

# St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents, Carers and children,

We have had a wonderful term in school and everyone has worked so hard. I think I can speak for all when I say we are looking forward to the Easter holiday.

There has been lots of fundraising for CAFOD and Ukraine and we would like to thank you for your generosity. As you are aware we have often supported the Key Project in South Shields and they have asked if we can appeal for carrier bags. If you do have any you can spare, please send them into school and we will make sure that they are passed on.

Thank you for all that you do to make St. Gregory's such a special place.

Easter blessings to you all,

Alison Dunne

## **Safeguarding**

During the school day, please ensure upon entering or leaving the school site that the pedestrian gate is closed properly to ensure the safety of our children when they are playing out on the yard.

A reminder that children should not be playing on the Trim Trails before and after school.

## **Congratulations**

We would like to wish Miss Harrison and her future husband a lifetime of love, happiness and friendship as they get married next weekend.

## **Football Crazy!**

Once again our football teams have been in action. Our boys' B team and our girls' team have shown tremendous character and some real potential. Our Y6 A team remain unbeaten and we have just been informed this morning that the team will go forward to compete in the South Tyneside Champions League finals in June – fingers crossed for more sporting success.

We couldn't be more proud of all our footballers who have shown a great team spirit and discipline throughout. Well done to you all.

## **Parent governor**

Mrs Natalie Hall has been elected as our new parent governor to the Local Governing Committee. Natalie's term of office commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

We would like to thank Ms Louise Hassen for her support and dedication as our parent governor representative over the last 18 months.

### **SAPA**

Asda's 'green token giving' initiative is open until the end of April so please keep voting. Please follow <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=5889>

Many thanks for you donations of Easter eggs and to all of you who bought a raffle ticket. SAPA were busy in school yesterday drawing the raffle. We raised just over £260 - a tremendous effort I am sure you will agree!

Congratulations to all our lucky 100 Club winners this term. If you would like to join in the fun, Mrs Rochford will be sending a text once the new term has been added to ParentPay.

We hope to hold a parents meeting after the holidays to discuss our infamous Summer Fair. More information to follow

### **Holiday Requests**

We have noticed a number of holiday requests coming into the office. As a school we do not begrudge any child or family a well deserved break, and of course we recognise the benefits, especially emotionally, that a holiday brings. However, we must be clear with our message and therefore remind everyone that as a school we are not permitted to grant authorisation for any holiday unless there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

### **Holy Week**

Holy week is the most important week in the Church's year and is a time when we celebrate in a special way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

We remember Jesus' actions, reflect on his messages, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

All classes joined together and celebrated the significant events of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday during Mass celebrated by Fr Michael. It was lovely to see some parents joining us too.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children, have also led us in a beautiful musical liturgy remembering the events of this most important week culminating with the events of Easter Sunday, when we celebrate Jesus is Risen. This will be shared on our school Facebook page in due course.



Dates for you diary:

25.4.22	School re-opens for the Summer Term
May 2022	KS1 SATs Test Period
5.5.22	Y1 Football Festival
9-12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
10.5.22 am	Y2 Gymnastic Festival
10.5.22 pm	Y4 Gymnastic Festival
13.5.22	Y4 Mini Tennis Festival
15.5.22	FHC Session 7 @ St Gregory's Mass at 9:30
16.5.22	Y3 visit to library
17.5.22	Reception visit to library
17.5.22	Y4 The Urban Factory
18.5.22	Y5/6 Cricket
19.5.22	Y3 Mini Tennis Festival
19.5.22	Y6 Independent Choices
20.5.22	Y3/4 Quadkids
24.5.22	Y5/6 Girls' Cricket
25.5.22	Y3 visit to Marine Park
27.5.22	Queen's Jubilee Celebration Day
27.5.22	School closes for half term
6-10 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week
6-24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
6.6.22	School re-opens
9.6.22	Y2 OAA/visit to beach
22.6.22	Y5/6 Orienteering competition
23.6.22 - tbc	First Holy Communion practice at St. Gregory's Church
24.6.22	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
25.6.22	Year 4 and Y5 First Holy Communion Day
27.6.22	Y3/4 Cricket Festival
28.6.22	KS2 Cheerleading competition
1.7.22	Y5 Rugby tbc
13.7.22	Y6 Fun Day
15.7.22	FHC Session 9 @ St Gregory's Church – Mass at 9:30 am
18.3.22	Y3 visit to Simonside
19.7.22	Sports' Day
21.7.22	End of term
22.7.22	School closed for extra jubilee bank holiday