

# St. Gregory's News



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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We hope and pray, that this is the start of our journey out of the lockdown situation. The enormity of Covid-19 and the repercussions it has had on us all cannot be underestimated. However, it is not over yet and we must all continue to play our part and as I have said many times before, we are very grateful to you for supporting us during these most challenging of times. We are aware that many of our families have been directly affected by Covid-19 and we continue to keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Dunne

## Lent

During Lent we try to become closer to Jesus by following in his footsteps and trying to serve others. We are called to pray more, fast and give alms. The action of giving what we can – whether that is fundraising, giving our time to others or sharing a kind word and caring for those around us remains our number one priority. This year in particular, it will be those small acts of kindness that will make a great difference to others. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, *“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”*



## Parents Evening

We are in the process of arranging times for parents and staff to discuss each child's progress before the end of term. These meetings are designed to discuss how your child has settled since coming back to school this term. It will also be the opportunity for you to raise any concerns that you may have about your child's progress.

## CAFOD Lenten Appeal 2021

The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have access to clean, safe water. During these challenging times, CAFOD's Lenten Appeal is needed more than ever.

With your donations, we can reach out to communities around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments.

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be marking Red Nose Day by asking everyone to come to school dressed in something red. We will not be collecting money for this event as we are already supporting the CAFOD appeal. We would also kindly request that children do not bring in their 'red noses' as in the current circumstances we are encouraging children to not touch their faces and the excitement of having a red nose means that they will be constantly touching their face and also there is the risk that the red noses will

get mixed up. To avoid any possibility of cross contamination we are asking that no red noses come into school. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **SAPA**

Our volunteers are all ready for our Easter raffle. We have received many donations of Easter eggs and once again we are very grateful for your generosity. We will be sending out raffle tickets in the next couple of weeks. If you are able to donate an Easter egg then please hand it into the school office. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to our raffle.

### **Parental Questionnaires**

If you have not done so already, please would you mind completing the questionnaire regarding our remote learning provision. These can be returned to school either by emailing [office@st-gregorys.co.uk](mailto:office@st-gregorys.co.uk) or by hand next week. We do have hard copies at the school office if you are not able to access it online.

### **Uniform**

Just a reminder that children should wear full school uniform including school shoes not trainers on Monday. We ask that children come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. Only school sweatshirts or plain navy sweatshirts should be worn - no designer/sports labels please.

Reminder of PE Days for each class:

Year5 & Year 6: Monday

Year 3 & Year 4: Tuesday

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2: Thursday

### **Staff Lateral Flow Testing**

Staff will be continuing to test twice a week. If a staff member receives a positive result from a Lateral Flow Test, we will inform you via telephone, text or email that we have had to close a bubble/bubbles or school. Staff will then access an NHS PCR test which can take up to 72hours to come back. If this also comes back positive, then the bubble/bubbles or school will remain closed and your child will need to isolate for the full 10 days; if the PCR test comes back negative then the bubble/s or school will be reopened the following day.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

8.3.21	All children return to school
19.3.21	Red Nose Day
22.3.21	Parents' Evening tbc
1.4.21	End of Spring Term
19.4.21	Back to school
3.5.21	May Day Bank Holiday
28.5.21	Break up for Half Term
7.6.21	Back to school
21.6.21	School closed for staff training