

Get to know other parents, share ideas or concerns, or simply enjoy a friendly chat.

A welcoming space where parents can feel comfortable, safe and listened to.



Wednesday 18th November
9.00am • Staff room

Linda and Mrs Wright will be on hand for a friendly chat and to offer support.

Please sign in at the main office.

If you can attend, please send Linda or Mrs Wright a message on ClassDojo.

We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Dates

2 MON	Domestic Violence and appropriate relationships talk for Y5/6 with PC Izzy (2.30pm) Gymnastics club Year 5 & 6 (3.30pm-4.30pm)
3 TUE	Confirmation Preparation Y6 (3.30pm-4.30pm) Multi Skills (3.30pm-4.30pm)
4 WED	Year 6 Mass (10.15am) Commando Joe (Y6: 8.15am-8.45am; Y5: 3.15pm-4.15pm)
5 THU	Rock Steady (9.00am) Mixed Football (3.30pm-4.30pm)
6 FRI	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mass (10.15am)	4th November - Year 6 11th November - Year 5 18th November - Year 4 25th November - Year 3
Wednesday 4th November	Flu Jabs
Monday 9th November	Year 6 Confirmation
Monday 9th November to Thursday 12th November	Bikeability - Year 5 Friendship Week
Young Voices Choir Tuesdays (3.15-4.15)	November 10th - 17th - 24th December 1st - 8th - 15th

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



RECEPTION	94.00%
YEAR 1	100.00%
YEAR 2	94.67%
YEAR 3	96.43%
YEAR 4	99.33%
YEAR 5	97.74%
YEAR 6	99.33%
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.34%



ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK:

Year 1!

Headteacher Award



KS1: Zach for excellent team-working skills in Commando Joe!

KS2: Dalton for excellent team-working skills in Commando Joe!

WEEKLY AWARDS	SPELLING SHED	MATHS SHED
Key Stage 1	Omar (Y2)	Ayman (Y2)
Lower Key Stage 2	Alfie (Y4)	Mirha (Y3)
Upper Key Stage 2	Fatimah (Y5)	Gabriel (Y5)

WEEKLY AWARDS – EXCELLENT EXAMPLE



Reception	Rashmika
Year 1	Harlow
Year 2	Tony
Year 3	Charlie
Year 4	Ella
Year 5	Maria
Year 6	Suhila

WEEKLY AWARDS – SUPERSKILL



Reception	Maleeha for showing creativity in the junk modelling area and continuing to develop her creation at home!
Year 1	James for showing resilience this week!
Year 2	Antoni for always being a peacemaker!
Year 3	Medhi for great team work in PE this week!
Year 4	Ali for showing great teamwork when supporting others in class.
Year 5	Jaxon for brilliant problem-solving and team-working in everything he does.
Year 6	Luca for showing great empathy and kindness.

WEEKLY AWARDS - BEST BOOK



Reception	Gabriel for designing an amazing hedgehog hibernation home.
Year 1	Mika'eel for trying hard with his handwriting this week.
Year 2	Ammarah for always working really hard with her handwriting!
Year 3	Sultan for super handwriting in how work this week.
Year 4	Suleiman for making a huge effort to improve his handwriting!
Year 5	Filip for amazing effort in his handwriting and presentation this week.
Year 6	Ahmed for excellent handwriting this week 🙂

Help us hear from children, young people, parents and carers across Lancashire The Children and Family Wellbeing Service will be launching a survey on 12 October to gather feedback from children, young people, parents, carers and our partners across Lancashire.

We want to hear from people whether they currently use Children and Family Wellbeing Service support or not. Understanding the experiences of families who haven't accessed services is just as important as hearing from those who have.

The survey will help Lancashire County Council better understand what is working well, where improvements could be made, awareness of available support, and any barriers that may prevent children, young people and families from accessing the help they need. The findings will help shape the future development of services, including Family Hubs and the Best Start in Life programme, ensuring support continues to meet the needs of local families.

http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/family-survey/

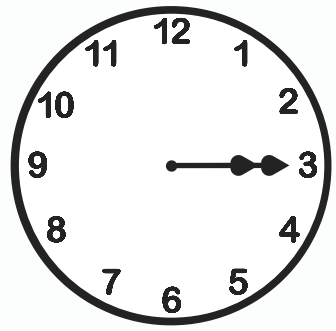
APPOINTMENTS

We kindly ask that, where possible, dental and other appointments are arranged outside of school hours to help minimise learning time missed.

If an appointment is later in the morning, please still send your child to school as normal. They can then be collected from school at the time of the appointment.

Please remember to message the school office via Dojo with any appointment details.

LATE COLLECTION



We understand that traffic can sometimes make it difficult to get to school right on time for the 3:15pm pickup.

However, any child who is not collected by 3:20pm will be taken to the After School Club (collect from front of hall door on Blackpool Road).

If children are not collected by 3:25pm, the session charge will apply.

BREAKFAST CLUB & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE AT ST GREGORY'S BREAKFAST CLUB, BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.



Breakfast club runs from 7:45am - 8:45am (£3.50 per session) & After school club runs from 3:15pm - 5:15pm (£7 per session). A range of fun activities is on offer along with a variety of healthy drinks and snacks.

Please get in touch if you plan to use the tax-free childcare service or Universal Credit. We will send over instructions regarding the payment option on Parent Pay.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with bookings or payments, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.