

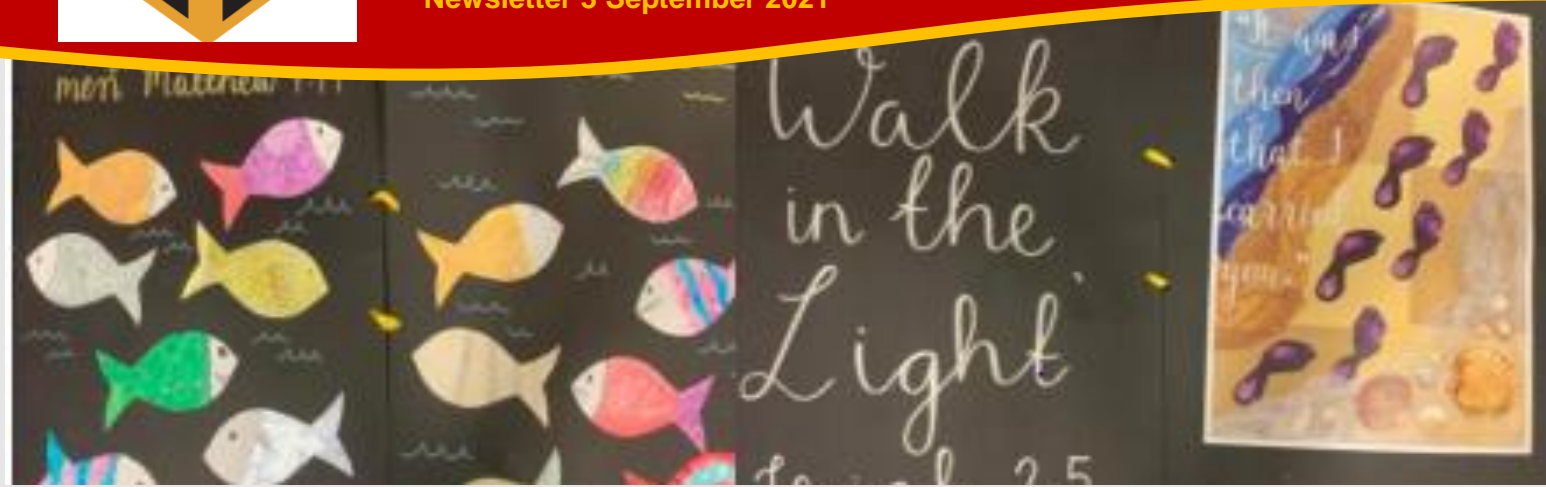


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 3 September 2021



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful few days welcoming all of the children to their new year groups this week. It has been brilliant to see the children rise to the challenge of their new year group and see the children playing together on the playground.

A particular highlight for us was to have all the pupils from Reception to Year 6 for our first assembly of the academic year. It is a long time since we have been able to do this! We hope that the children have enjoyed being back in school with their friends and teachers.

We welcome back Mrs Lucy, our Assistant Headteacher, and Mrs Neal-Gonzalez, who will be teaching Spanish this year, from their Maternity Leave. It is wonderful to have them back. Miss Forrestall also officially joins us and will be teaching Year 4. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Palmer, Mrs Patel and Miss Shaul. We wish them the very best of luck on their new ventures and thank them for their care and compassion for the children during their time at St Gregory's.

We have a number of events coming up in the next few weeks, please find out more in this newsletter.

You will also have received communications on ParentMail regarding PE Days. If you know of someone who has not yet set up their ParentMail, please encourage them to visit the School Office so that we can help.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the term. Thank you for all of your support so far.

**Best wishes,
Mrs Yuen**

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion



The Feast of St Gregory the Great

We were delighted to welcome Fr David Donaghue and Fr Brendan Killeen to celebrate Mass for us this morning for the Feast of St Gregory.

These are the first Masses we have had in school since Ash Wednesday 2020, so for many children and several staff, this was a new experience! Both Fr David and Fr Brendan shared details about the life and teachings of St Gregory in their very engaging homilies.

The children's behaviour was outstanding; everybody was prayerful and reverent throughout Mass. We are very proud!

Thank you and well done to Nhiyra, Samira, Daniel, Daniel, Victoria, Mati, Chimela and Tommy who read beautifully.

Term Dates

Term Dates 2021/2022

Advent Term

Term ends: Wednesday 20th
October 2021

Half Term: 21st October – 31st October 2021

Term starts: Monday 1st October
2021

***Please note school will be closed
on Friday 26 November 2021 for
Staff INSET Day***

Term ends: Friday 17th December
2021

Year 5 Buddies

This academic year, our Year 5 pupils will buddy with the children in our Reception cohort. Today, they have met their buddy and enjoyed the opportunity to get to know them.

In the coming weeks they will welcome them onto the playground too.



Meet the Teacher Event

On Wednesday 8th September, we invite all parents to meet their child's Class Teacher from 3.45pm-4pm. Class Teachers will give a ten-minute talk about what to expect in your child's new year group in your child's classroom. There will then be an opportunity for questions.

A formal Parents' Evening is scheduled for this term – date to follow – so please do not worry if you cannot attend on Wednesday, or have more than one child!

Welcome to St Gregory's Catholic Primary School!

We have many families who are new to St Gregory's this week; it has been wonderful to see so many new faces.

We invite all Nursery and Reception parents, as well as families who are brand new to the school this week, to a Coffee Afternoon on Monday 13th September at 2.30pm in the School Hall, where you will be able to meet other parents and some of the school staff, including Mrs Yuen, our Executive Headteacher; Mrs Lucy, our Early Years Lead and our Family Support Officer, Ms Annis.

On 22nd September, we will be hosting a Coffee afternoon in aid of MacMillan to which all families are invited – further information to follow.

We look forward to seeing you there!