



St Gregory's Catholic School



January 2019 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 January 2019:



- Mon 7th - School begins
- Wed 16th - Year 3 Swimming starts
- Sat 12th - 5.00pm Year 6 Going Forth Mass
- Tue 15th - **Closing date for Reception (September 2019) admissions**
- Wed 23rd - Maths Challenge Final.
- Thu 24th - 9.00am Father Hudson assembly

February 2019:

- Mon 11th - 15th - 'I Can Do It Week'
- Thu 14th - 7.00pm Pyramid concert
Year 5 'Disco Fever'
- Fri 15th - **School Closes for Half Term**
- Mon 25th - **School reopens**

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.

We have both elasticated/ordinary ties to order on Schoolcomms.

May I please also remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket.

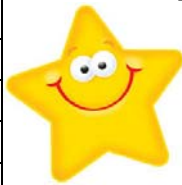
Reminders:

Holidays cannot be authorised and leave of absences may only be authorised if exceptional circumstances. In line with our school attendance policy we may refer unauthorised leave of absence to the Attendance and Prosecution Service. Such a referral may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

It is inappropriate for children in Year 2 or Year 6 to have any leave during this vital year. Similarly, all children sit tests during the week of May 13th including the statutory SAT's.

Attendance for December. Well Done Year 3 for their excellent attendance.

<i>Attendance</i>	<i>%</i>
<i>Year 1C</i>	<i>95.4</i>
<i>Year 1W</i>	<i>95.5</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>94.6</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>98.1</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>96.3</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>97.3</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>97.3</i>



Important Dates to remember:

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2019

RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.14 and 31.08.15 are due to start school in September 2019. Please ensure that your child is registered, children are not automatically awarded a place if they are in Nursery or if they have an older sibling in school. The school cannot accept responsibility for the non-registration of children. Please ensure you have registered on line at www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions by Tuesday 15th January.

First Holy Communion

Year 3 Saturday 22nd June at 12.00pm

Once again, we urge you to make sure you are ordering your child's lunches at home.

The facility to do so in school will not be available any longer. Your child may end up with a meal they would not necessarily have ordered if they have not ordered at home.

The kitchen cooks meals to order. Therefore, it is essential your child have meals ordered in advance.



Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

You raised the grand sum of £233.72 for Save the Children, by wearing your festive jumpers. Well Done!

School Gateway:

Thank you again for using School Gateway, could we please encourage you to download the App if you have not already.

Please keep up to date with payments. If you receive a text from School Gateway, it is not a general text it is meant for you.

If you do not wish your child to participate in a trip, please inform the office so we can remove them from School Gateway and you will not receive the reminder texts.

PUPILS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL:

Please ensure that your children are escorted to and from school especially during the dark mornings and evenings. Children are being dropped off and running down the school drive unaccompanied. Please think of the children's safety.

Please ensure your child is punctual every day as this affects their attendance marks. This also alleviates the extra bodies through the main entrance first thing in the morning.

MONTHLY REFLECTION - The Epiphany

On 6th January, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. 'The Epiphany' means a showing, a revealing and an enlightening. The 'Wise men' represent all the peoples of the world they know of the prophecies of the infant king the Saviour of the world. Through them, Jesus' arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the Lord had come to save **all** people. The feast shows us two aspects of our faith; the presence of the Son of God being revealed and God's desire to save all peoples made clear.

A FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, like the three Wise men
we are here today to worship you, Jesus.
We have no gold,
but we give you our love.
We have no frankincense,
we give you our prayers.
We have no Myrrh,
so we give you ourselves.
Amen



*Happy New Year to you all.
May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy.
On behalf of St Gregory's Governors and Staff, thank you for all the
generous gifts we received at Christmas.*

Happy 2019