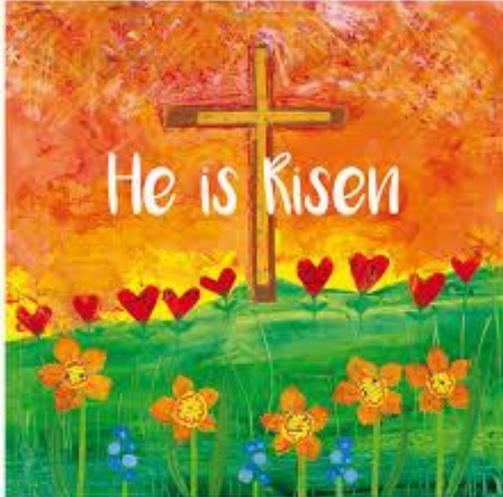




St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

*Start of term letter
Pentecost letter
April 2022*

Dear Parents, Children and Carers,



**This Day was Made by the Lord – we
Rejoice and are Glad!**

As we welcomed the children back after the Easter break, to celebrate moving from Lent into the season of Eastertide in school the children took part in a special Easter trail around the school. We all had a wonderful time searching for Easter related words, solving the puzzles and finding out the answers. It was lovely to see all of them enthusiastically searching. A big thank you, to the PTFA for the chocolate eggs that each child was given. What a wonderful start to the summer term! It has been lovely to see all of the children refreshed and

revitalised after their well-earned break and to see them settling into their new learning for this term, which is full of new texts, themes and exciting opportunities. I hope that you had a lovely Easter break too and were able to enjoy some time with family and friends

Important dates in the church calendar

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (26 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY (5 June)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (12 June)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (19 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (24 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

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Year 6 SATS Week

In the week beginning 9th May our year 6 children will be taking their end of primary school examinations (SATS). The children have been working very hard this year. Many taking extra booster sessions to support the missed learning over the last two years. Please encourage your child to sleep well, get plenty of rest and keep hydrated with lots of water. They have been well supported in school and we want the children to be confident and believe in themselves.

Date	Activity
Monday 9 May 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 12 May 2022	Mathematics paper 3

Year 2 SATS Information

During the month of May, our year 2 children will also be sitting specific tests in Reading and Mathematics. These are to support the evidence the teacher already has about how your child is doing. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as the teacher will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Subject	Test paper
English reading	Short text and questions Long text with separate questions
Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
English grammar, punctuation and spelling (optional test)	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

As the country prepares for to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we too, are getting ready! Please see the special "Best of British" Competition included in this letter. Please do encourage your child to enter or why not make it a family entry. There will be a display of all entries and prizes will be awarded.



Also, on the last day of this half term we will be gathering as a whole school for a spectacular party in the playground (Street party style). Hopefully your child will look back in years to come and remember how they celebrated this moment in history.

Art Competition to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Design a piece of artwork that shows:
"The Best of British"

It can be on paper, a canvas, a model or whatever you prefer.

Prizes for the winning entries. They will also be sent to the Queen (or a photograph if too big!)

Entries need to be brought to school by Friday 20th May 2022
in time for our Party in the playground on 27th May 2022 in celebration of the Queen's 70th year as our monarch.

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Term Dates for 2022 to 2023: Term dates for the 2022 to 2023 academic year are now available on our school website.

Pride in our Uniform:

At St Gregory's we believe children should feel a sense of pride in being a member of our school community. This is reflected in the pride they show when wearing our school uniform. It is our policy at St Gregory's that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. During the various lockdown periods I have offered significant grace and relaxation of our School Uniform policy in reflection of the challenging circumstances we have all faced. I feel the time is now right to return to strict adherence to our policy, ensuring our uniform and expectations of it promote a sense of pride in our school. As such, please be reminded of our uniform details detailed below. Your support in meeting these expectations is greatly appreciated.

School Uniform:

- White polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge
- **Grey** school trousers, **grey** skirt or **grey** pinafore
- Sensible flat black shoes

PE Uniform:

- Plain white t-shirt
- plain **black** shorts/ **Black** Joggers
- Black plimsolls/ Trainers
- Optional plain black zip up hoody/ school jumper may be worn

Please pay particular attention to our P.E. kit expectations and note that non-uniform items will not be allowed to be worn during lesson time moving

Thank you for your continued support for our school. Working in partnership with our parents and carers will ensure that our children receive the very best education that they can at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

Yours Sincerely

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