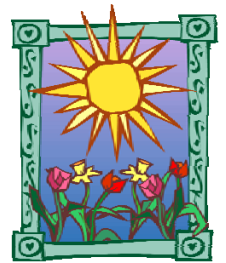


ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

MARCH/EASTER 2017 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



March

- Wednesday 1 - **10.00am** Mass
- Thursday 2 - World Book Day
- Friday 3 - **10.00am** Year 6 Mass
- Wednesday 8 - **9.00am** Year 4 Inspire
- Friday 10 - **9.00am** Year 5 Assembly
- **10.00am** Year 1 and 2 Mass
- Year 5 Puberty Talk (**Please remember to return the consent forms**)
- Sunday 12 - **11.00am** Year 4 Mass
- Tuesday 14 - Father Hudsons whole school assembly
- Thursday 16 - **10.00am** Year 3 Mass
- Friday 17 - St Patricks Day Celebrations
- Tuesday 21 - Parents Evening 3.45pm to 6.00pm
- Thursday 23 - **10.00am** Year 5 Mass
- Friday 24 - **9.00am** Reception class assembly
- **10.00am** Year 4 Mass
- Red Nose Day Celebrations
- Monday 27 to 31 - 'I Can Do It' Week
- Thursday 30 - **9.00am** Year 5 Inspire
- Friday 31 - Wear a Hat Day

The Stations of the Cross will follow the class Masses

Please note the whole school consultation week is week commencing 20th March.

- Dates are:
- Reception - Wednesday 22nd
 - Year 1 - Tuesday 21st
 - Year 2 - Monday 20th
 - Year 3 - Monday 20th
 - Year 4 - Wednesday 22nd
 - Year 5 - Tuesday 21st
 - Year 6 - Friday 24th

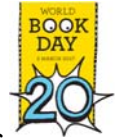
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- Friday 7 - **End of term**
- Monday 24 - **School re-opens**
- Wednesday 26 - Photos - Nursery, Reception and Year 6

May I remind you that pupils are able to wear summer uniform after the Easter Holiday

WORLD BOOK ACTIVITY DAY

Thursday 2nd March



This is an event to celebrate reading all over the world. One of the aims of World Book Day is to put a book into the hands of every child in the country. Each child will receive a £1 book voucher which will be accepted at all participating bookshops until 26 March 2017.

Pupils and staff are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day and bring their favourite book to school. Be as imaginative as you like and see if we can guess who you are.

Absences

Could we please remind parents to inform the school before 9.00am if your child is going to be absent that day? The office is open from 8.00am so please call as early as possible.

Also, we are having an increasing amount of late children each day. May I remind you that children need to arrive promptly at school for their morning mark.

Change of Address/Telephone numbers

We have recently had difficulty contacting some parents during the school day. Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone/mobile number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to hand in messages or letters.

DOLCE

We have been informed by our catering providers that the cost of a school meal is to increase. A current meals costs £2.10 but this will be rising to £2.20 as from 1st September 2017.



QUIZ QUESTION

In which street does the British Prime Minister live?

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

- Q. Why is St Patricks day a frogs favourite holiday?
- A. Because they already wear green!



CHARITY/FUNDRAISERS

Lenton Appeal - Father Hudson Society

We are again supporting the Father Hudson Appeal and have sent home the 'little house' collection boxes. Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

Friends of St Gregorys - St Patricks Day Celebration!

Wear green on **Friday 17th March** and bring a £1.00 for the Friends of St Gregorys.

Come and join us after school when we will carry on the celebrations. There will be Irish sausage & chips, (saves you making tea when you get home) Irish coffee, the usual tea/coffee plus entertainment and a performance from the school choir.



Red Nose Day - Friday 24th March

Wear something red and bring £1.00 for your 'Red Nose.'

Year 6 will be providing activities so do not forget a little extra money to join in with nail painting, five-a-side football, sweets for sale and a jumble sale. Please send any unwanted gifts, toys etc into school as soon as possible.



Wear a Hat to School - Friday 31st March

Come in mufti and wear a hat to school, please bring £1.00 for 'Brain Tumour' research. The choice is all yours, a baseball cap, a woolly hat or something to wear just for fun.



Thank you for your continued support!

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware your child's attendance at school is very important to us and also the Local Authority. Here is an analysis table to keep you up to date with attendance levels in February at St Gregory's.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Overall Attendance	95.8	98.1	96.3	96.8	96.7	94.9
% Authorised Absences	3.8	1.9	3.2	3.0	3.3	5.1
% Unauthorised Absences	0.4	0	0.4	0.2	0	0
No. of Children	30	30	31	31	31	31

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has a school tie as an increasing number of children are appearing in school without the correct uniform - thank you!

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

Letters have now been distributed to the current Years 4 and 5 for the visits to Plas Gwynant and Edgmond Hall in September.

They are really worthwhile visits and the children benefit greatly from them.

Costs are £265 for Plas Gwynant and £220 for Edgmond Hall. Please log onto School Gateway by either downloading the app (Android & iPhone) or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com

MONTHLY REFLECTION

A Good Deed Every Day!

Doing a good deed will make you feel good and someone else happy.

It doesn't have to be something difficult or take a lot of time.

A good deed can be a kind word or a smile. If it makes someone happy it's a good deed.

Try very hard to think of things you can do to help those around you.

Ask those who care for you if you can help with chores. Sometimes we expect lots of things to be done for us without offering anything in return.

The season of Lent

Lent is a time to commit to God with all our hearts and it is also a time to renew our friendship with God. We can hear and ponder God's word in the scriptures more deeply.

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) offers us a rich text to read. There are two main characters - the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. Lazarus may have been anonymous to the rich man but he was not to God. Lazarus was comforted by God. He was a precious gift, a priceless treasure to be cherished, embraced and loved. The rich man did not recognise Lazarus' virtues, he saw him only as a beggar. Remember we are all precious in God's eyes.

So, during this time of Lent, let us reflect on repenting our sins, asking for God's forgiveness and listening to God's word.

Please journey through Lent with 'The Walk with Me' booklets and familiarise yourselves again with the scripture.



I _____ the parent of _____ have received the March Newsletter. Signed _____ Answer to the Quiz question is: _____
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