



St Gregory's Catholic School July 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

July:

- Monday 3rd - 7th - I can do it week
- Tuesday 4th - Year 4 Harry Potter visit
Parents Evening - By appointment only
- Wednesday 5th - Nursery Induction for new intake
(Nursery Closed)
All children to move up classes to their new year group
- Thursday 6th - Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Sports Day
- Thursday 6th/7th - Year 6 London Trip
- Monday 10th - 14th - Sports week
- Tuesday 11th - Year 6 Performance 2.00pm
Year 6 Performance 7.00pm
- Wednesday 12th - Nursery Graduation 9.00am
Hagley Band visiting 2.00pm
- Thursday 13th - Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Reception Class Talent Show 2.00pm
- Friday 14th - Years 1 & 2 Visit to All Things Wild
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Visit to Warley Woods
- Monday 17th - School Disco 6.00pm - 9.00pm
- Tuesday 18th - 2.00pm Leavers Mass & presentation
School Closes

Please note:

- **Monday 4th September 2017 - School re-opens**
- **Monday 11th September 2017 - Reception Class re-opens**
- **Tuesday 19th September 2017 - Nursery Class re-opens**

Leavers Summer Disco

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 3rd July for the end of year Disco.

Monday 17th July 2017
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Adults £4.00 - Children £3.00
Family ticket - £12.00
(2 adults + 2 children)

Year 6 pupils are entitled to a free ticket but must be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure you buy your tickets early, remember if it rains the Disco will be held in the Hall and only ticket holders can be admitted - maximum 200 tickets.

Head Teachers News: The school has recently been designated as a National Support School (NSS) and I have been appointed to the role of a National Leader of Education (NLE). This means providing additional leadership support in other schools.

Any other business:

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to Year 3 children on the celebration of their First Holy Communion. I am sure you will agree it was a lovely day and the children were a credit to you.

On behalf of the staff, a big thank you to the parents for the wonderful gifts you gave us, they were very much appreciated. Thank you!

The photographer will be collecting the First Holy Communion orders on Monday 3rd July, if you haven't already placed your order please return them to the office. Any late orders have to be sent directly to Midland Photographic.

Reports: Your child will receive a copy of their school report on Friday 30th June. The report demonstrates your child's learning over time and their progress to date. Parents Evening is Tuesday 4th July 2017. Please note appointments are made by request only to discuss the school report.

Premier Education Group - Before and After School Club: Breakfast and after school club will open on Monday 4th September, 7.30am - 8.50am and 15.25pm to 17.55pm Monday to Friday (term time only).

Book Fair: Over £800 was spent at last weeks Book Fair, the commission from this will enable the school to order a variety of books for the children. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers: Thank you to all of you who have been sending your vouchers into school. We have a grand total of just over 6000 which we will use for Playground resources.

Attendance for June. Well Done to Year 6 for their excellent attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1	96.7
Year 2	96.2
Year 3	98
Year 4	97.7
Year 5	97.2
Year 6	99



Reminders:

Edgmond Hall and Plas Gwynant visits – September 2017

May I remind the parents of pupils who will be going on the above visits that the balance should be paid by 1st September. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

Website: Please check the school website for any letters and dates that may be important

<http://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk/>

Playground: Please be aware that no dogs are allowed in the playground. Also, ball games are not permitted before and after school.

Data Capture Sheets: Please return data capture sheets to the school office asap.

Schoolcomms: Please log onto Schoolcomms and pay any outstanding trip monies.
Thank you.

Children's Liturgy Group: Children's Liturgy takes place in the parish room during the 9.00am Mass at St Gregory's church each Sunday during term time. It is open to all primary age children.

The liturgy team are looking for parent volunteers to join our friendly group to help deliver the Gospel to the young people of our parish. This might include reading the Gospel or leading a short introduction or discussion.

The liturgy team meet once a half term on a weekday evening to plan the liturgy for the upcoming term.

If any parents are interested in helping out, please contact one of the liturgy team either after 9.00am Mass on Sunday or alternatively, contact St Gregory's Church on 0121 429 1743.

Change of class teachers for September 2017

Year 6	Mr R Heard
Year 5	Mr C Hancox
Year 4	Miss N Collins
Year 3	Miss R Maynard
Year 2	Miss S Brady
Year 1	Mr A Wareing
Reception	Miss K Vanstone
Reception	Miss C Wheatley
Nursery	Mrs K McGuinness

The Support Staff will continue to work in classes and provide support to children as required.



Charity Day: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the non uniform day to raise money for a spinal injury charity. You raised over £300.00. A special congratulations to Year 5 who raised additional funds with their cake sale. Well done!

Outdoor Equipment – 'Get Active Outdoors'

Thank you to Miss Vanstone who has successfully managed to secure a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund. This will be used for new equipment in the EYFS playground and will contribute to increasing the active lifestyles for our children.



Condition Improvement Fund

The school has recently been awarded a CIF bid from the Department of Education. This funding will allow us to have a new roof. Work should be completed by the end of the six weeks holiday.



School Holidays

Please see below the holiday dates for 2017/18.

Note: Teacher Days may still be added to the term dates shown below.

Autumn Term 2017	
Fri 1 September	(Training Day - School closed to pupils)
Mon 4 September	Start of Term - School opens
Fri 20 October	(Training Day - School closed to pupils)
23 to 27 October	Half Term
Thu 21 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas
Fri 22 December	(Training Day - School closed to pupils)
Spring Term 2018	
Mon 8 January	Start of Term - School opens
19 to 23 February	Half Term
Thu 29 March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2018	
Mon 16 April	Start of Term - School opens
Mon 7 May	May Day Bank Holiday
28 May to 1 June	Half Term
Thu 19 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer
Fri 20 July	(Training Day - School closed to pupils)

End of Year Reflection:

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to everyone for continuing to support the school. We are proud of the education we provide for your children, we work hard to support each child in their learning and help them along the way. The children are our greatest asset; their enthusiasm and enjoyment make it a pleasure to be at St Gregory's.

Many visitors to the school comment on the warm welcome they receive. Not only from staff but the children too. I hope that our 'open door' policy has enabled the partnership between us to grow and develop so that the children's needs can be addressed.

I wish each and every one of you a very happy holiday. Enjoy some family time together! We look forward to seeing you all in September to continue nurturing your child/children in the future year's ahead.

For all our children who are leaving we wish you every success and happiness in their new school. It has been a pleasure to educate you during your time at St Gregory's.



A Prayer for our School Community

At the end of this school year, we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning, that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom,
For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced
For the worries that have been overcome and the scars that have been healed
For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.
For the faith that we have shared with each other
For the kindness shown to us and the kindness, we have shown to others.
And for the love that has been given to us.

We give thanks for the community that we are and we ask you Lord -
To bless each and every one of us
To bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

