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Dear Parents and Carers,

A HAPPY, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

At the start of 2023, my very best wishes for a wonderful new year for all of you. I trust that you have all had a chance to relax, reflect and enjoy the company and love of your families over the Christmas holiday period. On behalf of all the team at St Gregory's, I would like to thank you for your generosity over Christmas – it was truly appreciated by all of us. Thank you very much!

This week, we have been really pleased to welcome Mr Tibbetts to our school community. I am sure you will join us in welcoming him as the Class Teacher of St Cecilia Class. Mrs Keeling, who has been on Maternity Leave for the past year, has chosen to remain at home with her family. We thank her for all she has given to our school and wish her the very best of luck in the future.

Reception Class Admissions for September 2023

(for children who reach the age of 4 between 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023):

We are delighted to say that our school is popular, and we would not want any of our families to miss the deadline for applications for admission to our Reception class.

If you have a child who reached or will be reaching the age of 4 between the above dates and you would like them to join our school, please ensure that your online application forms are completed before January 15th 2023. If you require any advice regarding these applications our office staff will be delighted to help.

Winter Illnesses

As your child returns to school after the festive break, it is important you are aware that there remains a risk of winter infections. Professor Susan Hopkins, the Chief Medical Adviser at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued the following advice to help protect your child and others they are in contact with:

- If your child is unwell and has a fever, you are advised to keep them at home until the fever has passed and they feel better. During this time your child should avoid attending school, nursery, childminder or having contact with any other person outside the household.

- Good hand hygiene continues to be important to avoid spreading infections through touch. You are asked to encourage your child to regularly wash their hands, with soap and warm water.
- Vaccination is the best protection against any avoidable illness such as Flu or COVID-19. You are advised to ensure your child is vaccinated when they are invited.

For more information about getting your child vaccinated against Flu, visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>

For more information about the Covid-19 vaccination visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/> .

Term Dates

Please keep a note of the set term dates as requests for holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Good attendance is key for your child's academic success. Please support us by checking holiday dates before entering into any booking arrangements.

Spring Term begins	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term Holiday	Monday 13th February- Sunday 19th February
End of Spring Term	Friday 31 st March
Easter Holidays	Monday 3rd April- Sunday 16th April
Summer Term begins	Tuesday 19th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May Monday 8th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 29th May- Sunday 4th June
End of Summer Term	Friday 21 st July

There are many exciting events planned for this term. Please do check the website and our newsletters for regular updates.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school over this academic year. 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.

Thank you also for your understanding and kind words when we were dealing with the unexpected damage to the perimeter fence. A big thank you goes to Mr Clarke, Mrs Kyriakides and Miss Marum for their very early first responses, which helped considerably in getting the children into school without any delay on the first day back.

With very best wishes for 2023 - this promises to be a very fruitful and successful year.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs K. Yuen

Executive Headteacher

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