



New Starter Tip Sheet

A few of us parents found that there are certain words and phrases that get used within school, by the children and teachers - some take a while to get your head around! Therefore, we decided to give you a head start with phrases you may hear, with a brief explanation of what they mean:

- **EYFS** – Early Years Foundation stage AKA; Reception OR FS. This is the first year of school.
- **Monster points/Dojos/Merits** - all mean the same! They are points that are awarded to children for good effort, extra-ordinarily good behaviour or work.
- **Cool Cat** - An award for the class if they have 100% attendance across a week.
- **Celebration Assemblies** – Friday assembly where success is celebrated and children can show awards/ certificates to their class.
- **Tapestry** – EYFS platform where you can see what your child has been up to in school.
- **Prepare to be Proud** – An event where you sit with your child in their classroom and look at their books and work they have done. Check the website calendar for dates and times.
- **Mufti Day** – Non uniform, pay money or bring in a specific donation and get to wear your own clothes or a costume for the day.
- **Values Vote** – Every term your child will be asked to bring in 1p and they vote of a value they will focus on for that term. Money raised will go to a chosen charity.
- **Wow Day** – This is usually in the first week back after a big holiday, where the teachers create something wonderful relating to the project they will be working on that term to really hook into their learning.
- **Trim Trail** – the outdoor equipment next to the playground.
- **FOSG** – Friends of St Gregory's. Parents who arrange social and fund-raising events. Come and join us!
- **Community United** – A group of parents who focus on bringing a positive message of well-being to our community by leading the way in watching out for each other and flagging up support available for families or asking for support for others. The core purpose of this group is to support the whole school community in being 'at one' and helping to build a more resilient community built on mutual support for one another. This group is essentially made up of every family but if you'd like to take part in planning things, get involved!
- **School Council** – Our School Council is a group of students, one from each class who have been elected to represent the views of all pupils. The aim is to discuss things that are going well in school and things we want to improve to make our school even better from a child's perspective.
- **Class Rep** – A great way to stay in contact with others in your class about specific events/information related to you and your child. Every class now has one.
- **Stay & Play** – You will be invited to your child's class to busy learn with them.
- **Busy Learning** – Activities and provisions set up daily for your child to engage with – learning through play.
- **Parent Pay** – This is where you pay for all the school trips, most events and paid clubs. You can access via the website.
- **Parents Evening system** – A system which the school uses for us to book on to courses or appointments which are held at school. You can access the route via the website home page.