

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best

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Newsletter: May 2023

Well done Year 6!

A huge well done to all our amazing children in Year 6. They have worked so hard this week completing their KS2 SATS. You have tried your best and we cannot ask for anything more.

Feet up this weekend!

Please remember to keep in your prayers our Year 2 children who will be sitting their KS1 SATS in the coming weeks. I am sure they will be just as amazing!

SAPA – Summer Fair

Due to Y6 Transition dates, we have had to change the date of our Summer Fair to Wednesday 12th July at 1:30 pm.

Key Project

We are very grateful for your generosity towards our food bank. Please do keep your donations coming in – your support is very much appreciated.

Mental Health Awareness Week: 15th May 2023

Kindness is a simple way to help EVERYONE. When we are kind to each other, it helps us to feel connected, which means we forge new friendships or deepen existing ones. Research has also shown that when we're kind, when someone is kind to us or even if we just witness kindness, our bodies release feel-good hormones which lift our mood. It's also been shown that people who are kind have much lower anxiety levels, age more slowly and have healthier hearts. Kindness isn't just a nice thing to do, but can help us improve our own mental health and wellbeing, while helping others at the same time. During Mental Health Awareness Week, all classes will have a focus on being kind to each other.

Safeguarding

Message from Northumbria Police about staying safe online:

It is important for the adults in a child's life to be aware of what and who they are interacting with online, and for young people to be aware that what they share online can affect their lives in the 'real' world. If you need advice or more information about the apps that your children are using, the NSPCC – Chat Apps and Have a Conversation contain helpful advice on how to approach this subject with children and young people.

Before School

A polite reminder that school staff are not on the yard until 8:45 am. If you are dropping children off at school, please can we ask that you stay with them until a member of staff is present at the gates.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to Mrs Dunne or Mrs Blackwood, who are our designated safeguarding leads. In their absence, Mrs Squares is our deputy designated safeguarding lead.

Staff News

Huge congratulations to our lunchtime supervisory assistants who have been shortlisted for the BCCET Team of the Year Award. An awards ceremony will take place in July to celebrate their dedication and commitment to the pupils of St. Gregory's. Good luck!

Mrs Hall, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is retiring at the end of this term. Jeanette has worked at St. Gregory's for the last 13 years and has been a fantastic support helping organise SAPA. I am sure she will be greatly missed by all and we wish her well in her retirement. We will be advertising this vacancy very soon.

RSE – Parental Consultation

Thank you for completing the parental questionnaire with regards to our approach to teaching the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum. Miss Watson will be contacting those parents who requested further information regarding optional content. It is difficult for us to respond directly to anonymous questionnaires. Please do contact school if you require any further information.

Dates for your diary:

Please note that sometimes dates may be subject to change

May 2023	KS1 SATs Test Period	
18.5.23 @ 10:00 am	Y6 Mass at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
21.5.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 6 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
26.5.23	End of Half Term	
5.6.23	SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER HALF TERM	
11.6.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Session 7 at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
5 th -23 rd June 2023	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	
7.6.23	Y2 visit OAA Festival South Marine Park	
9.6.2023 @ 10:00 am	Y1 and Y2 Liturgy at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
12 th -16 th June 2023	Y1 Phonics Screening Week	
20.6.23	Y6 visit to Safetyworks, Newcastle	
23.6.23 @ 10:00 am	Reception liturgy at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
24.6.23 @ 10:00 am	FHC Day at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
6.6.23	Sports Day	Parents welcome
2.7.23 @ 9:30 am	FHC Going Forth Mass at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
3.7.23	Y5 and Y6 Production time tbc	Parents welcome
4.7.23	Y1 visit to Adventure Valley	
5.7.23	Y5 and Y6 Production time tbc	Parents welcome
7.7.23	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	
12.7.23@ 1:30 pm	SAPA Summer Fair	Parents welcome
13.7.23	Y6 Transition Day	
14.7.23	Y6 Transition Day	
20.7.23 @ 10:00 am	Y6 Leavers' Mass at St. Gregory's Church	Parents welcome
20.7.23	End of Summer Term	