

# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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

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## Welcome Back

Happy New Year everyone. We hope you all had a lovely, peaceful Christmas break and are feeling well rested after all of the festivities!

I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter as the Acting Headteacher of St. Gregory's Primary School. I feel extremely privileged and honoured to have been appointed by Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET) and the governors of St. Gregory's to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Mrs. Dunne. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at the school. I am looking forward to working with the whole school community over the next 12 months.

St. Gregory's has a dedicated staff and wonderful children which is a great place to start. They have made me feel very welcome and part of the team already. I will be listening to the views of the staff, pupils and parents over the coming weeks to see how we can make the school even better! By working together, we can ensure that the children enjoy their time at St. Gregory's, make excellent progress and leave us with the necessary skills and attitudes to be successful in their secondary schools and future lives.

I have high expectations of the children and will continue to expect excellent behaviour, a positive attitude to learning and for children to arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Please do come and introduce yourselves – I will attempt to be on the playground before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

If you want to arrange an appointment to speak to me either face to face or via a telephone call, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Best wishes for 2024!

Miss E. Shaughnessy

Acting Headteacher

## Staffing News

We pleased to welcome our new Reception teacher Miss Hyde who is very much looking forward to being part of our team, please join us in welcoming her. She will be working in Reception class on a Monday afternoon and all-day Wednesday and Thursday.

## Safeguarding Update

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Miss Shaughnessy and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Blackwood. Mrs Squares is the Assistant Designated Safeguarding Lead.

## Diary Dates

We have a very busy term coming up! Dates for the half-term have been distributed today, but remember to look for updates on newsletters, social media and our website.

### Italian Cuisine

On Thursday 18th January 2024 we will be serving an Italian Menu in school. Please see below for the full menu choices.



### Pupil Illness

If you need to inform the school of a pupil absence, please either ring 0191 4552909 or send an email to [office@st-gregorys.co.uk](mailto:office@st-gregorys.co.uk). Please remember to give a full and valid reason for your child's absence e.g. high temperature, vomiting, along with your child's full name and year group. This is a regulation that we must record on our attendance system.

### Attendance

The beginning of a new year is a fresh start, and everyone has the potential to achieve 100% attendance this term! You can make the biggest impact on your child's attendance and we appreciate your help in trying to achieve our target. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please contact the school office and we can support you.

Please see below for this week's class attendance:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.92%	98.89%	98.4%	99.33%	100%	86.67%	97.88%

Congratulations to Year 4 who achieved 100% attendance this week – well done!

### Holidays in Term Time

We strongly discourage all holidays in term time and ask that parents plan their holidays around school breaks to avoid children missing out on learning. Our term dates can be found on our school website.

### Weather

The weather forecast for next week is looking extremely cold. Please ensure your child is able to wrap up warm with hats, scarves, gloves and appropriate footwear!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss E. Shaughnessy