

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this school year comes to a close, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of our families, children, staff and governors for their support during this past year. It has been a very challenging time on so many levels and in so many ways, but as always, the strength and support of our entire community has been invaluable. Thank you for working in true partnership, whether at home or at school, with myself and our staff. May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind words, letters and gifts that you have given to all of the staff. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

The staffing team here at St. Gregory's never ceases to amaze me. I owe a debt of gratitude to the staff for their dedication and enthusiasm. It has been a privilege to work alongside this amazing team.

The children have been fantastic. They have coped with the disruption to this year and their smiles and laughter have kept us all going!

Thank you to our governors for their wisdom and guidance during this tricky year. Their support has been much appreciated and is helping us move forward into the next academic year.

Thank you to SAPA for all of their hard work raising money for school. The children thoroughly enjoyed refreshing ice-lollies which were provided by SAPA and the parents who donated their supermarket vouchers to school.

I think you will agree our new library area is looking very smart with new shelving bought by SAPA and lots of new books purchased with the money raised during by our sponsored read. A sincere thank you to all our parents and grandparents who have supported school so well over this year. We hope to return to more normal times in September.



Leaving us today...

Today we will say a very fond farewell to Miss Windle, Mrs Benson, Mrs Ward and Mrs Wilson. Miss Windle leaves us after 7 years to continue her role in another school. We know she will be amazing!

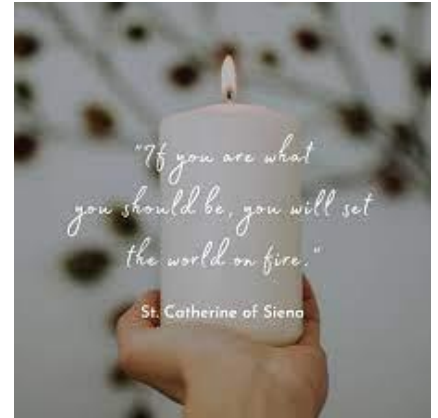
Mrs Benson also leaves us as she has gained a promotion and moves on to pastures new.

Mrs Ward is retiring from her role as a much loved lunchtime supervisor. Mrs Ward was a pupil at St. Gregory's herself and has worked for over 30 years with us.

Mrs Wilson will also be retiring after 25 years of dedicated service to St. Gregory's. September will feel very strange without her!

We thank them all for their vocation to the whole school community and wish them much happiness as they move on to the next exciting stages in their lives and careers.

Our final farewell goes to our Y6 children who will be leaving us to continue the next stage of their education in secondary school. They are a wonderful group of children who, in the strangest of years, have made us really proud. They have shown great resilience and fortitude in the face of disappointment, but have fully embraced the opportunities which have been able to go ahead. It has been a pleasure to watch them flourish and grow. We are incredibly proud of them; they are a real credit to their families.



Back to school

In September when the children return to school we will continue to open the doors to school from 8:45am to 8:55am. This has worked well this year and it reduces the traffic around school. The end of day for all children will be 3:30pm. I will confirm this with you before the children come back to school as we are still uncertain as to whether we will need any further restrictions in place.

God bless you all and we wish you a wonderful summer break filled with rest, laughter and sunshine. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th September.

Alison Dunne



Goodbye and God Bless