



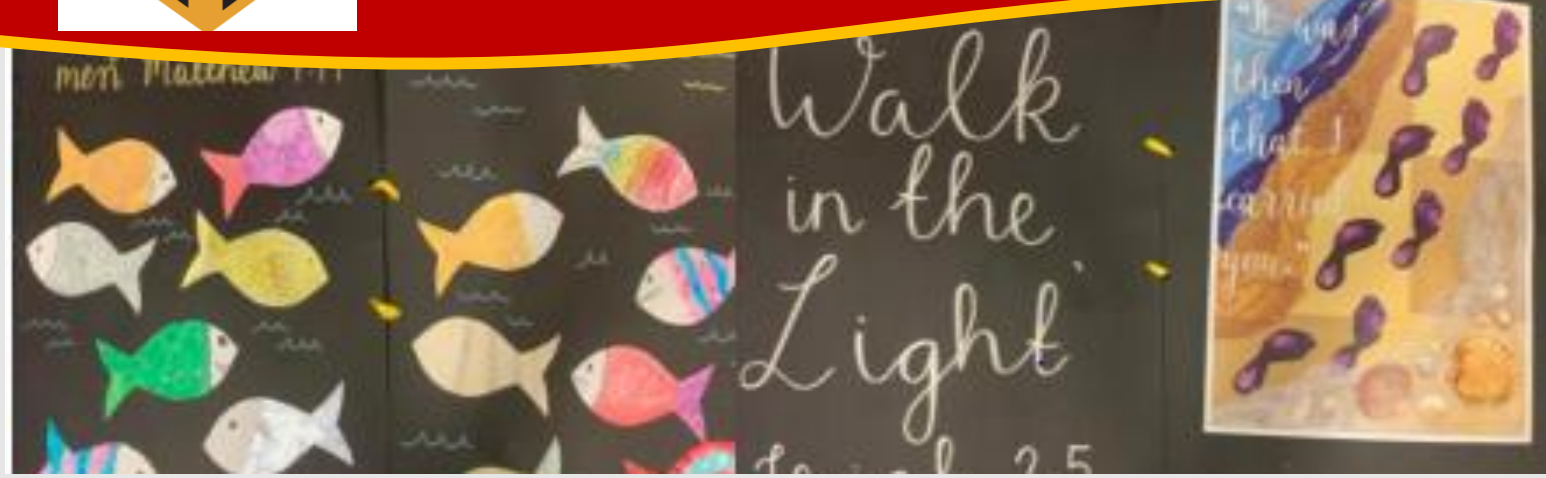
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 10th November 2023



"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an enjoyable week in school. Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Our School Council have done a marvellous job in organising this and it has been great to see the children wearing their poppies with pride. Each class observed a two-minute silence as part of their Class Reflection time this week.

At the beginning of this week, St Brigid Class welcomed their new teacher, Miss Mzembi to their classroom and have enjoyed getting to know her throughout the week. Today, we said 'see you soon' to Mrs Finch, who begins her Maternity Leave and 'thank you for working with us' to Mrs Speakman, one of our Lunchtime Supervisors. Mrs Speakman is beginning a new role with Coombes in our school kitchen.

We welcomed Deacon Jim and Brian from Caritas to our Celebration and Worship time this morning, and they shared with us information about the Love Christmas campaign, which the school is supporting this year. Please see more details at the end of the newsletter.

Please remember, too, that we have our parent Coffee and Chat event each Tuesday morning this month in the Emmaus Room. Please come along if you can.

We hope you enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Marum

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Lest we Forget

Every child in our school has had the opportunity to reflect on the significance of Remembrance Sunday, which will be held across the country this coming Sunday, 12th November. Our younger pupils watched this [video](#) as part of their reflection and noticed fields of poppies which grew as a way to remember those soldiers



who had fought for peace; they also created their own poppies using hand printing. Our older pupils focused on the poem 'In Flanders Fields' creating artwork around this.

Term Dates

Advent Term

Term starts: Monday 30th October 2023

INSET Day: Friday 24th November 2023

Term ends: Wednesday 20th December 2023

Lent Term

Term starts: Thursday 4th January 2024

Term ends: Friday 16th February 2024

**Half Term: Monday 19th February 2024-
Friday 23rd February 2024**

Term starts: Monday 26th February 2024

Term ends: Thursday 28th March 2024

Find full term dates [here](#).

Funny Faces...

In Art, Year 1 have been exploring facial features and have discussed how - despite similarities - each person's face is unique. Throughout their project, the children will continue to explore facial features and will use a wide variety of media, including paint, chalk and collage.



A PTFA Update

Our PTFA met earlier this week to set dates for their next fundraising ventures. Further details for these events will be sent in due course, but the dates are as follows:

23rd November – Krispy Kreme sale after school

30th November – Teddy Tombola

14th December – Christmas Discos

If you are able to offer any help or are interested to learn how you can become involved, please contact the PTFA: st.gregorysptfa@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

13th November – Photo order deadline (online)

16th November – Non-Uniform Day in aid of Caritas (£1 donation)

24th November – INSET Day - School closed to pupils

27th November – Jack in the Beanstalk Pantomime (payment on MCAS)

6th December – Evening Advent Reflection, Northampton Cathedral.

13th December – Nativity Performances 9.30am and 2.15pm (R, Y1 and Y2)

18th December – Nursery Carols (time TBC)

19th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (to be booked in advance)



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NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 16th November

We invite all pupils and staff are invited to wear
non-uniform (no fancy dress or onesies please)
on this day, in aid of the Caritas campaign
'Love Christmas 2023'.

We ask for a monetary donation (£1 as a guide) by
pupils and staff on the day, in exchange for wearing
non-uniform.

All money raised will be used to help us fill 'Bags of Kindness'
which will be shared with vulnerable members of our
community this Christmas.

We look forward to sharing our efforts with
you in the newsletter in the next few
weeks.



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Coffee and Chat



**Mrs McElhatton, our School Chaplain, welcomes
parents and carers to drop in to the Emmaus
Room on**

Tuesdays from 8.45am

**during November, for a cup of coffee or tea and a
chat.**

***'A chance to take a breather and touch base after
morning drop off...'***

Please sign in at the Main Office.

Please park your car off site (unless you have a Blue
Badge) to help keep our school site safe.

We will finish in the Emmaus Room at around 9.30am.

All are welcome - we hope to see you there!

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