

## **Dear Parents and Carers,**

It is hard to believe we are in October already. We are delighted to welcome Mr Vasey to our team. Mr Vasey is our new site manager and I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome and I know you will be all looking forward to having our gates opened on time!

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Fr Keith Walker, who is now our Parish Priest at St. Gregory's. We also welcome Fr Jonathan who is the curate at St. Bede's, South Shields. Fr Jonathan will become a familiar face around St Gregory's as he is supporting us in school. We look forward to forging stronger links with our parish. Fr Jonathan will be celebrating Mass with us in school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9:15 am. All are very welcome.

## **Healthy School**

Thank you in supporting our Healthy School status by not sending in sweets or cakes for birthdays – we really do appreciate this.

## **Roving Book Shop**

Thank you for supporting our Roving Book Shop. We have received just over £300 to buy books for our school library.

## **School Admissions:**

### **Primary School Applications**

If your child is due to start school next academic year- September 2023. Applications are now open and the closing date for applications is 4:30 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Applications should be made via the Local Authority's website:  
<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1494/Apply-for-a-primary-infant-or-junior-school-place>

### **Secondary School Applications**

The application process for all children moving to Year 7 in September 2023 is now open and must be completed by 4:30 pm on Monday 31st October 2022. Applications should be done via the Local Authority's website: <https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/1495/Apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

## **CAFOD - Harvest**

During October we will be supporting CAFOD's 'brighten up harvest' campaign. Our new school council have suggested we have a non-uniform day and dress in bright colours to mark the day. We ask for a donation of £1 to go to CAFOD to support their work. Please note there is no need to buy anything new for this.

Traditionally during harvest season, we ask for donations of food goods that support the work of our local food bank. We appreciate your generosity as throughout the year you have been supporting this very good cause. If you are able to continue to provide donations of foods, then please bring them into school anytime and we will ensure that they are passed on.

## Attendance

It is important for children to establish good attendance habits early on in their primary school career. It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and the Governors to support good attendance and to identify and address attendance concerns promptly.

Attendance Flag	Information
<b>Red – Under 92%</b>	Pupils in the red zone are more likely to underachieve, find making friendships difficult and often exhibit poor behaviour. Pupils with this level of absence have large gaps in their learning and struggle to make expected progress despite support. Legal action may also be taken against Parents/Carers of Red Zone pupils.
<b>Amber – 92-96.99%</b>	Pupils in the amber zone are still at risk of underachieving due to the absence level. Pupils who miss school regularly are more likely to suffer from school related stress. Pupils in this zone have gaps in their learning which put additional pressures on children and parents to fill those gaps with the support of the school. If your child is in the Amber Zone we will contact you to complete a suitable action/intervention plan to help avoid attendance falling into the Red Zone.
<b>Green – 97+%</b>	We expect pupils to have Green attendance throughout their education. Those in the Green zone have minimal learning gaps which are addressed within the school day. This means that they are more likely to do well in examinations, achieve their full potential, have better job opportunities, develop good mental health and can develop strong friendships within school.

Please report any absences to the school office either by telephoning 0191 4552909 or email [office@st-gregorys.co.uk](mailto:office@st-gregorys.co.uk) before 9:30 am on the day of absence.

**Polite reminder that we are not permitted to authorise holiday requests during term time. Absences can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.**

### Diary Dates:

Please note that sometimes dates may be subject to change.

5.10.22 @ 3:30pm	Healthy Minds Drop in for parents and carers	Parents welcome
6.10.22@ 9:15	Whole School Mass	Parents welcome
7.10.22	CAFOD Family Fast Day fundraiser – Brighten up for Harvest	
12.10.22	SAPA coffee and catch up	Parents welcome
17.10.22	Parents' Evening	Parents welcome
21.10.22	School closes for half term	
<b>31.10.22</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING</b>	
1.11.22	Children return to school	
14.11.22	Flu vaccinations for Rec – Y6	
14 – 11.22 – 18.11.22	Anti-Bullying Week Children In Need	
18.11.22	KS2 Liturgical Prayer	Parents welcome
28.11.22 – 1.12.22	Y5 Bikeability	
28.11.22 – 2.12.22	Y6 Thurston	
5.12.22	Y4 Bikeability	
5.12.22	Reception Class visit to West Boldon Lodge	
12.12.22 and 14.12.22	Rec and KS1 Nativity TBC	Parents welcome

Assessment Dates	
May 2023	KS1 SATs Test Period
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	KS2 SATs week
5 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Y1 Phonics Screening Week