

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are already nearly half way through November – the weeks seem to be flying by. Yesterday the children observed a one minute silence at 11 o'clock for Armistice Day. I hope you have managed to see some of the lovely work they completed yesterday on our Facebook page. A big thank you to all who supported the Royal British Legion by buying a poppy. November is also the month when we remember all those who have died especially our family and friends. The last 18 months have been particularly difficult for many of our families and we keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.



COVID-19

Just a reminder that pupils should not attend school if they feel unwell and have a symptom of COVID-19. We advise children to take a PCR test if they have symptoms or have been in close contact with a positive case. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Uniform

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. If your child loses an item of clothing and it has their name in, we can return it quickly. We will be putting un-named lost property outside the front office at home time today and Monday. We do not have the space in school to store lost property so any unclaimed items will be discarded.

Anti-Bullying Week – One Kind Word

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. The children will be covering key anti-bullying messages during their PSHE lessons. To get our week off to a good start we will be inviting the children and staff to wear odd socks on Monday.

Children in Need

Anti-Bullying week ends with Children in Need on Friday 19th November. While we will not be collecting money for this cause, children can come to school dressed in their Pudsey spots.

Attendance

Whole school attendance to date for this term was 94.73%. Our target is 97%. Well done to Class 4 who had attendance of 98.02%

Parental Questionnaire

We believe that working in partnership with parents and carers enables us to provide the very best education and experiences for our children. Your child will be bringing home a questionnaire today; we would appreciate it if you would spend a few moments completing this and return to school with your child next week.

Bikes

It is great to see so many of our children cycling to school – please can we ask that children who do cycle to school wear a safety helmet.

This week our Year 5 children have enjoyed taking part in the Bike-ability programme. Please ensure that bikes are taken home at the end of the school day.

SAPA

Thank you once again for all your support – we really do have the best families at St. Gregory's!

Preparations are underway for the children's Christmas shopping day. We are busy collecting donations for our raffle and SAPA have secured some fantastic prizes for our Christmas raffle.

We will be collecting the following items for our Christmas shopping event in the weeks after half term:

Week commencing 15th November – Toiletries and baskets

Week commencing 22nd November – Bottles

The Bag2School collection is organised for next Friday 19th November. **Please note that bags should be brought to school by 9.00am on Friday 19th November 2021.** We are sorry that we cannot store bags brought into school any earlier than this date.

We received a cheque for just over £60 from donations made through easyfundraising.org.uk. We have now received over £100 so many thanks if you have already signed up to this. If not please consider registering as it does not cost you anything: www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Dates for your Diary:

15.11.21-19.11.21	Anti-Bullying Week	12.12.21	FHC Session 3
15.11.21	Odd Sock Monday	13.12.21	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
19.11.21	Children in Need	14.12.21	End of term Mass – whole school
16.11.21	Girls' Football league	14.12.21	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
19.11.21	SAPA Bags 2 School collection	15.12.21	Christmas Dinner and jumper day
21.11.21	FHC Session 2	16.12.21	KS2 Christmas Carol concert @ 9:15am
29.11.21-3.12.21	Y6 Thurston Visit	16.12.21	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
3.12.21	Y1 visit to Great North Museum	16.12.21	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Gregory's Church
6.12.21	Reception and KS1 Nativity @ 1pm	17.12.21	End of term
7.12.21	Reception visit to Santa's Winter Woodland	4.1.22	SCHOOL CLOSED – staff training
9.12.21	Reception and KS1 Nativity @ 1pm	5.1.22	School opens for Spring Term
10.12.21	SAPA Christmas Shopping Day		

Date	National Primary Assessment Dates
Autumn Term 2021	Y2 Phonics Screening
May 2022	KS1 SATs Test Period
9-12 th May 2022	KS2 SATs week
6-10 th June 2022	Phonics Screening Week
6-24 th June 2022	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check