

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for all your support with our arrangements to keep everyone safe. The children in school are enjoying the learning. IXL continues to be really popular. It is wonderful hearing just how many questions have been answered. Keep up the good work and to those learning from home, keep sending in those photographs. Your creativity really impresses us all.

Yesterday I received information from the Government about a full return to school in September. This is really wonderful news as we have all missed the children. With these Government directives, there are always many details to be addressed. Please bear with us while this information is assimilated, I will give further details on the arrangements for our whole school return in September, over the coming week.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warmest Regards,

Mrs K. Yuen

Home Learning Week 13 activities - Transport

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about transport. Learning may focus on modes of transport, transport in the past, the science behind transport, road safety and how to be safe around water.



Ways to keep in touch and receive information

Important Notice

Please remember to download the Parent mail APP. This is our main way of communicating with you



Email us

on: office@sgcps.org

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

office@sgcps.org

We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.

News from our Community



Thank you for sharing your lockdown activities!

This week once again we have received messages from parents letting us know about some excellent home learning. It is always great receiving these messages, especially as we can't be there with you.

Garden of Hope Reminder Please send in your prayers or messages of hope so we can display them on our special display. Thank you for the ones we have already received.

Monday Feast of St. Peter & Paul – Day of Many Colours

On Monday, we celebrated the Feast of St Peter and St Paul by holding a Day of Many Colours in school. The children wore lots of different colours and were really generous in their donations of food and toiletries to the Thomas Becket Community Larder and the Swan and Helmet Food Bank; both of which have helped families in our community during the pandemic.

During the day, the children explored the life and mission of St Peter and St Paul. All the children in school took part in a series of prayer stations where they considered how they can be inspired by the lives of these saints and how they will follow their example by reaching out to others.



For Parents and Teachers

Last week, CAFOD launched a [National Assembly](https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Summer-hope-assembly) for schools. This amazing assembly can be used both in the school setting for collective worship, as well as at home. It is all about CAFOD's 'Summer of Hope' and informs, inspires and encourages children, at a time when children may really need it. It is led by passionate youths and is a real must-watch! <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Summer-hope-assembly>

Message from our School Chaplain – Mrs Darwin



A few words...

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.' Matthew 11:30 The Gospel message for Sunday coming up struck a particular chord with me this week. It is one of my favourite passages from Scripture, but perhaps now more than ever before. How many times have you heard someone say in recent days, will things ever settle down and go back to normal? Or, I wish this were all over! For all of the positives which have come from the pandemic – the support for the NHS and Key Workers; the kindness and goodwill of neighbours, friends and volunteers; the friendliness and politeness of people out and about; the benefits for the environment and appreciation of nature; families enjoying time together and a slower pace of life. Wow! That is not even a complete list! For all of the good things to have come to us over the last few months, we have become weary with the time it is taking to find a cure for COVID 19, for the separation from loved ones and the difficulties encountered in trying to return to the freedom of our lifestyle pre-Corona. This is the time for us be strong and steady and never stop hoping! In the past week, Liverpool football team have won the Premiership, after thirty years of never giving up hope and much their delight, Northampton Town FC have been promoted to League 1. They never once gave up hoping and believing that these truly amazing moments would come to them. The magical moments, which we wish for, will happen for us too, one way or another! We may be weary of the Coronavirus, the lockdown and the social distancing, but it is now more than ever in this world crisis, that we need to look for the good things in our lives, look beyond the difficulties, which these days have thrown at us and search for that glimmer of light, which comes from having hope. The Liverpool anthem words, 'You'll Never Walk Alone' link well with the Scripture quote. My faith tells me that I will never walk alone, for on the days when I am weary and overburdened, God will always, always be there for me, no matter what!

**God Bless,
Mrs Darwin**

Returning to school during the phased return under restrictions- Reminders

Please ensure that your child has a confirmed place. We can only accept those we have confirmed there is a place for.

Arriving at School

Thank you to parents for observing the dropoff and collection times, which remain as follows:

Foundation Stage – 9.15am-2.15pm

Year 1 – 9.30am-2.30pm

Year 6 – 9.00pm-2.00pm

Key Workers Children – 8.45am-3.00pm

- Ensure that only 1 accompanying parent/carer enters the school site with a child/family group and please arrive at your child's allocated entrance into school, on time.
- Remain at least 2 metres away from others - markings and posters around the school site will help you to maintain this distance. Staff will be outside each day to support, so please ensure that you listen to their instructions and follow the 2-metre rule.
- On arrival, using our infra red thermometer, we will take your child's temperature. If the temperature is high, your child will need to go home straight away.
- Unfortunately, Parents will not be allowed into the school building. If you need to contact a member of staff, you just either phone the office or email
- Once children are dropped off at their entrance door, please leave the school premises straight away and ensure that you follow the one-way route, leaving through the green school gates.
- We have updated our behaviour policy to include our protocols for any instances of children not adhering to our social distancing rules. This is available on the website for your information.



Thank you for your on-going support and kind messages. The staff have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes under such strange circumstances. They are an amazing team and your kindness means so much. Please keep everyone in your prayers as we start our wider opening.



