

7th October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

 Thank you to those parents who attended our very successful reading presentation. The feedback I have received was extremely positive. I am only sorry to have missed it, due to illness. Although I look forward to watching the recording! I know many of you have volunteered to come into school to listen to readers and we are very excited to be welcoming reading dogs to the school again. Miss Edwards will be in touch individually to arrange this.

 **24 hour** **BIKE 4 BOOKS Ladies event January 20th – 21st **

I have been grabbing and hopefully not twisting too many arms to get ladies on board to do our Bike 4 Books fundraising event in January. I now have 38 eager volunteers!!! THANK YOU so much. All we need to do now is cycle 2000 miles and raise some money!! I will be speaking with the PTFA next week and will then publicise more details and where donations etc can be made. Watch out for the posters. If anyone else has a burning urge to get cycling, please let me know and I will happily add to the list. If anyone feels able to provide a few cakes / sandwiches / make some drinks for the cyclists – that would be appreciated – especially, to keep us going through the depth of night. This event I hope will be great fun and us ladies will enjoy supporting each other, through what could for some of us be quite a painful experience but well worth it for our children and to give them reading opportunities that will set them up for life.

**Brrrr…**

Hard to believe we are in October already and starting to see the darker evenings and certainly getting up in a morning is becoming harder!! On this note please can I remind parents / carers to send children in with a suitable warm / waterproof coat – we like the children to get outside as much as possible at playtimes / lunchtimes and recently it has been quite cold outside.

**School Uniform**

Is now always available to browse and purchase at the main entrance. You can visit at any time during school hours and give a donation into the school office.

**Nits!**

Please check and treat for head lice as there are a couple of cases in school.

**Collect free gardening equipment for school**

It’s Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect for free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. Up to the 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to your chosen school.

You’ll need to be a MyMorrisons customer so make sure you have downloaded the app. Scan your app or MyMorrisons card at checkout from Monday 6th September until Sunday 24th October and for every £10 you spend; we’ll give you one Grow Token to donate to your chosen school.

If you’re a MyMorrisons customer, you can do this on your app through the It’s Good to Grow section.  If you’re using your MyMorrisons card, you can do this by logging into your account and choosing your school through the It’s Good to Grow page from 6th September.

 **Building Works**

As you are aware we are continuing to have work done in school and the next large but very exciting project is the installation of a ground heat source pump. Work will commence on this just before half term. It will mean we will be losing some of our outside space for a period of time, whilst equipment is on site and the drilling is done. The work site will be very secure and the children will have no access to it. All risk assessments will be completed. The site manager is going to deliver an assembly to the whole school to talk about the work taking place and display boards of information will be available for the children to look at. This is a huge project for such a small school as ours and we have been extremely lucky to get funding from the diocese and Dorset Council. We were successful above many schools and will be the only school in Dorset to have this done at the moment. I hope to give parents a time they will be able to come and view the site, if they are interested in seeing the work. Simon Hoare, our local MP is going to meet with the development team, once work has commenced. We will look forward to welcoming him and sharing this great venture with him.

We have also been smartening up the front of school – the metal railings will be the school green and the wooden fencing has had a blue facelift to match with the playground paintings!

However, for a period of time we will be without any form of heating – could be for a couple of weeks after half term, therefore if you wish to layer your children up, please do so. Maybe they could wear a long sleeve top under their t shirts or an extra vest. We will be getting gas connections asap to see us through this winter before the pump is up and running.

  **CHRISTMAS Box Appeal**

Please see attached letter for details.

**Ordering Meals**

As a reminder, please ensure that you place your child’s school meal order prior to the ordering cut-off points.

