



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Part of the St Catherine of Siena Academy


"LOVING & LEARNING"

OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR DIARY

October

- Sunday 2 - **9.00am** Year 3 Enrolment Mass 
- Wednesday 5 - Year 4 Haden Hill visit
- **6.00pm** Year 3 First Confessions Meeting (In school)
- **6.30pm** Year 6 Confirmation Meeting (In school)
- Friday 7 - **2.00pm** Harvest Festival
- Sunday 9 - **9.00am** Year 6 Confirmation Mass
- Monday 10-14 - 'I Can Do It' Week
- Monday 10 - Bishop Milner Transition coordinator in school to speak to perspective Year 6 children
- Tuesday 11 - **7.00pm** Mr Hammond from Hagley High School to discuss Year 6 Transition - Years 5 & 6
- Wednesday 12 - Year 6 Heights and Weights - School Nurses
- Monday 17-21 - Multi Faith week
- Tuesday 18 - **6.30pm** Year 3 First Confessions
- Years 5 & 6 Premier Group Dance Competition
- Wednesday 19 - Year 1 visit to St Gregory's Church
- Thursday 20 - **School Closes**
- Friday 21 - **Training Day**
- Monday 24-28 - **Half Term**
- Monday 31 - **Start of Term**
- Year 6 closing date for Secondary school admissions

November

- Wednesday 2 - Year 4 Sparks - Fire Service in school
- **1.30pm** Reception Class 'Hands and Teeth' talk
- Friday 4 - **9.00am** Year 6 Assembly
- Tuesday 8 - **2.00pm** Bishop Pargeter to see Year 6 children
- **7.00pm** Year 6 Confirmation
- Wednesday 16 - **9.00am** Year 3 Inspire
- Friday 18 - **5.30pm to 7.30pm** School Craft Fair
- Monday 21-25 - Book Fair
- Monday 21 - Years 1, 2 and 3 Flu Immunisations

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CRAFT FAYRE

Friday 18th November at 5.30pm - 7.30pm

If anyone is interested in booking a table please contact the school office - £5.00 per table. We will be asking you to kindly 'bake a cake' to sell on the evening. Don't forget to come and join us. This year Father Christmas will be visiting and you will be able to see him in his Grotto. Ho, Ho, Ho!



CASH/CHEQUES IN ENVELOPES

May I remind you when sending any money into school to please put it in an envelope with your child's name, class and what the money is for on the front. Please put the correct amount in as it is impossible to return change on such a large scale. The younger children find it difficult to cope with cash in their hands. Thank you for your co-operation.



EXTRA HELP

If you require any assistance when visiting the school because of mobility, hearing or impaired vision then please let us know.

If anyone requires information in large print form, please also contact the school.

LUNCH BOXES

We like to encourage children to bring a healthy lunch box to school with a wide variety of foods. Please no sweets and no nuts as we have children with nut allergies in school.

Children are also asked to bring a drink with them if they are a packed lunch.



Thank you for your co-operation.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended the first parents evening of the school year. This is important for us to continue our home/school partnership. Please remember to return your questionnaires.

I _____ the parent of _____
 have received the October 2016 Newsletter . Signed _____
 The answer to the Quiz Question is _____

CHRISTMAS DATES

As requested by many parents please find below a list of times and dates for December:

Friday 2	1.30pm KS1 School Disco 3.30pm KS2 School Disco
Tuesday 6	10.00am Carol Concert
Thursday 8	9.30am Foundation Stage Performance
Friday 9	pm Foundation Stage Parties
Monday 12	2.00pm KS 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 13	2.00pm KS1 Christmas Performance 7.00pm KS 2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 15	Years 2 to 6 'Wind in the Willows' visit to the Old Rep Theatre pm Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20	9.00am Mass (in school) Christmas Lunch 1.30pm School closes
Church Masses:	Christmas Eve 5.00pm & 12 Midnight Christmas Day 9.00am & 11.00am



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please note that there will be no individual Christmas cards in school. From 1st December posters from St Mary's Hospice will be put in each classroom. If pupils wish to send a greeting to other pupils we ask them to sign the poster and give a donation of £1.00.



This small act of kindness, sends Christmas greetings to everyone in the class and forms part of a large donation we send to the Hospice.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Gentle reminder - could you please ensure children come to school in the correct footwear. Trainers are not acceptable during the school day, they should only be worn for sporting activities.

P.E. KIT

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. Pupils can also bring in an outdoor P.E. kit as it is now getting colder. (Dark tracksuit bottoms, top - no hoodies or zips and a pair of trainers.) Also a change of socks please.

SCHOOL TIES

Please ensure your child comes to school with their school tie. These are available to buy at the school office: £4.50 for either the elasticated or standard tie.

EARRINGS

There have been an increasing number of pupils wearing earrings in school and the School Policy, agreed by the Academy Committee, is not to wear them for safety reasons.



There are no exceptions.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PREMIER SPORT

Premier Education Group will be bringing a special Harry Potter theme for Halloween this year. This October half term there are two camps to choose from with each having a wide range of activities. The Multi Activity camp will consist of sports and team activities and our performing arts camp will have children making props, acting and much more, ready for the end of camp performance. Book online at www.premier-education.com or for more information call our camp hotline on 07756846987.

Nathaniel Gordon - Area Co-ordinator

HARVEST

Please remember to bring any contributions for the Harvest into school by Monday 3 October. The Fireside Centre for the Homeless in Birmingham are always very grateful for our donations. They appreciate the tins and packets, etc. but also welcome toiletries, scarves and gloves.



Do not forget to nominate someone for a Harvest Prayer card.

PARKING

Could I please ask parents not to bring their cars down the main school drive in Park Road when bringing or collecting children from school. This is the main entrance for emergency vehicles so we have to keep it clear.

We understand that parking is difficult on the road and would appreciate your co-operation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In the interest of Health and Safety may I please remind you to tie your child's hair back off their face.

Head lice is an ongoing problem within the school and I would suggest regular checks for any 'visitors.'



QUIZ QUESTION?



What form of aerial transport does a witch favour?

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. What did the vampire say about the Dracula movie?



A. It was fang-tastic!!!

DOLCE

Thank you to all parents who have registered and are successfully using the online system to order your child's meals.

For those parents who have not yet used Live Kitchen, can I remind you to register and order meals from home. As from Monday the school will have limited access to this facility. Also, it is important that your child's meal patterns do not change once the term has started. This is helpful to staff from an administrative point of view.

WEBSITE

We have launched our new website! Please log on and have a look at all the information and pictures we have included.

The address is:

<http://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk/>

We will be displaying any whole school letters on the website so if you have misplaced your copy, please check there for information.

MONTHLY REFLECTION - OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on **October 7th**.

The Rosary is a prayer in which tells the story of Jesus, in four parts. We mediate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. It owes its origin to St Dominic.

When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the Our Father and Hail Mary. But we also remember stories that are called "mysteries". Mysteries are stories about God, and so we never know enough about them. They never get old, because they keep telling us things we never knew before.



Stations of the Cross are held on the first Friday of the month at 10.30am at Church.