



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to you all. May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy. On behalf of St Gregory's Governors and Staff thank you for all the generous gifts we received at Christmas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2017

- Friday 6 - **10.00am** Mass at Church
- Thursday 12 - Year 4 Swimming commences
- Sunday 15 - Closing date for Reception Admission application forms for September 2017
- Friday 20 - **9.00am** Year 6 Inspire
- Friday 27 - **9.00am** Year 3 Assembly

February 2017

- Wednesday 1 - School Nurses in School to see Year 3 (Healthy Eating Talk)
- Monday 6 to 10 - 'I Can Do It' Week
- Thursday 16 - **7.00pm** Pyramid Concert
- Friday 17 - School closes for half term
- Monday 27 - School reopens

SNOW DESK INFORMATION

During the winter months and the possibility of snow please keep an eye on the school website www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk for any updates on school closures. School will notify Sandwell Council who will then inform local media/radio stations of closure and update Sandwell Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sandwellcouncil> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/sandwellcouncil> to give parents instant notice.

We will continue to send text messages, these have proven very successful as a means of informing you of school arrangements during any severe weather conditions. **Please remember to inform school of any changes in mobile phone numbers.**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to give in messages or letters.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.



We have both elasticated/ordinary ties on sale at £4.50 at the school office.

May I please remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket.

School bags are available from the school office, back packs £8.50, book bags £5.50 and pump bags £4.50.

A REMINDER

Holidays cannot be authorised and leave of absences may only be authorised if exceptional circumstances. In line with our school attendance policy we may refer unauthorised leave of absence to the Attendance and Prosecution Service. Such a referral may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

It is inappropriate for children in Year 2 or Year 6 to have any leave during this vital year. Similarly all children sit tests **during the week of May 8th including the statutory SAT's**, and no leave of absences will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 12th May 2017.

PUPILS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Please ensure that your child is escorted to and from school especially during the dark mornings and evenings. Children are being dropped off/collected and running down the school drive unaccompanied. Please think of the children's safety.

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2017

RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.12 and 31.08.13 are due to start school in September 2017. Please ensure that your child is registered, children are not automatically awarded a place if they are in Nursery or if they have an older sibling in school. The school cannot accept responsibility for the non registration of children.

NURSERY

If your child was born between 01.09.13 and 31.08.14 then your child is eligible for a Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 10th February 2017. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter which will be posted before the Easter holiday.

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. Why did the computer keep sneezing?
A. Because it had a virus.

QUIZ QUESTION

In Wind in The Willows who invites mole out for a boat ride and a picnic?

CHARITY WORK

You raised the grand total of over **£300** for St Marys Hospice and Save the Children.

Congratulations!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Holy Communion

Year 3 Saturday 10 June at 12.00pm

Inspire workshops

Year 1 4th May, Year 2 15th June, Year 4 9th March, Year 5 30th March and Year 6 19th January

MONTHLY REFLECTION - The Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. 'The Epiphany' means a showing, a revealing and an enlightening. The 'Wise men' represent all the peoples of the world they know of the prophecies of the infant king the Saviour of the world. Through them Jesus' arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the Lord had come to save **all** people. The feast shows us two aspects of our faith; the presence of the Son of God being revealed and God's desire to save all peoples made clear.

A FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, like the three Wise men
we are here today to worship you, Jesus.

We have no gold,
but we give you our love.

We have no frankincense,
we give you our prayers.

We have no Myrrh,
so we give you ourselves.

Amen



I the parents of.....
have received the January 2017 Newsletter. Signed:

The answer to the quiz question is: