

Weekly Keeping in Touch Bulletin 13
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Dear Parents,

What seems like a long term has also caught up on us. As we come to the end of the last full week teachers are finalising reports, and we are getting them to you over the coming days. Back in March, I remember saying, "We'll all be back to normal in a few months..." Well who could have predicted how the year would have turned out? Next week we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. Please keep them in your prayers as they make this transition. Please also keep checking messages as we finalise our plans for a full September return. We want to try and bring some normality back to school life, within the guidelines given. Please be assured though, that it is safety first.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Warmest Regards,

Mrs K. Yuen

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

Home Learning Challenge



Join in with the Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2020 is Silly Squad. It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/silly-squad-coming-soon>

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



Singing for the Bishop

We were really excited to be invited by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell to be a part of Bishop David Oakley's first school visit as Bishop of the Diocese of Northampton this week. Although he conducted his socially distanced visit at Thomas Becket Catholic School yesterday, Bishop David asked that the pupils currently attending school at the three Catholic primary schools in the town of Northampton, video themselves in their bubbles singing hymns which are to be included in his video message to the other schools in the diocese. The children thoroughly enjoyed singing CJM's version of the Hail Mary and Christ be Our Light in the Emmaus Room last week. Thank you to Miss Jackson who helped rehearse each bubble of children and to Neil Roseman, Director of Communications for the Diocese of Northampton, who is putting the video together. We cannot wait until we can have whole school assemblies again to hear all the children's beautiful singing! Once the video is complete, we will share this with you.

As well as this, each bubble of children reflected on a piece of scripture this week with their teachers. We made this into a card for Bishop David to mark his first school visit as Bishop of this diocese.

We are really looking forward to Bishop David visiting St Gregory's to meet all of our children very soon!



Sporting Success

We just received word that we are officially the **Pacesetter Games Champions** for Northamptonshire this academic year!

Despite the games being cut short due to the coronavirus situation, this is an outstanding achievement for our school, as we have been competing well and winning so many events for most of the academic year.

Huge credit to the children and their adults for their dedication and enthusiasm to participate. A big thank you to Anthony for the work he has done with the children to prepare them for competitions. **Well done Team St. Gregory's!**



A few words . . .

The most
important
things in life
aren't things

'It's been a wake-up call...time to reflect...work out what the important things in life are...' These are words spoken by people I have met this week, when discussing the strange effects of the time we have been living through these last few months. It's true that there has been much heartache, grief and sadness, but even in among all of the distress, there are many of us who have found that taking time to reflect on life has really helped to work out what is important to us, whilst continuing to focus on the positives of a tricky situation! The journey of the last few months has been one of faith as we have been guided and advised by the government, the scientists and the doctors. There have been steps forward and steps back... only this week, Leicester have gone back into lockdown. The citizens of the town must have felt so disheartened! My niece and her husband live in Leicestershire. As they waited for news of the lockdown boundaries, they discovered to their absolute joy that they had escaped the second lockdown by one road! It's surprising the things that bring happiness to us today that we could not have imagined just at the beginning of this year!

Each day brings new challenges. There have been so many constantly changing rules to follow. The questions we ask each other are questions which we we have never asked before ...can I invite six people into my garden? Are they now allowed in the house? What about the different families? Do I have to wear a mask in the supermarket? The questions are endless! Yes, it is a little confusing, but for every problem which presents itself, take time to reflect, search for ways to turn the situation on it's head, find the good in the people who you love and who love you in return, look for joy in small victories and meet the challenges head on. The journey ahead will still be a bumpy one, but have faith, be strong and we will all get there in the end.

**God Bless,
Mrs Darwin**



Growing strawberries and vegetables!



Great fun with the wind in school last week!



Year 1 children produced some fantastic writing and artwork, based on the inspiring animated story - The Black Hat

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.



