



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

5 May 2017 Newsletter T5 Edition 2 for all parents and carers

BAKE SALE RAISES OVER £100

Well done to Hannah T., Sophie D., and Rosie S. in Year 5 who raised £100.55 last Friday at their after-school Bake Sale. The girls were super-organised; before, during and after the event and deserve all the praise given for their wonderful achievement. The girls will split the proceeds of their sale between *Kent Air Ambulance* and our own school library. Well done, girls! The next Bake Sale is booked for 12th May. Rosie S., Poppy C., Evie B. will be raising funds for The Homeless. On 18th May Izzy M. will organise a Bake Sale to raise funds for Mencap. St. Gregory's is very proud of all of its charity fund-raisers; well done to all of you!

BIG THANKS TO MARGATE FOOTBALL CLUB

Ten of our pupils and their families were very fortunate to win a free family ticket for Margate FC's last home match last weekend. The tickets arrived in school, out of the blue, on Tuesday with an accompanying lovely letter from Claire Hall, the general manager of Margate Football Club. As time was short (the big match was four days later!), it was decided to hold a draw to issue the tickets. Botany Bay won the initial class draw, with a further draw to decide the ten lucky pupils who would go home with a family ticket. Trying to organise the distribution of tickets with time to spare was a bit of a rush, but well worth it! Well done Botany Bay and commiserations to our other classes in school who missed out! A massive 'thank-you' must go to Margate Football Club for their kindness and generosity.

SPORTS SPECIALS

We have another couple of busy sporting weeks ahead with pupils from LKS2 enjoying a rock climbing 'taster day' at Revolution, and pupils in Years 3 and 4 taking part in an inter-schools Football Festival at the Margate FC ground. Mr Chambers, Mr Munday and Mr Smith continue to organise and supervise a variety of extra sporting activities for our pupils and for that we are very grateful. Thank-you teachers and well done pupils!

CATERPILLARS IN EARLY YEARS

Our youngest pupils in Early Years; Palm Bay, Walpole Bay and Minnis Bay, are patiently waiting each day for their special caterpillars kept in class to turn into butterflies and moths. It is a very exciting time, but a little like waiting for paint to dry...nothing seems to be happening! If you have a child in EY, why not pop into Walpole Bay class and have a look for yourself?

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

Why not pop into school with your child after school and change their library book with them? You could also spend some time in the ICT suite with them and work on 'Mathletics' OR 'Spellodrome' together! The library and ICT Suite are open for families to share time together every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3.30-4pm Sign in at the school reception office and have fun together!

PARENTS SURGERY

Mrs. Phillpott and Mrs. Kingston would like to thank the parents who attended the latest surgery held last Friday. Feedback was given following the previous surgery with new queries and questions answered and discussed. Parents Surgery is open to everyone and is held on the last Friday of every month from 9am. Please come along, if you are able.

SEXUAL HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION IN SCHOOL

'Thank-you' to those parents who attended the parents' information session this week. As you know, all pupils are included in the age appropriate programme for learning. Further information for parents and carers will be posted soon on the school website.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

Please make sure that you keep in touch with your child's class teacher regarding the learning expectations and special events applicable to your child, their class and school. There may be times when you have missed getting the correct information! If this is so, please, please, please speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, or leave a message, via the school office; we want to help! Please voice your thoughts & comments to us; in person, by telephone or email for parents and carers at - info@st-gregorys.kent.sch.uk

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Golden Ticket: Sonny E., Riannon M.,



Silver Achievement Award:

Louis G., Tia C., Lily M., Isabel T., Ayaz A., Sandra S., Chloe I, Archie A., Lewis A., Lois G., Ashvin G., Brooke S., Mia I., Sebby B-L.



GOOD ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND PENALTY NOTICES - NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Please be advised that Kent County Council has just revised their 'Education Penalty Notices' Code of Conduct and as a result I wanted to clarify with you their approach to addressing poor attendance at school and the use of legal sanctions.

The revised Code of Conduct, will remove the requirement of "lower than 90% overall attendance rate (also known as the 'Persistent Absence rate')" during the past twelve months as a criterion for issuing a Penalty Notice.

From 1st May 2017 a family will be referred directly to Kent's Inclusion and Attendance Service to issue a Penalty Notice for any unauthorised absence (including family holidays) where the pupil has been:

- absent for 10 or more half-day sessions (five school days) without authorisation during any 100 possible school sessions or 50 school days - these do not need to be consecutive
- persistently late for 10 or more sessions after the register has been closed
- unauthorised absence for any public examinations of which dates are published in advance
- unauthorised absence for any formal school assessments, tests or examinations where the dates have been published in advance

Every local authority must have a consistent threshold for the Penalty Notice process to be triggered and this revised Code of Conduct will therefore use the minimum requirement of **10 sessions of unauthorised absences within 100 sessions or 50 school days** as the trigger for a **Penalty Notice**.

Please know that The Governing Body and School expects pupils to attend school every day when the school is open and where there are more than 10 sessions or 5 days unauthorised absence in a 50-day period, we may request a Penalty Notice.

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):

19th May Whitstable Bay, 26th May Walpole Bay, 9th June Botany Bay, 23rd June Viking Bay,

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.

