



# St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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***"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."***

## ***A Message from Miss Marum...***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Who can believe we are already approaching half term! Term ends at the usual time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (clubs are running on this day) and we return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

As we approach half term, Mrs Wilson, one of our Teaching Assistants, is beginning her Maternity Leave. We look forward to hearing the news about the new addition to her family later this year. As well as this, our Site Supervisor, Mr Clarke, will be retiring at the end of the month following almost 25 years of service at St Gregory's, we will be very sad to see him go!

We welcomed several families to Open Morning earlier this week; thank you to the families who have recommended us to their friends and families. It was great to meet them all!

In school, we have our Harvest Celebration on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Communication has been sent to families about donations. All donations will be given to the Cathedral Food Store - a very worthy cause! Donations should be brought to classrooms on Monday or Tuesday morning. They will then be brought to a central point to be displayed as part of our Harvest Celebration.

We hope you enjoy the weekend.

**Best wishes,**

**Miss Marum**

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### Kings and Queens workshop

Last Friday, Year 2 participated in a workshop to enrich their learning as part of their project, Magnificent Monarchs. They created incredible human models to depict Buckingham Palace and a crown and showed particular talent when working in role as various members of the royal staff. Finally, they learned a song to the tune of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' to recall key subject-specific vocabulary: crown, sceptre, orb and robes! Everyone enjoyed the morning and learned a lot of knowledge that links to their current project!



### Term Dates

#### Advent Term

Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Half Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023-  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Term starts: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*INSET Day: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

Term ends: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Lent Term

Term starts: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Term ends: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Half Term: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024-  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024**

Term starts: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

### Welcome to Miss Stafford

We are pleased to share with you that Miss Stafford joined our Office Team this week. She will be working alongside Mrs Pieterse in the School Office. She is a great addition to our team at St Gregory's and is looking forward to meeting all the parents as we move through the term.



### Reading Rabbits

Miss Annis has kindly crafted Brigid and George, the Reading Rabbits for Reception and Year 1.

When children read at home during the week, the children's names are placed in the golden box and the draw takes place on a Monday. The lucky winner from each class will 'adopt' the rabbit and take him or her home before being returned to school ready for the following week.

We hope this will help to encourage a love of reading in the earliest years!

### Learning about Ancient Sumer

St Faustina Class have been studying the early Sumerian cuneiform writing – this is one of the oldest forms of writing known!

In class, the children have looked at examples, paying close attention to what they notice about the script. Following this, they used resources from the British Museum to replicate the clay tablets used in Ancient Sumer times.

We were very impressed with the results!



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