



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2012



- Monday 9 - 1.45 p.m. Year 2 Swimming (10 weeks)
- Thursday 12 - 7.00 pm Year 6 Parents SATs meeting
- Friday 13 - Year 5 Writers Workshop
- Monday 16 - Closing date for Reception/Year 3 Admission applications forms for September 2012
- Wednesday 18 - Year 5 Tree planting Warley Woods
- Monday 23 - Fire Service visit - Year 5
- Wednesday 25 - Year 1 Road Safety Training
- Thursday 26 - Year 6 Travel workshop
- Friday 27 - Holocaust Memorial Day
- Year 5 Writers Workshop

February

- Monday 6-10 - Parents Week
- Tuesday 7 - Parents Evening
- Thursday 9 - Year 3 Inspire Workshop
- Year 5 'Pyramid Concert' Birmingham Town Hall
- Friday 10 - School closes - Half term

SNOW DESK INFORMATION

BRMB F.M. (96.4) and other local stations provides an emergency service for schools during severe weather conditions. Only schools which are closed are broadcast. Please do not phone the radio station or the school. A notice to close will be posted on the home page of the school website at

www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk

We will continue to send text messages, these have proven very successful as a means of informing you of school arrangements during any severe weather conditions. **Please remember to inform school of any changes in mobile phone numbers.**

ACORNS

Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas productions this enabled us to send a cheque for £150.00 to Acorns Hospice.



ST MARY'S HOSPICE

We raised £150.00 for the St Mary's Hospice by asking the pupils and staff to sign the class Christmas card and donating £1.00. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

POPPIES

This year the Poppy Appeal raised £104.27 Thank you for your continued support.



A REMINDER

There has been an increasing trend for families to arrange holidays in term time. The law is quite clear on this topic and states that holiday leave in term time is at the discretion of the school and not an automatic entitlement.

To request such leave you are required to complete a holiday form.

It is inappropriate for children in Year 6 or Year 2 to have any holiday leave during this vital year. Similarly all children sit tests **during the week of May 14 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 18 May 2012.

LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We have been informed that there will be Local Council Elections on Thursday 3 May 2012 so school will be closed on that day. This day will also serve as a Training Day.

I _____ the parent of _____
have received the January Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2012

RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.07 and 31.08.08 are due to start school in September 2012. 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.

NURSERY

If your child was born between 01.09.08 and 31.08.09 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 10 February 2012. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter which will be posted before the Easter holiday.

ART SHIRTS

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate Art shirt in school - they are usually kept in their P.E. bags.



LARGE PRINT

If anyone would like a copy of the Newsletters or any other school correspondence in large print please contact the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

We are aware that some parents have had difficulty in obtaining school ties from Clive Marks in Bearwood . We have now spoken to their Head Office and have been assured that school ties will be available to purchase within the month. We are awaiting a delivery of ties to school and these will be on sale as soon as possible - elasticated £4.20/ ordinary ties £4.50.

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to give in messages or letters.



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Doctor, doctor I think I'm a bell!

Take this medicine and if it doesn't help give me a ring!

QUIZ QUESTION

What is the name of the horse in the new Spielberg movie 'War Horse'?

