

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this Spring Term, I would like to thank you all once again for your unwavering support. The lockdown hasn't been easy for us for a number of reasons, some of our community have lost loved ones while some have felt isolated or been affected by illness. Your care and concern for others is commendable.

I would also like to thank the staff and governors for their hard work and care in ensuring that we were able to provide high quality education for all our children during the lockdown period. You will not be surprised to hear that our children have been amazing on their return. They have really enjoyed being back in school with their friends and are a credit to us as a school but to you also as their parents.

We hope that the Summer Term will bring sunshine and joy to our whole school community.

With all best wishes,

Mrs Dunne

CAFOD Lenten Appeal 2021

We will be sending a cheque to CAFOD for £250. A huge thank you so much for your generosity. I know this will be much appreciated.

Parking

We are aware that the situation of our school makes parking very difficult for those parents who drop off/pick up by car. However, this continues to be an issue with parents choosing to park in an inconsiderate manner, blocking peoples' drives and access to the pavement. As we are at the end of a cul-de-sac it is impossible to manoeuvre a car safely during busy times as children and families are coming from all directions. The risk of a child being knocked over is too large so I ask for your help to please avoid driving your car up to the school gates. We have contacted the police and South Tyneside Council to see if this can be monitored. We are also aware of a scheme that South Tyneside Council are trialling. The Council have set up a website to collect comments from schools, parents and residents. I would urge you to highlight the problem around our school. More information is available at

<https://stynesideschoolstreets.commonplace.is/>

School Improvements

During the Easter holidays we will be starting the much needed decoration to our school. This is a huge job and we will be continuing to update decoration and furniture in classrooms over the coming months. We will also be having work completed in the summer holidays to enhance the security and access to the school site along with repairs to the KS2 corridor floor. They weren't kidding when they said Rome wasn't built in a day!

SAPA

Our Easter raffle raised £394. Once again the generosity of our families is truly amazing.

Thank you to SAPA for all your hard work with organising this. We have recently received money to buy 5 new iPads and new shelving for our school library. This is absolutely fantastic and I know the children will benefit greatly from having a library that will be more user friendly. We have purchased lots of new books that we were able to buy through the Scholastic book fair and we have also won 2 competitions giving us an extra £200 to spend on books for our library.

Please don't forget to sign up to Easy Fundraising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk) for your online shopping – every time you spend online with a variety of retailers (including Amazon, Marks and Spencer and Argos), they will make a small donation to school. This helps support our school at no additional cost to you.

After School Clubs

After schools clubs will resume after the Easter. Further information will be sent out after the holidays.

Covid

It is important that you continue to let us know us know if your child has symptoms of coronavirus, and/or tests positive, even during the Easter Holidays. Please report any cases to covid@st-gregorys.co.uk
To help with track and trace, this email will be monitored until Wednesday 7th April.

Dates for your Diary:

19.4.21	Back to school
3.5.21	May Day Bank Holiday
10.5.21	Reading Activities Week
28.5.21	Break up for Half Term
7.6.21	Back to school
21.6.21	SCHOOL CLOSED for staff training
13.7.21	Sports Day tbc
23.7.21	End of term

