



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School



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St. Gregory's CP School Mission Statement
Our mission is to provide inclusive learning with Gospel values where diversity is celebrated and every child flourishes happily; free to explore and create

St. Gregory's CP School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff & volunteers to share this commitment

21 April 2017 Newsletter T5 Edition 1 for all parents and carers

WELCOME BACK

Well done and thank-you parents, for returning your children to school looking so tidy and smart in their uniforms. Hopefully, they will stay that way for the next few weeks! In school, we always welcome the summer term because it **usually** means more sunshine and extra time outside. Unfortunately, the summer also brings the statutory end of Key Stage Assessment for Year 2s and 6. Statutory end of Key Stage 2 tests will take place from 8 May for Year 6. The children in Year 2 will soon begin their end of Key Stage 1 tasks and tests, too. If you would like more information about the SATs process, please speak to Mr Kirk, Mrs. Sellwood or Mrs Rougvi.

THANET SPORTS UPDATE

'Good Luck' to our pupils taking part in the Thanet Touch Rugby competition at Cliftonville on 21st April, and those in the Thanet Swimming Gala at Hartsdown on 20th May. 'Thank-you' Mr. Munday and Mr. Chambers for the organization.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND SCHOOL DINNERS

Please ensure that all BC fees are paid in advance and delivered to the office in a sealed envelope. There is a locked delivery box available for any payments and letters in the reception office. Please do not try to pay teaching staff at the beginning of any session. Payment for school dinners must also be in advance and go directly to the office in a sealed envelope, too.

PARENTS 'SURGERY'

If you have a question about school, or any aspect of your child's learning in general, please come into school for a special *Parents' Surgery* to be held on the last Friday of every month. Senior members of staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have. Next surgery is 28th April.

SCHOOL LIBRARY AND ICT SUITE OPEN AFTER SCHOOL EACH TUESDAY TO THURSDAY

Why not pop into school with your child after school (Tues-Weds-Thurs 3.30-4pm) and help change their library book or spend time in the ICT suite working on 'Mathletics' or 'Spellodrome' together? Everyone is welcome.

LENTEN ALMS - CAFOD

Please return all CAFOD collection boxes to school. As you know, CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Across the world CAFOD brings hope and compassion to poor communities inspired by Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, working for a safe, sustainable and peaceful world. In the spirit of these principals, St. Gregory's asked families to post any spare change into the box throughout the Lenten season as a contribution to CAFOD's programme to provide cleaner and safer living conditions for many communities around the world.

BAKE SALES

We are blessed to have such kind and enthusiastic charity fund-raisers in school; many of them in Years 4 and 5. So far this term, Rosie, Poppy, Evie, Hannah, Sophie and Isabelle have provisionally 'booked' the following dates for Bake Sales after school - Friday 28th April, 5th May and 18th May. Their chosen charities include *The Homeless*, *Kent Air Ambulance* and *Mencap*. As always; please be prepared with any necessary cash and carrier bags on the day itself.

PUPIL ABSENCE

To report or request pupil absence, please contact the school office direct. All verbal reports (in person or by telephone) must be followed up with a signed letter addressed to the office. Your understanding is much appreciated.

DO NOT PARK ACROSS RESIDENTS' DRIVES

The school has received complaints from local residents that some of our parents are parking their cars across private driveways when dropping off and collecting their children at school. As you know, most of our parents are kind, courteous and thoughtful drivers, so it is only a frustratingly small number of parents who are causing this problem and giving the school a bad name. If you see bad driving or parking; please contact the police immediately.

PARENTS/CARERS CARS ON SITE

Please be aware that parents and carers must not park their car in the school car park area or use the main driveway at any time. Parents and carers must safely leave their car on the kerbside then walk into school using the pedestrian path.

PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS

The school is very proud of Mrs. Sherwin who begins her role as Assistant Headteacher at another Thanet school next month. Although we are sad to see her go, we are so proud of her achievement; well done, Mrs. Sherwin!

SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

You will be aware that Sexual Health and Relationship Education is on the curriculum for all pupils at St. Gregory's, from EY to Y6, where the teaching and learning follows Gospel values, is approved by the diocese and is in line with the Catholic view of love and marriage. SRE is always taught in the summer terms. Each year, parents and carers are invited to meet with me to discuss the school's scheme of work and view resources. Please return the slip below if you are interested in reserving a place for the information session on Thursday 4th May at 2.45pm

*I am interested in attending an in-school parents/carers information session to discuss
'Sexual Health & Relationships Education'
On Thursday 4th May at 2.45pm*

Name.....Contact Tel. No.....

Parent/carer of.....inClass/es
(Please return this slip to the school office) 21.04.17

Shakespeare Club on tour...

Members of our Shakespeare Club visited The Leas Coastal Park, Folkestone on Thursday to perform their part in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. The performance was produced in association with the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, The Royal Shakespeare Company and 10 other Kent schools. Our children enjoyed a wonderful day, with amazing experiences only made possible because of the fantastic organisation and professionalism shared with our children over many months of practice, rehearsal and commitment. 'Thank-you' to Mrs. Rougvie, The Marlowe, Canterbury and RSC. Well done, children!



EARLY YEARS TRANSFORMATION

Team members in the Early Years worked very hard over the Easter holidays to make further changes to the Nursery and Reception classes (inside and outside) that have transformed the whole area. As you know, the EY project has been a 'work in progress' since the autumn term with gradual changes made to improve the provision for our youngest pupils. We are so pleased with what the EY team has achieved so far. Please come into school and have a look for yourselves. Further improvements to the outside learning area, including the beach, pond and wildlife zones are also looking fab!

THE BUG ROADSHOW

Our children in EY and KS1 had a great day full of creepy-crawlies and giant bugs on Wednesday when The Bug Man arrived with his Bugs Roadshow. The children thoroughly enjoyed handling the bugs (alive and dead), it was some of the adults, whoever, who were a little less keen!



CEOP - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. Go to: <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Has something happened online that has made you feel worried or unsafe? If so, contact CEOP. CEOP is full of people who want to help you. They work to keep children safe from sexual abuse and sexual grooming online. It is a confidential service. If you would prefer to discuss your safeguarding concerns with the school, Mrs. Wright, DSL, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs. Kingston (DSL trained) would be more than happy to meet with you in confidence.



PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER...

Collecting pupils on time at the end of the day: EY & Yr. 1 at 3.15pm, Yrs. 2 to 6 at 3.25pm

Class Assembly Dates (Fridays at 2.45pm):

28th April Minnis Bay, 5th May Sunny Sands, 19th May Whitstable Bay, 26th May Walpole Bay

Bank Holiday (school closed to pupils: Monday 1st May

KS2 SATs Week: 8th -12th May

Last Day of T5: Friday 26th May 3.25pm

First Day of Term 6: Monday 5th June 2017

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016-17

Please check Kent school term dates posted on the school's website.

