



# St Gregory's Catholic School

## September 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:

#### September:

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Parents can apply for Reception 2019 places online at:

[www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> - Nursery class starts  
Parents Evening 6.30pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – School Photographs

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Reception Hearing Tests  
9.30am Year 6 Heights & Weights

#### October:

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> - Flu immunisations (Rec – Year 5) letters to follow

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> I Can Do It Week

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Multi Faith Week

Thu 25<sup>th</sup> – **Term Ends**

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Training Day

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> – Closing date for Year 7 applications**

### Reminders:

#### **School Meals - Dolce**

Can I emphasise the importance of ordering the meals with your child/children in advance at home. Children should not be expected to order meals at school.

Unfortunately if you have not ordered a meal for your child they may be very disappointed at lunchtime when they do not receive what they wanted to eat.

May I please remind you not to send sweets or chocolate with your child's packed lunch. We like to encourage the children to eat a healthy lunch.

**Please remember we are a nut free school and we have a child with a severe nut allergy so we urge you to check all food you are sending into school.**

#### **Toast: Years 1 -6**

The price of toast is 30p per day. Please send in the correct amount daily or the whole amount at the beginning of the week.

### Head Teachers news:

Welcome back to School! I hope everyone had a good break and are now feeling renewed and refreshed, ready for the challenges ahead.

This year, we have changed our lunch times and they are as follows:

Nursery: 11.30am

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): 11.45am to 1.00pm

Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6): 11.45am to 12.45pm

These altered timings enable us to maximise learning in the afternoons and structure our curriculum timetable accordingly.

### Any other business:

#### **Uniform**

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their new school uniform. We appreciate how much this costs therefore please make sure your child's clothes are clearly labelled in case they are mislaid. Thank you for your support in this matter.

No jewellery is to be worn in school & long hair should be tied back at all times.

**Pump bags** - Can you please ensure all children have their P.E. kit in school at all times. Children should not sit out in P.E. lessons as they are entitled to 2 hours physical exercise per week.

#### **Schoolcomms**

A reminder to parents with children that have joined us in September that you will need to download Schoolcomms from your app store (Android & iPhone) or visit the website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) to register. If possible, please use the App as it is more beneficial to school.

All payments are made online for trips etc as we are a cashless school.

### Important Future Dates for your Diary:

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Craft Fayre

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Concert (Invitation Only)

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Disco Day

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2.00pm KS1 Christmas Performance

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.30am EYFS Christmas Performance

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2.00pm & 7.00pm KS2 Christmas Performances



### Flu Immunisations (Rec – Year 5)

You will shortly be receiving a form to complete.

The form needs returning to school no later than **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.**

It must be completed whether you require the immunisation or not for your child. This is very important for the Nurses to be able to collate all the information correctly.



## Thank You



for your Kindness

On behalf of the staff and myself, a big thank you for your generous gifts at the end of the summer term. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### **DISCO**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Leavers Disco. The Year 6 children will have lovely memories. We made just over £1000.00 for School Fund. Thank you to all those who supported the event and made it such a success.

### **REFLECTION FOR THE START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Let us begin this new school year in hope, in faith and friendship. In this coming year, may there be learning, prayer, and fun. We know there will be times of hard work, times of difficulties and change. We also know there will be times of successes and challenges. May no one in school be lonely; May no one be left out in class; May no one suffer because of how others treat them.

Father, may our School community be a place of faith, of hope and of love. We thank you for St Gregory's School, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in faith.

We pray for all involved in our school, that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.

