

# St. Gregory's News



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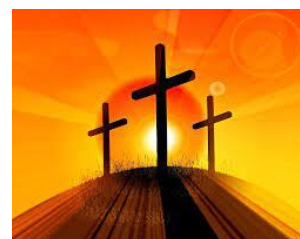
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## Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. It is lovely to see the weather has improved and there is nothing better than the happy sound of children's voices enjoying being back at school.

Just like you, we are hopeful that, with the relaxation of restrictions in the weeks ahead, we will receive some guidance and advice on how we may begin to open up safely. In the mean-time, we continue to maintain our protocols to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your continued support.



With all best wishes,  
Mrs Dunne

## Parking

Please can I once again ask for your help when dropping off or picking up children from school. Both gates to school are at the end of cul-de-sacs and there is very limited space to park. I realise that mornings can be quite hectic trying to get the children here on time but I politely ask you not to park near the gates, on pavements or try to manoeuvre your car at the gates. We have calls, almost daily, from concerned parents and residents informing us that there have been a number of near misses. The risk of a child being hit or hurt by a car is one that we cannot ignore. Therefore we have contacted the police and the road safety team and are working with them to look into ways to minimise risk.

## E-safety

Technology is part of our everyday life now and we would like to ask you to monitor what your child is accessing online. At first glance graphics on games and apps may appear very 'child friendly' but often the content is highly inappropriate for primary school aged children. There are some useful parent guides on our school website if you require more information on this matter.

## Staffing

After 25 years of service to St Gregory's Mrs Wilson, our Deputy Headteacher, has decided to take early retirement. We will miss Mrs Wilson very much as she has been such a big part of the team here at St Gregory's for so many years. Governors are currently working to appoint a new Deputy Headteacher - I know that we can rely on our Governors to always put the children and the community first in the decision that they make. I will inform you in due course when an appointment has been made.

Information regarding the class structure for 2021- 2022 and staff deployment shall be shared with you later in the Summer term.

Miss Windle also will be leaving us this term. Miss Windle has worked at St. Gregory's for the last 6 years. I know she will be greatly missed by both children and staff alike.

## Reading Week

Summer Reading week will begin on 14th June. We have some exciting events planned for this week including an 'extreme reading' challenge and a sponsored read. More information will be given out nearer the time.

## SAPA

As most of you are aware our Summer Fair usually takes place on sports day. Due to the uncertainty of the Covid situation and the amount of planning and preparation required we have decided to postpone this event and hope to hold a similar event early in the Autumn Term instead.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) we have raised around £40 for school to date without any additional cost to you.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs will resume after next week. If you have signed up for a sports club then your child can come to school wearing school PE kit on that day – white t-shirt, navy shorts with school sweatshirt/cardigan, black/navy jogging bottoms.

## Uniform

During last term I know many of you had problems sourcing new school shoes with non-essential shops being closed. Now the shops have re-opened I do appreciate your efforts to ensure your children have the correct footwear -thank you.

Please can you also ensure that children bring a coat to school – it is sunny now but it is still a bit chilly and of course our unpredictable climate means that it could be snowing by 3 o'clock!

As the weather is improving, please will you ensure your child has sun cream applied at home before coming to school. I would also ask that your child brings a water bottle and a sun hat or cap.

One last thing, could we please ask that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name?

## School Photographer

We have arranged for the school photographer to come into school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately due to the Covid restrictions, we are unable to allow younger siblings to come into school to have their photographs taken.

## Covid

If you or your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 then please arrange a test and let us know as soon as possible. On weekends we have an email address for you to report any positive cases: [covid@st-gregorys.co.uk](mailto:covid@st-gregorys.co.uk) Please note this email is only monitored over the weekend and during school holidays.

## Dates for your Diary:

3.5.21	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - May Day Bank Holiday	14.6.21	Reading Activities Week
12.5.21	School Photographer	21.6.21	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> - staff training
28.5.21	Break up for Half Term	13.7.21	Sports Day tbc
7.6.21	Back to school	23.7.21	End of term