



Lent Term Weekly Newsletter - Week ending 28th February 2020

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a restful half term. The term ahead is another busy one full of events and enrichment. On Wednesday we marked the beginning of Lent with Mass and in a special assembly the children heard that during Lent we are going to work to "Love out Loud". As we focus on this theme we will endeavour to demonstrate our love for others through kindness and compassion. Our Lenten activities will support many charities and full details will be given soon. Please do check our forthcoming dates.

A special thank you to Fr Andrew for celebrating our Year 6 Mass. We have really enjoyed and benefitted from having local priests from the Diocese involved with our school and look forward to continuing to work together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs K Yuen

Executive Headteacher



St Gregory's Lenten activities

Dear Parents,

As part of our Lenten journey together we will be encouraging our children to grow closer to God through service to others and Prayer. We will be having specific events to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Some of the charities have been chosen by the children and are both local and international causes. Our charities include: Mission Together, Eleanor House, Support for the Australian fires and Children in Ghana. The following events are in support of these worthwhile causes:

5th March - World Book Day – For a donation towards our Lenten charities, dress as a book character (The Bible has lots of stories you may even decide to choose a character from one of these: shepherd, angel, king...)

5th March – Mini Vinnies Cake sale (Year 4) in the playground from 3pm

11th March – Sponsored run/walk around the school field & a challenge to cover a heart with pennies (all loose change welcome)

Please see the attached sponsor form!

Upcoming Events

2 March

Foundation Stage Book & Biscuit – 9.00am
Year 3 - Book & Biscuit – 2.45pm

3 March

Year 1 –Book & Biscuit – 9.00am
Year 4 –Book & Biscuit – 2.45pm

4 March

Ash & Elm Assembly to parents 9.15am
Year 2 Book & Biscuit – 9.00am
Year 5 Book & Biscuit – 2.45pm

5 March

World Book Day
Year 6 Book & Biscuit – 2.45pm
Year 4 Mini Vinnies -
Cake Sale 3.00pm

11 March

Sponsored Walk/Run around School Field and Penny Heart

17th and 18th March

Parents' Evening: 3.30pm-6pm.



Ash Wednesday Mass

Father Jerry very kindly came to celebrate Mass with the whole school.

A chat with pupils afterwards led to some very positive feedback - so thank you to Amelia, Chimela, Nhyira, Scarlett, Sophie H and Sophie W for your comments:

"It was amazing and a great experience not just for the older pupils but especially the younger ones had a new experience by having the ashes on their foreheads."

"The younger children sang their hearts out!"

"It was special because yesterday we did Communion, Blessings and Ashes so everyone was involved – the whole school community"

"We are doing well with our Lenten promises so far, and as well, we are raising money for our charities".

Lay Chaplain – Mrs Darwin

Yesterday evening, St Gregory's hosted Mass to celebrate the induction of our Lay Chaplain, Mrs Rose Darwin, along with staff, pupils and governors of the Catholic schools in Northampton. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Darwin's family and friends – some of whom had travelled from Liverpool - as well as representatives from our diocese, including Mgr Kevin McGinnell and Fr Andrew Behrens who celebrated Mass for us. We received many compliments on how well our pupils represented our schools and how beautiful our school looks. It was a wonderful occasion and we thoroughly enjoyed sharing Mass with St Mary's, The Good Shepherd and Thomas Becket.



News from Foundation and Year 1

This week in Ash class the children have enjoyed retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk through Talk 4 Writing. We have learnt actions and signs which enabled all of the children to retell the story independently and they have all produced their own story maps. We are looking forward to growing our own mini beanstalks very soon!

In maths we have been learning our number bonds to ten. We have used a variety of equipment to help us during each lesson including Numicon tiles, bead strings and ten frames.

Nursery

The children in Nursery have had a great first week back after our half term break. We have been very busy learning all about Shrove Tuesday and making our own pancakes. We really enjoyed using different sized frying pans and flipping them too! We have also been learning about Lent and how we can show our friends and family love during this special time.

Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have had a very exciting start to our first week back with the arrival of some chicken eggs. We are carefully looking after the eggs and eagerly watching the incubator, waiting for our new arrivals to hatch! This is a great way to experience 'growing' first hand, which is our RE topic this term. Keep an eye on Twitter for our chick updates!

Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Weston Favell Library visit this week. We are really looking forward to hearing about weekend trips to the library from the children, who were so engaged and enthusiastic about their visit.

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LENTEN ACTIVITIES SPONSORSHIP FORM

SPONSORED WALK/RUN AROUND THE SCHOOL FIELD

Wednesday 11 March 2020

Pupil Name.....Class.....

If you require extra copies of this form please ask at the Office

Name of Sponsor	Pledge amount per lap £	Number of laps completed	Sponsorship £	Date pledge collected

Please return all sponsorship money to the School Main Office by Friday 13th March 2020 – thank you!