



# St Gregory's Catholic School

## May 2017 Newsletter

### *Upcoming Events:*

#### ***May:***

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - **School Closed** May Day
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - School Nurses in School (Reception class heights and weights)  
- Year 3 Parents Catechesis 7.00pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> - **School Closed** Training Day
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> - SATS Week
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Parents Catechesis 7.00pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Inspire 9.00am
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Mass 5.00pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 meeting at the Guild Room regarding First Holy Communion 7.00pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Phonics workshop 9.00am (letter to follow)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 swimming starts
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - DECCA talk to Year 6 (Topic: Drugs and Alcohol)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - School nurses to see Year 6, concerning healthy relationships (letter to follow)
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 'Upfront' to see Year 5, concerning Wellbeing
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Hagley Mass Tour
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - 'Upfront' to see Year 6, concerning Transition
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Assembly  
**School Closes**

### *Interesting fact*



A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out!

### *Upcoming Events:*

#### ***June:***

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - **Term starts**  
- Year 3 and 4 visit to Warley Woods, tree planting
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - **School Closed**
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 First Holy Communion 12.00pm
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> - Phonics Screening Check week
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Inspire 9.00am
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Induction meetings (Nursery 7.00pm and Reception 8.00pm)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 1 Assembly 9.00am
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Going Forth Mass 11.00am
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Summer Concert

### *Reminders:*

- Pupils are now able to wear their summer uniform
- Please send your child with a waterproof coat during this very changeable weather especially if they are swimming
- Do not forget to bring in your sun cream and sun hats should the weather improve
- **Schoolcomms:** If you have not registered on the gateway, please do so as soon as possible, and if you are able please use the App. (School will eventually be cashless) Many Thanks for all who are already using it
- Please continue to send in your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

*Attendance for April.  
Well Done to Year 3  
for their excellent  
attendance.*

Attendance	%
Year 1	96.7
Year 2	95
Year 3	99.6
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	98.3



### *Any other business:*

- On Wednesday 28th June we will be having a Summer Concert where all our musicians and singers will be taking part. Violins, Brass and Drum players will be showcasing their talents. Please come along and support the children and enjoy all the entertainment. Further details to follow.
- **SATs and TESTING**  
The children work exceptionally hard to achieve their best. We are always very proud of the efforts and progress that they make. Please ensure that during the next few weeks the children are well rested and prepared for their tests. It is a time to be rewarded for all their hard work!
- **SCHOOL TRIPS**  
We appreciate your support for our school trips and hope that the option to pay in instalments is useful to you all. We are looking forward to creating exciting opportunities for the children, giving them many memories that will last a lifetime for them and the staff!



We raised £200.00 for Brain Tumour Research. Please refer to the 'special events' tab on our website for some of the pictures of children participating in the day.

### *Monthly Reflection:*

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. During the month of May we rejoice and pay homage to her. Our lady shows us the way to Jesus, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Jesus also. This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



## **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**St Catherine was one of the most brilliant  
theological minds of her day,  
although she never had any formal education.  
She ranks high among the mystics and spiritual  
writers of the Church and remains a greatly  
respected figure for her spiritual writings, and  
political boldness to “speak truth to power” - this  
was exceptional for a woman, in her time period.**



### **Prayer for St Catherine of Siena**

**St Catherine, Most blessed and favoured patron saint,  
Who sought the truth with perseverance, loved the truth in humility,  
taught the truth in charity and defended the truth with courage.  
Pray for us.  
Obtain for us the grace to persevere in truth,  
the grace to be a light in the darkest of the times in which we live,  
and obtain for us the responsibility, wisdom and knowledge we need to  
convey to others in our words and actions our Catholic faith.  
O Holy St Catherine, whose letters inspired, guided and led the church to  
renewal and transformation,  
Obtain too for us the grace to live in the truth,  
The patience to endure trials and hardships,  
And the grace to carry our cross in the spirit of prayer and self-denial  
And to defend the church in its hour of crucifixion.  
We ask this in Christ's name  
Amen**