

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents, Carers and children,

February already!

The number of positive cases in school did rise as expected during January. We continue to be faced with daily disruption caused by COVID; staff and children are dealing with this very well – and I would like to also thank parents for their support and vigilance during this ongoing challenging time.

We are still being very cautious as the health and safety of all our school community is extremely important, particularly for those in our school community who are vulnerable at this time.

As is always the case – please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries at all. Thank you so much for your ongoing support and understanding.

Warmest wishes,

Alison Dunne

Safeguarding

This year Safer Internet Day will be held on Tuesday, February 8th 2022. During this week in school, all children will be taking part in activities to help keep them safe online especially when playing online games. The theme of this year is how to be respectful to others online. There is advice available on the Safer Internet Day website for parents and carers. If you can, please take the opportunity to speak to your child about online safety this week. We will be posting some guides to support parents on our school website.

Staffing

We welcome Lorie Nichol and Diane Gray to our staff team. Lorie and Diane began their new roles as lunchtime supervisors in January – they have been very welcome additions to the team.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child/children arrive in time for the start of the school day. We have seen a marked improvement in the number of children who are arriving late on a morning.

SAPA

As some of you will know, this month we are part of Asda's 'green token giving' initiative. If you would like to vote for us, please follow <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=5889> Our appeal lasts throughout February and every week you should be able to vote again. You should also be able to vote with every device you have eg. Phone, iPad, laptop.

After half term, we will be organising our Easter raffle. If you would like to donate any prizes, please send them into school with your child when we return after half term.

Please consider signing up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk. This is one of the easiest ways of raising money for our school at no extra cost to yourself. Through the easyfundraising app you can access websites including

John Lewis, Amazon, Argos, M&S and many more retailers and they will give a FREE donation to our school. Many thanks to those of you who have signed up already.

I would also like to say thank you to Jeanette and her many helpers for all they do behind the scenes to help raise much needed funds for school.

Uniform

Please will you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit? We are seeing an increase of incorrect uniform for PE.

- White school or plain t-shirt (no sports tops or labels)
- Navy shorts
- Plimsolls and outdoor trainers
- Plain navy jogging bottoms may be worn if PE is outside

Long hair should be tied back, watches and earrings removed. If earrings can't be removed they need to be covered with tape.

We have also seen an increase in boys wearing sports trainer style shoes as their school shoes. I have mentioned this before in previous newsletters and appreciate those parents who have supported school in ensuring their children wear the correct school shoes. Adhering to uniform is something that children should be encouraged to do in preparation for secondary school.

School shoes should be worn to school everyday even on PE days. The children will change into trainers along with their PE kit.

If you have trouble sourcing the correct uniform, please contact the school office.

Wraparound Care

Many parents are not aware that they may be entitled to tax-free childcare. More information can be found on the following link <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Wraparound care is available Monday to Friday, between the hours of 7:30 am – 8:45 am and 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. If you would like to book a place at breakfast/tea time club, please call 0191 455 2909 or email bafclub@st-gregorys.co.uk

Dates for your diary:

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| 10.2.22 | Girls Football League | 15.4.22 | Good Friday |
| 13.2.22 | FHC Session 5 9:30am at St Gregory's Church | 17.4.22 | Easter Sunday |
| 18.2.22 | End of Half Term | 25.4.22 | School reopens for Summer Term |
| 28.2.22 | Back to school | May 2022 | KS1 SATs Test Period |
| 1.3.22 | Shrove Tuesday | 9-12 th May | KS2 SATs week |
| | | 15.5.22 | FHC Session 7 9:30am at St Gregory's Church |
| 2.3.22 | Ash Wednesday | 6-10 th June | Phonics Screening Week |
| 3.3.22 | World Book Day | 6-24 th June | Y4 Multiplication Tables Check |
| 7.3.22 | Parents' Evening TBC | 25.6.22 | FHC Session 8 Holy Communion Day |
| 20.3.22 | FHC Session 6 9:30am at St Gregory's Church | 17.7.22 | FHC Session 9 9:30am at St Gregory's Church |
| 8.4.22 | End of Term | | |