



St Gregory's Catholic School

May 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:

May:

- Tue 1st - Year 6 Healthy Relationships
7.00pm Year 3 Parent Catechesis Meeting
- Thu 3rd - School Closed, Training Day.
- Fri 4th - Year 5 Assembly
- Mon 7th - May Day School Closed.
- Tue 8th - Revision Week
7.00pm Year 3 Parent Catechesis Meeting
- Wed 9th - 1.30pm Year5 Puberty talk.
- Thu 10th - Year 5 Swimming
9.30 Whole School Mass in Church
- Mon 14th - 18th SATS & Assessment week
- Tues 15th - 6.00pm Year 3 Meeting at the Guild Room
- Thu 17th - Year 5 Swimming
- Fri 18th - 9.00am Year 4 Assembly
- Thu 24th - Decca talk Year 5 & 6
-Year 6 Start Swimming
- Fri 25th - **School Closes.**

June:

- Mon 4th - **Term Starts.**
- Thu 7th - 1.00pm Hagley Transition Meeting (pupils)
- Fri 8th - 9-10am Hagley Transition Meeting (parents)
- Week Commencing 11th June - Phonics Screening Checks.
- Mon 11th - Year 5 St Chads Mass
- Wed 13th - Hearing Screening Reception
- Thu 14th - Hearing Screening Reception
2.00pm Hagley Transition (pupils)
- Fri 15th - Year 1 Assembly
- Sat 16th - First Holy Communion
- Mon 18th - 22nd - Scholastic Book Fair

June:

- Tue 19th - Induction Meetings Nurse 7pm
Reception 8pm
- Wed 20th - Photographs Nurs, Rec, Year6 & all class groups.
New intake Earls High Parents Evening
- Fri 22nd - 9.00am Reception RC Assembly
- Sun 24th - 11.00am Year3 Going Forth Mass
- Thu 28th - Summer Concert
- Fri 29th - 9.00am St Peter & Paul Mass in School
Sports Day Year 5&6 11.00am-2.30pm
Reports to be sent home.

Reminders:

- Pupils are now able to wear their summer uniform
- Please remember we are a Healthy Eating School, lunchboxes should contain healthy lunches. No nuts.
- Children should be using school water bottles only as they are supplied by an approved company.

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

Attendance	%
Year 1	97.5
Year 2	95.5
Year 3	95.9
Year 4	96.9
Year 5	95.7
Year 6	99.0



Vocations Week: Monday 30th April – Friday 4th May

In simple terms, a vocation is a calling from God. To respond to the question ‘What does God want me to be?’

We are all called to holiness, this call is rooted in our baptism. It is a call to know, love and serve the Lord. We feel a growing desire to love God and to have a deeper understanding with Him. We come to understand that there is a reason for our existence and there is meaning in our lives.

Each vocation is a call to follow God closely. We can be called ‘to be holy’ individually, through married life, consecrated life or through ordained ministry.

For those who lead a consecrated life, their path of following Christ is through their vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.

For those who have chosen the ordained ministry, they share in the priesthood of Christ in a special way. They represent Christ the Good Shepherd for God's people and Christ as the Head of the Church.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

“We are not victims of chance or swept up in a series of unconnected events; on the contrary, our life and our presence in this world are the fruit of a divine vocation!”

Prayer from St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Lord, take me from myself and give me to yourself. Amen

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

Any other business:

- On Thursday 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!
- **SCHOOL BAGS**
Bags can now be purchased from Clive Marks instead of the School Office as we will no longer be stocking them after Whitsun. Ties and water bottles still available.



Fit4schools Mid Year Report

I am pleased to report to you following the completion of the most recent Assessment, which has been conducted at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

- Overall School Improvement of 22.83%
- Girls made an overall improvement of 22.93%
- Boys made an overall improvement of 22.73%

Check your child's class percentage.

Year Group	% Improvement
RV	31.43%
RC	15.09%
1	18.43%
2	27.50%
3	18.31%
4	16.54%
5	11.14%
6	32.64%

Please remind your children to continue to use the program cards. You can access these off the Fit for Sports website : www.fit4schools.co.uk

