

St. Gregory's News



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December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparations for Christmas are well and truly underway. It is wonderful to hear the sound of the children rehearsing their Christmas songs. There are many lovely activities planned over the coming weeks and we look forward to sharing these with you on our school website.

With best wishes,

Mrs Dunne

Covid-19

South Tyneside Council announced last Thursday that the temporary measures that were put in place in school could be relaxed until Christmas. They are still advising schools to take a sensible and cautious approach to keep everyone as safe as possible. **If your child is displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, please ensure that they isolate and you book a PCR test immediately.**

Nativity

For the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 we have limited tickets to 2 tickets per family. We have tried to accommodate parents who were unable to attend their child's designated date and thank you for your understanding. We ask that you wear a face mask (unless exempt) and sanitise your hands when entering school. The hall will be well ventilated and seating spaced out. We would also politely ask that you consider taking a lateral flow test at home before you come to the performance.

Christmas Cards

If children wish to send cards can we suggest that children write one card for their class. Teachers will display class cards in their classrooms.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire we sent out a couple of weeks ago. We are now busy collating them and will feed back the results very soon.

Vacancy

We are recruiting for a lunchtime supervisor to join our fantastic team. If you are interested, details will be available on our school website from Monday.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

Wednesday 15th December is our Christmas jumper day. We will also be having our Christmas dinner in school. If you do not usually have a school meal but would like to have a Christmas dinner with the

rest of us, please will you contact Mrs Rochford in the office to let her know and she will add the cost of this to your ParentPay account. The price of a school lunch is £2.20.

Christmas Fair

We are still taking donations for our Christmas Fair and raffle. Items can be dropped off at the school office or your children can hand them in to their teacher.

Christmas Raffle

We have some amazing prizes for our Christmas raffle. Prizes include:

Sams deli - 2 Sunday lunches
Centrepiece - Christmas gift
Caffe de belle - £10 voucher
Minchella's - 2 meals
Blacks corner - hamper
Simonside climbing wall - family climb voucher
Little cakery by the sea - Jumbo Jim's - 2 VIP passes
Morrison's - hamper
Arbeia bar - £25 voucher
Hedworth hall - Sunday carvery family of 4
South Tyne building supplies
The new sundial - £10 voucher
Hair by jack - voucher for a blow dry
Smiths chippy
Caffe mio - £10 voucher
Step podiatry - foot treatment creams
Zilch - £25 graze board

Please can you ensure any sold raffle tickets and money to school before Tuesday 7th December.

Christmas Parties

The dates for the Christmas parties are:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Monday 13th December

Year 3 and Year 4 – Tuesday 14th December

Year 5 and Year 6 – Thursday 16th December

Children can come to school in their party clothes but they will still be outside during play and lunch times therefore we recommend sensible shoes and a warm coat.

SAPA have kindly agreed to provide the children's party tea and we ask for a £1 donation towards the cost of the party.

Bags2School

The Bag2School collection was a great success. We have received a cheque for £69. We hope to arrange a date for another collection in the Spring.

Easyfundraising

Thank you for your contributions through Easyfundraising. If you are not registered, please consider registering as it does not cost you anything: www.easyfundraising.org.uk and school receives a donation from the retailer.

Dates for your Diary:

3.12.21	Y1 visit to Great North Museum	14.12.21	End of term Mass (pupils only)
6.12.21	Reception and KS1 Nativity @ 1pm	14.12.21	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
7.12.21	Reception visit to Santa's Winter Woodland	15.12.21	Christmas Dinner and jumper day
9.12.21	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert (pupils only)	16.12.21	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
9.12.21	Reception and KS1 Nativity @ 1pm and 2:15pm	16.12.21	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Gregory's Church
10.12.21	SAPA Christmas Shopping Day (pupils only)	17.12.21	End of term
12.12.21	FHC Session 3	4.1.22	SCHOOL CLOSED – staff training
13.12.21	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party	5.1.22	School opens for Spring Term

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

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the gift of another day.
we pray that we can faithfully follow you
and your way of love.

Through Your Holy Spirit, grant us the
light and strength needed
to journey through this Advent season, so
as to always be prepared to encounter You.
Amen

