



Goodbye

To Mrs Stokeld, our Head of School, who left St Gregory's in the summer term. We wish her every success and happiness for the future and thank her for her hard work and commitment to St Gregory's over the past six years, first as Deputy Headteacher and then as Head of School.

I will be continuing in my role as Executive Headteacher of St Gregory's from 1st September alongside Mr Tiplady as Head of School. One of us will be in school each day of the week but can always be contacted through school. We warmly welcome back Mrs Wilson, who acted as Head of School in 2016-17, for one day each week on the days when either myself or Mr Tiplady cannot be here.

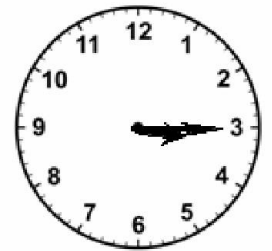
Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Tate

Changes to the School Day

In our recent review of the school curriculum, we have reviewed the timings of the school day. This includes individual subject requirements, worship and assembly times as well as break and lunch times.

We are making a change to the start and finish times of the school day from Monday 5th November (first day **back after October half term**) and school will begin at 8.55am and **end at the earlier time of 3.15pm.**



Staff will be on duty from 8.45am each morning when classroom doors will be opened. Please note that until this time, parents are responsible for the supervision of children and they are not being supervised by staff from St Gregory's.

Diary Dates

September

Fri 28th Y6E liturgy in school 9am

October

Wed 3rd Whole School Mass in church 9.30am

Fri 5th Oct Y6C Class Liturgy 9am

Fri 12th St Bede's House Liturgy in school 9am

Fri 19th St Aidan's House liturgy in school 9am

Thurs 25th Last day of term

Fri 26th PD Day for staff

November

Mon 5th First day of term

Class Liturgy

Parents are warmly welcome to join the children for their class liturgies. This will be a short service of prayer and reflection, led by children.

These will begin with Y6E next Friday 28th Sept and Y6C on 5th October.

Half Term

School closes for half term on Thursday 25th October and reopens again on Monday 5th November.

Happy Birthday

To those children who celebrate a birthday in September.

Jon
Lola
Georgia
Lilly-Mae
Ethan
Maddison
Jorgie-Mae
Joseph
Francis
Libby
Olly
Harry
Lucas
Ava
Kai
Spencer
Teddy
Rhodie

MANJAROS

We are delighted to have won 400 vouchers from Manjaro Restaurant's 100% Attendance scheme, giving families 50% discount on a family meal during each half term holiday. The first 50 vouchers will be awarded in school to the children who have the highest attendance this half term. Thank you to Miss McKie for entering St Gregory's into this competition and to Manjaro's for supporting the attendance drive in schools.

Houses/Pastoral Groups

Children will have been talking about their new House/Pastoral Groups in school. Each child now belongs to one of four school houses, named after the Northern saints: St Aidan, St Bede, St Cuthbert and St Wilfrid. Children work together to earn house points for their team through good work, effort, manners and behaviour and each week, the house with the most points wins the school award. Y6 pupils will soon be appointed as house captains and prefects, giving them additional responsibilities and leadership around school.

One of the strengths of this house system is that it underpins the faith life of our school. Children meet together in house groups for a house liturgy with the staff, who all belong to one of the four houses. Already this term, the groups have been choosing a house hymn, writing a house prayer and choosing a house vision. Children from the same family, belong to the same house.

Parents are warmly welcome to join the children for their house liturgy in school, and the first two services will be for children in **St Bede's** on 12th October and **St Aidan's** on 19th October. I hope as many parents can join us in the school hall at these prayer services.

After School Clubs

A separate newsletter will go out later this week detailing some of the after school clubs on offer this term. Children will have the chance to choose from a wide range of clubs being offered, from sport to musical theatre!

Parent's Evenings

There will be two parent's evenings on 17th and 18th October from 3.40-6pm. Parents will be able to book an appointment with their child's teacher using our online booking system, which will go live on Friday 28th September. Full instructions of how to use the booking system will be sent out from school in the next few days.



Food Bank Friday

The Mini-Vinnies are collecting donations of food each Friday until half term to give to the local food bank.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children and families to give something small to those who are facing difficulties.

Items of non-perishable food required include: tinned food, packets of food, cereal, pasta, rice, biscuits, and crisps.

Please send in any donations of food to your child's teacher on Friday each week.