

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The beginning of this year is not what I hoped for and not the situation we all wanted to be in, however we must follow Government guidance in order to keep everyone in school and their families safe. We are currently supporting as many families as we possibly can, but would ask **if you are a classed as a critical worker to only take up a place if it is an absolute necessity**. We have a lot of children in school and we know that the rate of transmission is worrying. The virus itself is virulent and we want to ensure the safety of our whole school community. As I have mentioned previously, this provision is dependent on us maintaining safe staffing levels. I am sure we will face many challenges ahead, however, as I have explained to staff we will support each other during these difficult times.



Stay safe and God bless,

Mrs Dunne

Remote Learning

We understand that this a challenging time for everyone and that the practicalities of home learning may be difficult for a wide range of reasons.

As you are aware, we are delivering our remote learning through Google Classroom.

If your child is not accessing Google Classroom we will contact you shortly to offer support. If you are struggling to access this and need some support, please contact school and we will do our best to help you.

For children at home, if you have not already received your work pack, you will be doing so shortly. This is to help you complete the lessons set on Google Classroom. Children who are working between home and school will not have their maths work book at home, this is because we want to avoid spreading the virus by bringing things back and forth to school.

All classes are online at 9.15am every day and this has proved very popular with the children in school who have enjoyed sending messages to their friends.

If you or a member of your family displays symptoms of COVID you must arrange a test and all members of your household need to self-isolate until you receive the results. If you test positive, people living in the same household or anyone they have had close contact with must self-isolate for 10 days. If a child tests positive, then please inform school immediately if your child has attended for up to 48hours before they displayed symptoms. We have uploaded our updated risk assessment onto the school website.



Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way to make our Christmas Fair and raffle the success it was. The work that happened behind the scenes was quite remarkable and we are ever grateful for your support whether you helped to organise the day, bought a raffle ticket; donated a prize or simply enjoyed the excitement of the children. We raised almost £1500 which will be used to provide resources to enhance the educational experiences of our children.

Christmas Parties

Children enjoyed their class Christmas parties as best they could – we even had a visit from Santa who delivered a little Christmas treat to all children. Many thanks to SAPA for supplying selection boxes for all the children.

SAPA

Even in the middle of a global pandemic, SAPA are looking at ways to raise funds for school this term. They are always looking for volunteers to help so if you can spare time or have any ideas please either email the school office office@st-gregorys.co.uk

Baby News

We were delighted to hear that Miss Nicholson welcomed her beautiful baby boy on 18th December. Mother and baby are doing well and we can't wait to meet baby Henry!

Poppy Appeal

We received an email over the Christmas holidays to say that we had raise £300.97 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity toward this amazing charity.

New Staff

We welcome to our staff team Miss Vanessa Cross and Miss Beth Harrison. They will be providing much needed support in classes across the school. We also welcome Miss Faye Sowerby who will be completing her teacher training placement with us this term. I am sure you will make them feel very welcome over the coming months.

Reading Challenge

If your child completed the Christmas reading challenge. We would ask them to inform their class teacher through Google Classroom and we will arrange for a certificate to be sent to you.

Admissions for school places for September 2021

You will find our admissions policy on our school website along with a short slideshow to show you our fabulous Reception class and a new school brochure which gives you more information about our wonderful school.

If you know any parents of children who are due to start school in September 2020 please pass this information on to them. Please note the **closing date** for primary applications is **4.30pm on 15th January 2021**. For more information see www.southtyneside.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary:

5.1.21	School Closed	4.3.21	World Book Day
12.2.21	Half term	8.3.21	Science Week
22.2.21	Back to school	15.3.21	Parents' Evening tbc
1.3.21	Reading Week	1.4.21	End of Spring Term