

# ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

## NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



### DATES FOR NOVEMBER



#### November

- Tuesday 1 - **10.00am** Mass at Church
- Wednesday 2 - Year 4 Sparks - Fire Service in school  
- **1.30pm** Reception Class 'Hands and Teeth' talk  
- EYFS Foundation Workshop
- Friday 4 - **9.00am** Year 6 Assembly
- Tuesday 8 - **2.00pm** Bishop Pargeter to see Year 6 children  
- **7.00pm** Year 6 Confirmation  
- Eco bus on site Key Stage 1  
- Eco bus on site Key Stage 2
- Wednesday 9 - **9.00am** Phonics workshop
- Wednesday 16 - **9.00am** Year 3 Inspire
- Friday 18 - 'Children in Need' Mufty day (Wear spots)  
- **5.00pm to 7.00pm** School Craft Fayre
- Monday 21-25 - Book Fair
- Monday 21 - Years 1, 2 and 3 Flu Immunisations
- Tuesday 29 - Year 1 visit to Edgmond Hall
- Wednesday 30 - **3.40pm to 5.00pm** St Andrews Day after school event
- #### December
- Thursday 1 - Nursery and Reception Christmas Trips (Hatton Park)
- Friday 2 - Christmas Disco  
**1.30pm to 2.45pm** KS1  
**3.00pm to 4.30pm** KS2
- Monday 5 - 9 - 'I Can Do it Week'
- Tuesday 6 - **10.00am** Carol Concert
- Thursday 8 - **9.30am** Foundation Stage Performance
- Friday 9 - Foundation Stage parties
- Monday 12 - **2.00pm** KS2 Christmas Performance
- Tuesday 13 - **2.00pm** KS1 Christmas Performance  
**7.00pm** KS2 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)  
**1.30pm** School closes

**School re-opens Tuesday 3rd January**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children should be in full winter uniform after the half term holiday in line with school policy.

May I remind you to please label your children's school uniform clearly especially cardigans and jumpers.

Thank you

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DISCO Friday 2nd December

Arrangements for the Disco are as follows:

Key Stage 1 1.30 - 2.45 pm  
Key Stage 2 3.00 - 4.30 pm

There will be a £2.50 charge which includes a cone of chips and a drink along with music from the resident DJ.



### CONFIRMATION

The Right Reverend Philip Pargeter, Bishop of Birmingham will be confirming the children on Tuesday 8th November at 7.00pm



### MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER!

Q. What type of music are balloons scared of?

A. POP Music!!!



### HARVEST

Thank you for your contributions to our Harvest. Each small act of kindness that you made enabled us to send an enormous amount of food and clothing to the Fireside Centre for the Homeless in Birmingham. Well done!

### YEAR 5 PYRAMID CONCERT

Why not join us at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 7.00pm and enjoy a 'Celebration through Music'. Year 5 will be taking part and the concert features performances of songs from the Movies.

Tickets are £10.00 each, obtainable from the school office.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Years 4 and 6 for their excellent attendance this term. Overall attendance was very good throughout so well done to all!

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance %	97.6	97.2	98.1	98.6	96.7	98.5
Authorised Absences %	2.4	2.8	1.9	1.4	3.3	1.5
Unauthorised Absences %	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Children	30	30	30	30	30	30

## POPPIES

Please support the Poppy Appeal.

Poppies are on sale from the school office and we are asking for donations of at least 50p per poppy. Year 6 children will also be distributing poppy's to the classrooms during break times. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy please send them with a donation. Thank you!



## QUIZ QUESTION

Name the school that Harry Potter attended?



## CHILDREN IN NEED 'MUFTY DAY' - Wear Spots

We are again supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 18th November.

For the charge of £1.00 children will be able wear their own clothes for the day.

Please join in and raise money for Pudsey Bear.



## 'Wind in The Willows' - The Old Reporatory Theatre

A theatre visit for Years 2 - 6 has been arranged for Thursday 15th December 2016.

Please remember to return your completed form and payment of £18.00 to school to enjoy this exciting production.



## CRAFT FAYRE

Friday 18th November **5.00pm - 7.00pm** in the School Hall

If you would like to book a table please call the school office (£5 per table)

Please come and join us and enjoy the many craft stalls, tombola, Irish coffee/refreshments including hot turkey baps. Please donate a cake (shop bought or home made which we can sell on the evening).

If you have any gifts suitable for the tombola stall we would be very grateful. Hopefully you will be able to buy some early Christmas gifts.

All proceeds to go School Fund.



## **NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS**

### **All Saints' Day, 1st November**

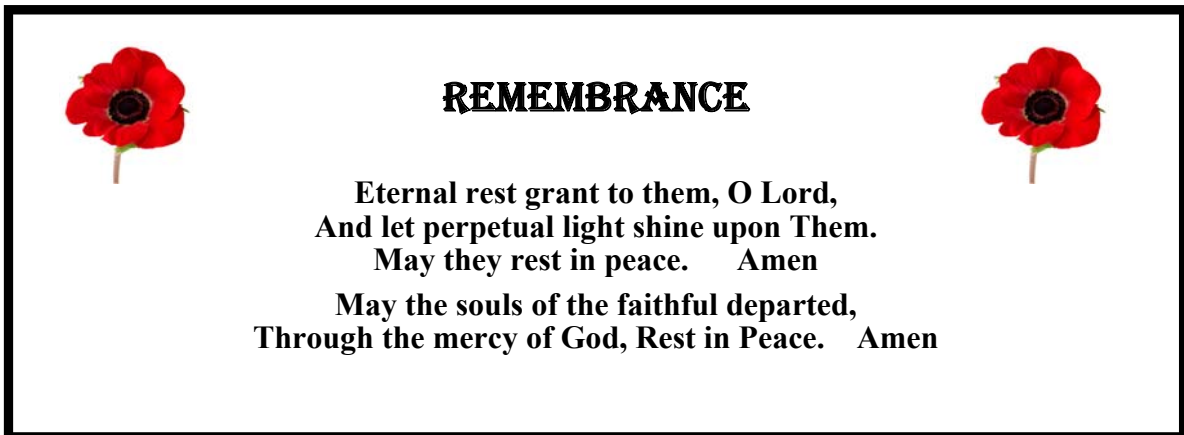
All Saints Day is a feast day which celebrates all the saints, known and unknown. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary or their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, were properly honoured.

### **All Souls Day, 2nd November**

All Souls' Day is a day of alms giving and prayers for the dear. The Church commemorates all of those who have died and now are in Purgatory, being cleansed of their sins.

### **Remembrance Day, 11th November**

World War I officially ended on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day. The act of a Two Minute Silence began on the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 by those who did not want to forget the millions killed, injured and affected.



I \_\_\_\_\_ the parents of \_\_\_\_\_

have received the November 2016 Newsletter Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The answer to the quiz question is:

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