

# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Upcoming Diary Dates

School re-opens 19.02.2024

W/C 19.02.24 SEND support plan appointments

Headboy and Headgirl speeches Y6 19.02.2024

Y5 & Y6 Celebration of the Word –parents welcome 23.02.2024

**\*Cafod Assembly -Whole School & Catholic Social Teaching Workshops KS2 26.02.2024**

School photographer in school 01.03.2024

Scholastic Book Fayre in school w/c 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Y6 Puberty Talk 5.3.24

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Choir KS2 Music 1.30pm Festival @ Customs House

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Music 6.30pm Festival @ Customs House

Mother's Day afternoon Tea 08.03.3034

*\*new event*

## Acting Headteacher's Message

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. It was great to see a little bit of sunshine on my long dog walks with Bruno my Frenchie! Spring is certainly in the air with the snowdrops and daffodil shoots popping up all over! However, as much as I love the half term break, I am glad to be back at school and I am very much looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for our children and their families over the coming weeks. Today we began our Lenten journey as a school. During the season of Lent, we pray, fast, and give alms to remind us of Jesus' time in the desert. During Lent we are sending home a 'Lent Prayer bag' with one child from every class each night. In the bag there is a holding cross, candle, purple cloth and an activity to do as a family. Please return the Lent Prayer Bag the next day so it can be passed onto the next family.

### **Lenten Prayer**

Lord God, faithful in Your love,  
we come before You as we are,  
to worship You at the start of Lent.  
We come before You as we are,  
to hear what You have to say about our  
human journey.  
We come before You as we are,  
to seek Your help and strength for the  
week ahead,  
and for every week,  
through Jesus Christ our friend and  
saviour, Amen.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Miss E. Shaughnessy*

## Curriculum Maps

On Friday, you will be sent a 'Curriculum Map' outlining the topics that your child will be learning in the next half-term. The curriculum maps will provide you with an overview of the subjects and the units being covered for the term. These will be available on our school website too.

### **Professional photographer in school-smile!**

Professional class, individual and sibling school photographs will be taken on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Families with pre-school siblings can come into school to have their photographs taken before school starts. Please go to the main school entrance between 8.15am and 8:50am.

### **World Book Day**

We celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. As a school our focus this year is to encourage bedtime reading and the sharing of books. Research shows that shared reading with your child has a huge range of benefits such as improved language skills, improved imagination and creativity and increased concentration. All children are invited to come into school wearing their pyjamas and dressing gowns. Mrs. Squares our English Lead, has planned lots more exciting things to promote a love of reading which will be shared in due course.

### **Donations- Mother's Day Hamper & Easter Chocolate Raffle**

As part of our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea we are holding a raffle for a Mother's Day Hamper. We need donations to ensure that one of our lovely mums, aunties or grandmas receives a lovely well deserved gift! Do you have any unopened gift sets; perfumes or bath foams or oils you could donate? Or perhaps, you own your own business and would like to donate a hair, nail or massage voucher for one lucky lady! If you can help please get in touch with school office. Thank you in advance!

### **Chocolate Raffle**

We are asking for donations of chocolate in all forms e.g. Easter eggs, bags, bars or boxes for our chocolate raffle. These can be brought into school straight away. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased via ParentPay from Monday 11th March until Wednesday 20th March, for 50p per ticket. Your child will then be allocated their tickets, which will remain in school and used in the draw on Thursday 21st March. All money raised is put towards School Funds.

### **Easter Activities and Events**

At home we invite you to create an Easter Bonnet or a Garden of Gethsemane. They can be brought into school on Wednesday 20th March where they will be displayed in the hall for all children to see them throughout the morning. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and innovative ideas! School will be open between 9.15am and 9.45am on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> for parents and carers to come and see the wonderful entries too.

### **Year 3 and 4 Celebration of the Word**

Thank you to the parents who were able to join the Year 3 and Year 4 children's Celebration of the Word on the last day of term. The staff were very proud of the children and the way they sang 'The Lord is My Shepherd' and read with such reverence and respect. Well done!

