

# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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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*

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

Term 6 Edition 4 – 30 June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks towards the end of term are moving so quickly and there are so many things going on in school. All of our classes have or will visit the Forest School and these have been really successful trips. The staff at Quex Park have commented on how well behaved and engaged our children were on all of the trips. We are really proud that they are such positive representatives of our school.

Every class has also earned an end of year reward for the effort they have put into their home learning this year. I know there have been some inconsistencies over the year regarding this, so leaders are meeting before the end of term to try and ensure this is consistent for the next academic year. Thank you for your honest feedback and support with this.

I would like to thank the Parent Council for inviting me to their meeting last week. I felt that it was a productive meeting and would encourage all parents to join this group who have some fantastic ideas and support for moving the school forwards.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July we will be having our move up day where the children will spend the day with their new teachers for September. A leaflet will be sent home on Monday telling you whose class your child will be in. On the move up day the children will register with their current class, and will then spend the rest of the day in their new classrooms. You are invited in from 2:30pm to meet their new teacher and see what they have been learning. Teachers will be available at the end of the day to meet you if you are unable to come in the afternoon.

Personally I would like to thank all the parents who have shared positive feedback with me. On the move up day could I ask you to write a post it note with any feedback so that I can share it with staff? Our wooden tree will be set up in the hall for you to post your comments. Thank you.

Diane Rougvie-Fevrier  
Acting Headteacher

### What our teachers say about their classes!

Nursery: *We are extremely proud of the children in Palm Bay class who have been listening carefully to follow instructions for yoga!* (Mrs Morris).

Year R: *I am feeling very proud of my class this week as they are producing some fantastic pieces of writing in their child initiated time. It is lovely that the children are seeing themselves as writers!!* (Miss Usmar)

Minnis Bay: *I am so proud of the children. Every child has worked hard and has continued to grow both as individuals as well as with their work.* (Mr Whitehead)

Stone Bay: *I am very proud of my class this week because during their trip to forest school they showed me how they used all their learning from school in their play in the mud kitchen. They also showed me what wonderful imaginations they have. Best of all they showed the forest school leaders that at St Gregorys we have wonderfully behaved, polite children.* (Mrs Dykes)

Viking Bay: *I am proud of the confidence that the children are developing; instead of an "I can't" attitude it is changing to an "I can" attitude.* (Miss Matin)

Joss Bay: *We are proud of Joss Bay because Joss Bay are 'Super Learners'. They always strive to 'reach for the stars' in all they do!* (Mrs O'Sullivan)

Whitstable Bay: *I am very proud of Whitstable Bay Class as we achieve both in and outside of the classroom. We are a class who care for and support each other and have developed our growth mindsets to ensure that when things are challenging we still give it a good go.* (Mr Chambers).

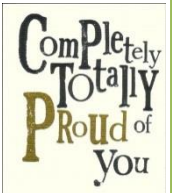
Sunny Sands: *I am very proud of the children, for their consistent hard work, especially during our English topic 'Great Expectations'.* (Mrs O'Connor).

Botany Bay: *I am proud of my class for their excellent behaviour and team work skills during our trip to Forest School. The children all worked really well together and showed great support towards each other.* (Miss Axcell)

Louisa Bay: *I am proud of my class because they consistently show an amazing attitude to learning, with a smile on their faces. As one of my children said today "I can't believe how quickly the time goes in this class!"* (Mrs Mannering)

Year 6: *Our proud class moment this week is the attitude and respect year 6 showed at Canterbury Cathedral. Everyone read a prayer and it was respected by all. The children were a real credit to the school.* (Mr Kirk)

After School Club: *I am so proud of how the children from mixed year groups work together, play and take care of each other every day.* (Mrs Saddington).



### Safeguarding Information Update: SnapMaps

Please be aware of another app that is raising a safeguarding concern.

Last week SnapChat, used regularly by many children and young people, launched a new feature. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where you are. There are three possible privacy settings:

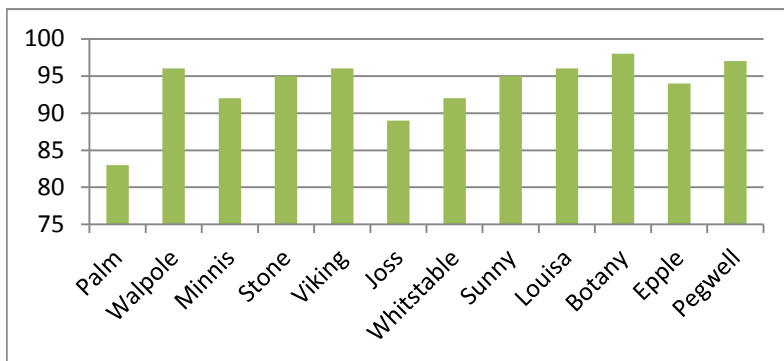
- Ghost mode, where only you can see your position;
- My Friends mode, where any contact can see your location; and
- Select Friends mode, just those who you choose can see you

ChildNet have posted a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe. Well worth a read to share with anyone you know who uses the app.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>

## Attendance for the week ending 23rd June 2017

Congratulations to Pegwell Bay for great attendance of 97%!



### Diary dates....

6<sup>th</sup> July – Move Up Day – parents welcome to meet new teachers from 2:30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> July – End of year reports  
20<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly  
21<sup>st</sup> July – last day of term. School finishes at 1:30pm

### Dates for Mass

The last Mass of this school year will take place on Wednesday 12th July. This is the Y6 Leavers Mass.



### School Community Picnic

#### **Weather permitting!**

As suggested by our Parent Council we will be opening the fields in school on:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 4:30 – 6:30pm



You are welcome to come with blankets and a picnic to share some time with the families in our school. We are hoping to have an ice cream van on site as well as some games for children to play.

### Classes for September 2014

Please look out for the leaflets that will be sent home on Monday telling you the class your child will be in next year.

Ss. Austin & Gregory with St Anne Parish Churches (Margate & Cliftonville)  
The Presbytery,  
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#### **Catholic Education in Thanet**

##### **Primary:**

St. Gregory's, Margate, St. Ethelbert's, Ramsgate and St. Joseph's, Broadstairs

##### **Secondary**

Ursuline College, Westgate On Sea

### Calling all volunteers

Following on from Parent Council we are pleased to invite volunteers into school. In particular we are looking for parent volunteers for Friday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm when we aim to run enrichment activities across the school. We are hoping to run sessions including gardening, craft etc. If you are able to support us with these sessions, have any skills you would like to share or want to come into school to support please get in contact with Mrs Sellwood on [csellwood@st-gregorys.kent.sch.uk](mailto:csellwood@st-gregorys.kent.sch.uk).

In line with our policy, all volunteers will be required to complete a safeguarding check before being able to start. Induction to volunteering will also be included.



### School Term Dates 2017-18

Term 1 – 04.09.17 – 20.10.17

#### **INSET Days**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
End of term for pupils: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Term 2 – 30.10.17 – 20.12.17

Term starts for pupils: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
End of term for pupils: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Term 3 – 04.01.18 – 09.02.18

#### **INSET Day**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Term starts for pupils: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
End of term for pupils: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Term 4 – 19.02.18 – 29.03.18

Term starts for pupils: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
End of term for pupils: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Term 5 – 16.04.18 – 25.05.18

#### **INSET Day**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Term starts for pupils: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
End of term for pupils: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Term 6 – 04.06.18 – 24.07.18

Term starts for pupils: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
End of term for pupils: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018