

St Gregory's Catholic School



March 2018 Newsletter

To love all those with whom we come into contact as taught to us by Jesus through the Gospels.
To learn to the best of our ability using our God given talents.

Upcoming Events:

Dates for March 2018:

- Tue 6th - Year 4 Forest Schools
- Wed 7th - Year 1 Phonics Workshop
10.00am Year 5 Mass
- Thu 8th - 9.30am Father Hudson Assembly
- Fri 9th - 9.00am Year 2 Assembly
- Tue 13th - Year 4 Forest Schools
- Thu 15th - 9.00am Year 5 Inspire
- Fri 16th - 9.30am Year 6 Mass
St Patrick's Day (wear green)
- Sun 18th - 9.00am Year 5 Mass
- Mon 19th - Parents consultation week
- Wed 21st - Parents Evening 3.40pm - 6.00pm
- 9.00am Year 4 Inspire
- Fri 23rd - 9.00am Year 3 Assembly.
Sport Relief (wear sports clothes)
- Sat 24th - 5.00pm Year 4 Mass
- Tue 27th - Year 3 Forest Schools
-Easter Bonnet Parade
- Thu 29th - School Closes for Easter

April 2018:

- Mon 16th - School Reopens
I Can Do It Week
- Wed 18th - Year 3 Forest Schools
- Thu 19th - 9.30am Year 1 & 2 Mass
- Mon 23rd - Rights, Respecting School Week
-St George's Day Afternoon Tea
(Details TBC)
- Mon 30th - Vocations Week

Attendance for February. Well Done Year 6 for their excellent attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1	94.5
Year 2	94.8
Year 3	90.3
Year 4	97.0
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	97.3



Catholic Life of the School, RE, Mission and Ethos

The priority for the school this year is to improve the children's knowledge of:

- The Order of Mass, the scripture readings and Mass responses
- The traditional prayers of the church

The children are working hard in school in both of these areas. Please can I encourage you to support your child by regularly attending Mass and help with learning traditional prayers.

Our school website www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk has copies of the prayer booklets for each class. If you require copies please ask at the school office and we can provide one for you.

May I also take this opportunity to ask you to complete the attached parent questionnaire focussing on Religious Education? I would welcome responses from all parents even if you are not Catholic.

Your views are very important to us. 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 £225 for Plas Gwynant and £190 for Edgmond Hall. Please log onto School Gateway by either downloading the app (Android & iPhone) or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com

New Parents Evening System

Thank you to all parents who have successfully used the parents evening system to book your child's consultation meeting. If you have not booked your appointment then please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.





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. This is essential for register purposes.

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.

Reminders:

St Patricks Day:

On Friday 16th March we will be celebrating **St Patricks Day**. Children can wear green on this day for a £1.00 donation which will go to School Fund.



Sport Relief:

On Friday 23rd March we will be supporting **Sport Relief**. Children can wear sports clothes on this day for a £1.00 donation which will go to the charity.

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.

Toast:

If your child has toast at break time can you make sure you have sent in the correct money. It is **30p** a slice.

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

