

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best

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Newsletter: September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome back to school our children and their families – it is great to see you all again! We also welcome our new starters to our school community and look forward to working with you over the coming year. The school year has begun smoothly and the children have settled into their new classes very well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if needed.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Dunne
Headteacher



At this time of the year, we would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone of some of our key policies and procedures:

Contact details

Please can you ensure that we have your most updated contact details, as well as those who are also identified as an emergency contact for your child.

Attendance and punctuality

The school doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. The children go straight into their classrooms and undertake their early morning tasks, e.g. handwriting, maths problems, SPAG tasks etc. This approach allows for extra learning time, less congestion on the yard and a smoother, quicker start to the school day. This approach worked exceptionally well over the last couple of years. We continue to take the register at 9:00am prompt but encourage children to be sat at their desks ready to learn as soon as possible.

If your child is poorly and not fit to come to school, please contact the school office to leave a message or speak to Mrs Rochford before 9:30 am.

School meals

Children in Reception and Key Stage One are all entitled to free school meals, however, if you are in receipt of Universal credit you may qualify for free school meals/milk, this means that school will receive additional funding for your child. This can be used to help support them in class alongside other additional expenses such as school trips. Please contact Mrs Rochford in the office for more information.

Walking home

Children in Year 6 sometimes walk home from school by themselves. If you have a child in Year 6 and you would like your child to walk home from school by themselves, please contact the school office and they will send a letter home for you to sign.

We will not be able to allow children to walk home alone without this written consent.

Parking

The streets around school become very congested at the start and end of the school day. We ask that you consider the safety of our children and families when parking at the school gates. We also ask that you are considerate to our neighbours when parking.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Mrs Dunne or Mrs Blackwood, who are our designated safeguarding leads. In their absence, Mrs Squares is our deputy designated safeguarding lead.

After school clubs

Our after school clubs will begin next week, please look out on ParentPay for more information.

General reminders

Please send your child into school each day with a named bottle – filled with water. They will have opportunities throughout the day to re-fill their bottles with water.

For those children who have a packed lunch, please make sure your lunch supports a healthy and balanced diet.

Please make sure that all items of uniform and PE kit have your child's name in.

Staffing update

We have 3 new members of staff to welcome to our staff team: Mrs Challis and Ms McManus join the lunchtime supervisors and Mrs Kelly joins us this year to complete her teacher training.

Mrs McMullen will be leaving St. Gregory's at Christmas to begin a full time post at Ridgeway Primary School. We thank Mrs McMullen for her years of service at St Gregory's and wish her every happiness in her new appointment.

Dates for your diary

We are finalising dates for the upcoming term and will send them out to you next week.

A Prayer for the New School Year

Lord,

Help us today to keep things in perspective and appreciate what we have. As we start this new year, instil in us a sense of balance. Make us aware of Your presence in our community and let Your love and care shine through us.

Amen