

St. Gregory's News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our last Newsletter of the term, we would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. We hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and that we all return to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022**.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful staff who have worked so hard over this term and a final thank you to our children who make our job so rewarding!

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you and your families this Christmas.

Mrs Dunne

Christmas Celebrations

Over the last few weeks in school we have been able to hold some of the traditional celebrations that we were unable to host last year. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children performed a wonderful nativity for parents. I have received a number of messages from parents who appreciated the opportunity to come into school to watch this live.

Our Key Stage 2 children took part in a wonderful carol concert with readings from the Christmas story. This is on our website for you to view.

All classes have enjoyed a Christmas party and food provided by SAPA.

I would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who made the most delicious Christmas dinner for us on Wednesday.

Governors

Our governors have worked very hard during 2021 to support our school and as always, we value their continued support.

After many years of dedication, we shall be losing our longest serving governor – Mrs June Valente. A huge thank you to June who has been a dedicated governor and has seen St. Gregory's through many changes over the years including being a great support to me when I was appointed Headteacher. June took her role as a governor very seriously and I know many governors valued June's knowledgeable contributions to the running of our school. June is going to be a big miss and I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her time and support to our school.

Attendance

Latest whole school attendance for this term is 94%.

Over this term we have seen an increase in the number of children who are late for school every day. We do understand mornings can be hectic and there are times when things happen that are unavoidable that can make us late. However, we do have a number of children who are consistently late and to ensure our safeguarding procedures are as tight as can be, we will require parents to sign in their children at the school office. School is open from 8:45 – 8:55am and the school gates will be

locked at 8:55am. There is an intercom at the Harton House Road entrance linked to the school office should you arrive after this.

I would also like to remind parents that holidays requested during term time cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Parking

Please can I once again appeal for your support that if you are dropping off/ picking up children you do so safely. Not only do we receive regular complaints from our neighbours but this term alone we have had some near misses and I feel it is only a matter of time before we have an accident. The situation of our school does make it difficult to access if you are travelling by car but the risk of someone being hit by a car needs to be taken seriously.

SAPA

Once again the children had a wonderful day last week thanks to the hard work of SAPA.

Thank you all for your kind donations for our Christmas Fair. Lots of local businesses also donated prizes including:

Sam's Deli, Centrepiece, Caffe de Belle, Minchella's, Blacks Corner, Simonside climbing wall, Little Cakery by the Sea, Jumbo Jim's, Morrisons, Arbeia bar, Hedworth Hall, South Tyne building supplies, The New Sundial, Hair by Jack, Smiths chippy, Caffe Mio, Step podiatry and Zilch.

We also have received some lovely donations and gifts for our children from Asda.

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.

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 and Year 5 who make their First Confession yesterday at St. Gregory's Church.



Today a saviour has been born for us; he is Christ the Lord.