

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy half term at St. Gregory's, I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you a wonderful and relaxing half term holiday.

With best wishes,

Alison Dunne



Designated Safeguarding Leads

We take our responsibilities regarding Safeguarding very seriously. For any new families to our school, please be aware that Mrs Dunne and Mrs Blackwood are the designated safeguarding leads in school. If you feel you have an issue to discuss or raise about the wellbeing of a child or any other matter, please contact the school.

Safeguarding

Please see our school website for information about Squid Game.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, you must telephone or email us before 9:30am each day to let us know. It is a legal requirement that we know where all children are when they are not at school. If you are going on holiday (which still cannot be authorised, unless exceptional circumstances), please ensure that you have completed a holiday request form.

Harvest

As you aware, we have been collecting non-perishable food for our Harvest collection. The donations were collected yesterday by the Key Project who were very grateful for your generosity.

CAFOD

Thank you also for supporting our Go Green for CAFOD day – we were able to send a cheque for £200 to CAFOD to support their work.

Admissions for school places

Closing date for secondary applications is 31st October 2021

Closing date for primary applications is 15th January 2022

Please apply online via www.southtyneside.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Reception Intake 2022-2023

On Tuesday 2nd November, we have arranged an open afternoon. This will be an informal meeting where you will be able to meet and chat to myself, staff and parents while giving you the opportunity to see our school in action.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Rochford in the school office.

If you know any families with children due to start school then please pass this information on to them.

Parking outside of school

Please can we once again ask you to consider our neighbours when bringing your children to school. Please do not park or cover driveways as residents need access at all times. We are also aware that there has been a couple of near misses where children who are on the pavement have almost been hit by cars manoeuvring at the school gates. This is a real concern and I know mornings can sometimes be a little hectic but please park with consideration and consider the safety of others. Thank you.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind parents that we are a 'nut free' school and any children on packed lunches should not bring nut based foods into school. Some of our children have very severe allergies and can become unwell very quickly if they come into any kind of contact with nuts.

We would also like to remind parents that small items of food e.g. grapes, are a choking hazard. If your child is bringing in grapes, please will you ensure that these are cut up.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Football

Our school football teams have been in action over the last couple of weeks and they have been a credit to us. They have shown a great team spirit and we are very proud of their efforts. Our new football strip has just arrived in school – there will be no stopping us now!

SAPA

Thank you so much for your contributions to our Smarties appeal – we will let you know next half term how much we have raised as tubes are still coming into school.

We still have some numbers available for our 100 club. The payments will remain on your ParentPay account until Sunday 31st October. We will then contact parents with their numbers and await the first draw. Good luck everyone.

We have a Bag2School collection organised for Friday 11th November. We will send the bags home, with your child after half term. Bags can be filled with: Clothing and paired shoes; handbags and belts; hats, scarves; soft toys; bedding, curtains and towels. This is a great opportunity for you to have a clear out – and raise funds for our school! **Bags should ONLY be brought to school by 9.00am on Friday 19th November 2021.** We are sorry that we cannot store bags brought into school any earlier than this date.

Please register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select our school for your cause. Every time you shop online through the easyfundraising app we receive a donation from the retailer at no extra cost to you.

We will be collecting the following items for our Christmas shopping event in the weeks after half term:

Week commencing 8th November – Chocolate and sweets

Week commencing 15th November – Toiletries and baskets

Week commencing 22nd November – Bottles

COP26

World leaders will gather in Glasgow next month to discuss climate change and the environment. Bishop Robert has asked the children to pray for the success of the meeting. The children will bring home the letter to share with you today. I have included a prayer at the end of this newsletter that you may wish to prayer together as a family.

We pray for world leaders that they may all work together, through the decisions taken, to protect the planet and all life within it. We pray that our collective actions will begin the long process of repair to the damage we have caused and that God will help us become better stewards.

Amen

Dates for your Diary:

1.11.21	School opens after half term Feast of All Saints Day	9.12.21	Reception and KS1 Nativity @ 1pm
2.11.21	Feast of All Souls Day	10.12.21	SAPA Christmas Shopping Day
2.11.21	Open afternoon for prospective parents	12.12.21	FHC Session 3
8.11.21	Coyne Football league	13.12.21	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
8.11.21- 11.11.21	Y5 Bikeability	14.12.21	End of term Mass – whole school
9.11.21	Mass in school	14.12.21	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
15.11.21- 19.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week	15.12.21	Christmas Dinner and jumper day
16.11.21	Girls' Football league	16.12.21	KS2 Christmas Carol concert @ 9:15am
19.11.21	SAPA Bags 2 School collection	16.12.21	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
21.11.21	FHC Session 2	16.12.21	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Gregory's Church
29.11.21- 3.12.21	Y6 Thurston Visit	17.12.21	End of term
6.12.21	Reception and KS1 Nativity @ 1pm	4.1.22	SCHOOL CLOSED – staff training
7.12.21	Reception visit to Santa's Winter Woodland	5.1.22	School opens for Spring Term