



St Gregory's Catholic School

October 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

October:

Thursday 5th – Year 3 Mass

Friday 6th – **2.00pm** Celebration Afternoon
(Colourful Communities Project) Please come and join us.

Monday 9th – 13th I Can Do It Week

Monday 9th – **6.00pm** Head teacher from Hagley High School visiting to discuss transition (Years 5 and 6)

Tuesday 10th – **6.30pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation
Years 3 and 6

Year 5 Thimblemill Brook visit

Wednesday 11th – Whole School Photographs

Friday 13th – Mufti Day for The Friends of St Gregory's

Saturday 14th – Hagley High School Open Day

Monday 16th-20th Multi Faith Week

Monday 16th – Year 6 height and weight checks

Tuesday 17th – Years 2 and 5 Synagogue visit

Wednesday 18th – Year 6 Mosque visit

Thursday 19th – Years 1 and 2 Mass

Year 3 Guru Nanak Gurdwara visit

Year 4 Hindu Temple visit

Term Ends

Friday 20th – Training Day

October 30th – **Start of Term**

October 31st – Closing date for Year 7 Secondary School applications (please apply online)

November:

Wednesday 1st – RE Retreat Day

Thursday 2nd – Year 3 Swimming commences

Sunday 5th – **9.00am** Year 6 Confirmation
Enrolment Mass

Tuesday 7th - Year 5 Thimblemill Brook visit

Tuesday 14th - Year 5 Thimblemill Brook visit

Wednesday 15th – Author in School (Jonathan White)

Friday 17th – Children in Need (details to follow)
pm Year 4 Maths Challenge (details to follow)

Monday 20th – Reception to Year 4 Flu

Immunisation vaccines

Tuesday 21st - Year 5 Thimblemill Brook visit

7.00pm Year 6 Confirmation

Wednesday 22nd – NSPCC Assembly

Tuesday 28th – NSPCC Workshop Years 5 and 6

6.30pm Year 6 SATS meeting

Dates for your Diary

Craft Fayre - Friday 24th November at 4.30pm - 6.30pm

If anyone is interested in booking a table, please contact the school office. Costs are £7.50 per table. We will be asking you to kindly 'bake a cake' to sell on the evening and any other donations would be greatly received.

Please send any bottles, toiletries and unwanted gifts to the school office.

Do not forget to come and join us. This year Father Christmas will be visiting and you will be able to see him in his Grotto.

Christmas

Please find below a list of times and dates for December:

Friday 1	1.30pm KS1 School Disco
	3.00pm KS2 School Disco
Tuesday 5	10.00am Carol Concert
Tuesday 12	2.00pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13	9.30am Foundation Stage Performance (2 tickets per family)
	pm Foundation Stage Parties
Monday 18	2.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance
	7.00pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19	Years 2 to 6 '101 Dalmatians' visit to The Rep Theatre
Wednesday 20	pm KS1 and KS2 Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 21	9.00am Mass (in school)
	Christmas Lunch
	1.30pm School closes

Reminders:

Lunch boxes

We like to encourage children to bring a healthy lunch box to school with a wide variety of foods. Please no sweets and no nuts as we have children with nut allergies in school. Children are also asked to bring a drink with them if they are a packed lunch. Thank you for your co-operation.

Health and Safety

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

Attendance for September

Well Done to Year 5 for their excellent attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1	97.4
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	95.7
Year 4	98.3
Year 5	98.7
Year 6	98



Thank you!

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended the first parents evening of the school year. This is important for us to continue our home/school partnership.

Please remember to return your questionnaires.

Any other business:

Extra Help

If you require any assistance when visiting the school because of mobility, hearing or impaired vision then please let us know.

If anyone requires information in large print form, please also contact the school.

School Uniform

Gentle reminder - could you please ensure children come to school in the correct footwear. Trainers are not acceptable during the school day, they should only be worn for sporting activities.

P.E. Kit

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. Pupils can also bring in an outdoor P.E. kit as it is now getting colder. (Dark tracksuit bottoms, top - no hoodies or zips and a pair of trainers.) Also a change of socks please.

School Ties

Please ensure your child comes to school with their school tie. These are available to buy at the school office at a charge of £4.50. Children are borrowing ties from the office and not returning them. If you have any spare that you could return or old ones to donate then that would be greatly appreciated.

Earrings

There have been an increasing number of pupils wearing earrings in school. School Policy, as agreed by the Academy Committee, is that they cannot be worn for safety reasons. There are no exceptions. Thank you for your co-operation.

Christmas Cards

Please note that there will be no individual Christmas cards in school. From 1st December posters from St Mary's Hospice will be put in each classroom. If pupils wish to send a greeting to other pupils we ask them to sign the poster and give a donation of £1.00. This small act of kindness, sends Christmas greetings to everyone in the class and forms part of a large donation we send to the Hospice.

Parking

Could I please ask parents not to bring their cars down the main school drive in Park Road when bringing or collecting children from school. This is the main entrance for emergency vehicles so we have to keep it clear.

We understand that parking is difficult on the road and would appreciate your co-operation.



Important Notices

Behaviour at the end of the school day

Please ensure your child does not climb on the benches or run up the bank at the end of the school day. Be vigilant at all times otherwise an accident may happen!

Leave of Absence in term time

There has been an increasing number of requests for leave of absences in term time. The current DfE advice is not to authorise any holidays in term. Please not approval is for exceptional circumstances only and your child's attendance is always taken into account.

Dolce

Thank you to all parents who have registered and are successfully using the online system to order your child's meals. For those parents who have not yet used Live Kitchen, can I remind you to register and order meals from home? As from next week the school will have limited access to this facility. If you have any difficulties then please contact the school office.

Website

The school is constantly updating its website. Please log on and have a look at all the information and pictures we have uploaded.

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

We will also be displaying any whole school letters on the website so if you have misplaced your copy, please check there for information.

MONTHLY REFLECTION OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on **October 7th**.

The Rosary is a prayer in which tells the story of Jesus, in four parts. We mediate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. It owes its origin to St Dominic.

When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the Our Father and Hail Mary. But we also remember stories that are called "mysteries". Mysteries are stories about God, and so we never know enough about them. They never get old, because they keep telling us things we never knew before.

Stations of the Cross are held on the first Friday of the month at 10.30am at Church.