



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2017

- Wednesday 1 - School Nurses in School to see Year 3 (Healthy Eating Talk)
- Friday 3 - Closing date for Nursery Admission application forms September 2017
- Monday 6 to 10 - 'I Can Do It' Week
- Thursday 16 - **7.00pm** Year 5 Pyramid Concert
- Friday 17 - **School closes for half term**
- Monday 27 - **School reopens**

March 2017

- Thursday 9 - **9.00am** Year 4 Inspire
- Friday 10 - **9.00am** Year 5 Assembly
- Year 5 Puberty Talk (letters to follow)
- Tuesday 14 - Father Hudsons whole school assembly
- Tuesday 21 - Parents Evening 4.00pm to 6.00pm
- Friday 24 - **9.00am** Reception class assembly
- Thursday 30 - **9.00am** Year 5 Inspire

Please note the whole school consultation week is week commencing 20th March. Individual class dates to follow.

CAR PARKING

Please may we remind you to be considerate when parking your cars. We have received complaints from residents and parents with regard to children being dropped off in the school drive or at the top of the road. This is forbidden at all times and is a breach of Health and Safety.

Also, please do not leave pupils to stand outside their classroom doors alone when waiting for the school bell to ring. We would ask that children are seen safely into school by a parent/child minder.

The children's safety is the first consideration above all else. Please take care.

PACKED LUNCHES

Children take food home that they have not eaten, this is to enable parents to track what their children are eating and adjust the amount accordingly. It would be advisable for parents to provide flasks for drinks as children do not always finish a full carton.

May I also remind you not to send in nuts or sweets/chocolate bars in their packed lunches.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2017

The Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher scheme has started again and runs until 30th June 2017. Please send your vouchers to school, there is a collection box in the school entrance ready and waiting.

The more we can collect the more equipment we will be able to enjoy!



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

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

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q: How do footballers stay cool during the game?

A: They stand close to the fans.



PYRAMID CONCERT - YEAR 5 Have you got your tickets yet?



The concert will be taking place at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 16th February. Tickets are available from the school office at £10 each, we hope to see you there.

All children will need to be collected from the Town Hall at the end of the concert.

CHILDREN FEELING UNWELL

It is unfortunate that we have had a high level of sickness this term with pupils being sent home during the day. Could I remind parents that statutory guidelines advise that if children are experiencing diarrhoea and/or vomiting that they do not return for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness. If your child is suffering from Flu (influenza) they need to make a full recovery before returning to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

QUIZ QUESTION

Which planet in the solar system is known for having a ring?



UNIFORM

The children have returned after their Christmas holiday looking very smart. Could we please ask you to ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled?

Children need to wear their ties at all times.

P.E. Kit - please ensure all children have their P.E. kit in school ready for lessons and during this cold weather please do not forget to send them in with a suitable outdoor kit. P.E. bags are available to buy from the school office at £4.50.

ATTENDANCE - 3rd January to 23rd January 2017

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Overall Attendance	95.9	96.4	96.2	95.6	97.7	98.4
% Authorised Absence	4.1	3.6	3.8	4.4	2.3	1.6
% Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Children	30	29	31	31	31	31

Well done to all classes and Year 6 in particular

School Gateway

We will soon be introducing a new service called 'School Gateway.' This means that you will be able to make online payments via the School Gateway smartphone app or website.

This is an exciting new system that will make it easier for parents to pay for items such as trips and uniform in addition to reducing the amount of cash being carried by children on school premises. A letter will be sent home outlining further details in the coming weeks but in the meantime please feel free to look at their website:

www.schoolgateway.com

Beat the Street

St Gregory's is once again taking part in the Sandwell's Beat the Street Campaign. Beat the Street is a free, fun game for the communities of Sandwell to see how far you can walk, cycle, run and move any which way you can! Children will soon be receiving personal key fob and then it's time to get walking, running, cycling or scooting - the game starts on 8th February and lasts 7 weeks. EVERY journey you make adds to your total, our schools total and there are also special 'Luck Tap' prizes to be won.

Lent offers us a very special time to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to our Faith. During this Year of Faith let us invite God into our lives to enrich us and help us. Let us reflect, pray, grow and deepen our Faith together.

Dear God,

We thank you for the gifts

Of Faith, Hope and Love.

We ask you to make these a power

By which we live and pray each day.

Forgive our many failures and

Fill us with your love.

Amen



I _____ the parent of _____

have received the February Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____