The deadline for ordering meals is midnight on Sunday, one full week (7 days) prior to the complete week before the meal is served. The current menu runs through to Easter 2022, the meal ordering website allows orders to be placed up until Friday 8th April 2022. Please find the link to the website: [https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Furldefense.com%2Fv3%2F__https%3A%2Fnam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%2F%3Furl%3Dhttps*3A*2F*2Fdorset.mealselector.co.uk*2F%26data%3D04*7C01*7CBPDAdmin*40compass-group.co.uk*7Cc9544b7b57e5446106ef08d93a1211a1*7Ccd62b7dd4b4844bd90e7e143a22c8ead*7C0*7C0*7C637604671551619031*7CUnknown*7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0*3D*7C1000%26sdata%3DbtZBRSUEgweh*2F*2FeCvCgVw50oiZ3ZjklhSPHCs8FdhEk*3D%26reserved%3D0__%3BJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJQ!!ORgV8lsu!6yVtatSjFu_Ku2c-CuNQotoF1qXqvCKwk2-heR5fIChiS-NHwpfC4GqrNq36fmnpzDgPTms6nYQ%24&data=04%7C01%7CBPDadmin%40compass-group.co.uk%7Cf0bfcd07dfe24f10c97c08d96eb85f57%7Ccd62b7dd4b4844bd90e7e143a22c8ead%7C0%7C0%7C637662560429492892%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IzfpQ1kxIn9hEz93mnZNoh5UnNBnbjV%2FNx6bt5r7z94%3D&reserved=0)

If you require support, please contact Chartwells at bpdadmin@compass-group.co.uk or 01202 691038

 **SchoolPing**

Hopefully everyone has received their login details and have been able to use the App. Please contact office@stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk if you have had any problems with this or would like to add an email address.

 **Facebook Page**

The noticeboard has been revamped at the front of the school – it will be regularly updated with all upcoming events. Please also join the FB group page and keep up-to-date: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2436918266532705/?ref=share>



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service gave some great lessons in fire safety yesterday. They have also given us a link to some online resources to help you understand the safety messages the children received. Within the link there is an online questionnaire for you to do with your child.

Each form returned will (with parental permission) be entered into a prize draw to for £50 book token for the school and VIP trip to a fire station for the child:  [Staying Safe: Safe to play or stay away? (office.com)](https://sway.office.com/9VxoxaTfRKl8bWId?ref=Link)

**Music Lessons**

There will be another demonstration to the whole school by a violin & viola teacher next Friday in collective worship. If you would like your child to sign up for this or any other musical instruments then please see: [Music – St Gregs (stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk)](https://stgregorymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/music/) or contact the office

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** Hello Yellow Children’s Mental health Day Friday 8th October - TOMORROW**

We will be supporting this and the children will be covering some activities related to this during the school day. Children may come in anything yellow or a touch of yellow. Please do not bring in cash but give your donation via: [St Gregory's CofE Primary School is fundraising for Young Minds Trust (justgiving.com)](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stgregorysmarnhull)

 **School Harvest Monday 18th October 9.00am St Gregory’s Church** – all parents welcome. Please can children bring in any dried produce on the day. This will be taken to the church and then distributed to the food bank and our Worship Ambassadors will also make up some hampers for members of our community.

 **STAY & LEARN: Wednesday 20th October 8.45 – 10.30am.**

We are having an open morning for parents, new parents and members of our community to come and see life at St Gregory’s. Come and join in our Daily mile, visit classes, chat to pupils, chat to members of staff and learn!

**PTFA Movie Night – Thursday 21st October 3.30 – 5.30pm**

Drinks and popcorn provided. Please save the date and more details will follow about booking and payment.

 **School Photos - Friday 22nd October**

Will be here taking individual, sibling and class group photos. If you have children who don’t yet attend school then please come in at 8.30am to have a photo with their siblings.

**Half Term – 25th – 29th October**

** Wednesday 10th November 2.30–7 pm Hedgehogs / Owls / Badgers & 3.00–6.00pm Year 5**

 **Monday 15th November 3.00-6.00pm Year 6**

Further details will follow on booking time slots

 ** Thursday 2nd December West End Theatre Visit – Lion King – Foxes class**

Letter & details to follow

** Monday 13th December Whole School Pantomime visit – Mayflower Theatre Cinderella**

Letter & details to follow

 **Whole School Christmas Performance – St Gregory’s Church**

 Tuesday 14th December 2.00pm

 Wednesday 15th December 6.00pm

 **Friday – 17th December** **School Ends for Christmas holidays 2pm.**

**External Trips**

Consent forms and payment requests via SchoolPing

Owls – Stonehenge Tuesday 19th October

Year 6 – Residential Wednesday 29th June – Friday 1st July 2022

Best wishes - Debbie Field

