

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2013

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JULY

- Monday 1-5 - 'I can do it week'
- 3.30 pm Friends of St Gregory's - AGM
- Tuesday 2 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 3 - **Nursery closed**
Classes move
- Thursday 4-5 - Year 6 - Warner Bros. Studio
And London visit
- Monday 8 - Reception-Year 5 Heart
Park visit
- Tuesday 9 - Year 6 Film Premiere
- Wednesday 10 - Nursery Graduation
- 5.00 pm Year 6 Cinema
Experience
- Friday 12 - 'Rhythmicity' Drumming
Workshop
- Thursday 18 - 9.00 am Year 6 Leavers
Mass in school
- 7.00 pm Leavers Disco
- School closes
- Friday 19 - Training Day

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS
TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

**RECEPTION RE-OPENS
MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

**NURSERY RE-OPENS
MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**



Happy Holiday

R.E. INSPECTION

The R.E. Inspection took place on Monday 3 June 2013. I am delighted to report that the school maintained it's Outstanding Judgement.

The quality of the provision for Catholic Life and Collective Worship was the focus of this inspection and was outstanding.

Thank you children for your excellent learning and conduct during the inspection. The report states "Pupil voice is a key feature supporting the self evaluation process and it enables them to interpret the school's Catholic mission in their own way".

I would also like to thank parents for their on going support and involvement in the Catholic Life of the School and thank you for sharing the Gospel Message at home through the use of the Wednesday Word together.

The full R.E report is attached to the Newsletter.



SCHOOL MEALS



There will be no change in the price of school meals from September, meals will cost £2.00 per day £10.00 per week.

Please put the correct amount of dinner money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class on. Thank you.

Packed lunches - please remember not to pack your child packets of nuts (we have children in school with nut allergies) or chocolate bars and fizzy drinks. We like to encourage the children to eat a healthy lunch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Year 3 children on the celebration of their First Holy Communion. I am sure you will agree it was a lovely day and the children were a credit to you.

On behalf of the Staff a big thank you to the parents for the wonderful gifts you gave us, they were very much appreciated. Thank you.

The photographer will be collecting the First Holy Communion orders on Monday 1 July, if you haven't already placed your order please hand them to the office by Friday 28 June.

LEAVERS SUMMER DISCO

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 8 July for the end of year Disco.

Thursday 19 July 2013
7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Adults £4.00 - Children £3.00
Family ticket - £12.00 (2 adults + 2 children)

Year 6 pupils are entitled to a free ticket but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please ensure you buy your tickets early, remember if it rains the Disco will be held in the Hall and only ticket holders can be admitted- maximum 200 tickets.



WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles will be issued to the children during the first week back in September.

The school initially purchases the bottles and should your child lose their water bottle you will be able to purchase a new one at the price of £1.00.

These bottles are purchased from school fund and given to pupils to ensure they have the correct size bottle and access to water at all times.

HEART PARK TRIP - MONDAY 8 JULY

The children will need to take a packed lunch, drinks, shower proof coat, sunhat, sun cream, and a small towel if they intend to go paddling. You may wish to send a suitable t-shirt for your child to wear should the weather be hot.

We will be leaving after registration and traffic permitting will be back by the end of the school day.



BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club will open Tuesday 4 September 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. Monday to Friday (term time only). £5.00 per child to include a healthy breakfast, children can attend every week or odd days to fit around your working pattern.



The after school club will be open 4 September 3.25 - 6.00 p.m. (term time only). £7.25 per child per day which will include a light healthy snack.

Application forms are available from the school office.

EDMOND HALL AND PLAS GWYNANT VISIT SEPTEMBER 2013

May I remind the parents of pupils who will be going on the above visits in September that the balance should be paid by the end of term.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

REPORTS

Please note that on your child's report satisfactory indicates your child has made one sub level progress.

Good progress indicates your child has moved up two sub levels.

Excellent progress indicates your child has moved up three or more.

Often a child is working above the national curriculum levels but will have made satisfactory progress because of the breadth of that sub level.



THANK YOU

A massive thank you from the Governors, staff and children to all of those parents and volunteers who give so freely of their time to help in school.



Without your support we could not provide so much for the children.

FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S

Thank you so much to the Friends of St Gregory's for another year of hard work and generosity, it is very much appreciated.



CHANGE OF CLASS TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Year 6	Mr T Boodell
Year 5	Mr R Heard
Year 4	Mr C Hancox
Year 3	Mrs S Wolfe/Mr S Kettle
Year 2	Miss N Collins
Year 1	Mrs E Powell
Reception	Mrs E Smith
Nursery	Mrs K McGuinness (HLTA)

Mr S Kettle will be joining the school in September 2013 as the new Assistant Head Teacher.

‘GOODBYE’

We are sadly saying goodbye to four of our existing member of staff Mrs A Farrell, Mrs C McIlroy, Mrs C Dalzell and Miss S Deathridge.

Mrs Farrell & Mrs McIlroy

It is with great sadness that we say a fond farewell to two long serving members of St Gregory’s School Staff. Both teachers have worked at the school for around 30 years each and served under four different Head Teachers. Wow! what a record and an outstanding achievement. I would like to thank them both on your behalf for their hard work, dedication and service over the years and wish them a very happy and healthy future. I am sure their memories of St Gregory’s and all the children they have taught (some probably have their own children in school by now) will live on for many years to come.

Mrs C Dalzell

Mrs Dalzell is also leaving the school and from September 2013 will take on a Headship post in Birmingham and we wish her every success in her new role.

Miss S Deathridge

We also say goodbye to Miss Deathridge who is resuming her University studies and we wish her well.



WARLEY WOODS COMMUNITY TRUST - VIV COLE

We are really pleased that Sandwell Play Service will be in Warley Woods again this Summer. From August 1st-29th (every Thursday) they will be offering Forest Play for 8-14 years old 10am - 3pm. These sessions will involve den building, arts and crafts, tree climbing, campfire activities and must be booked. Forest Friends runs on the same days but is for 3-7 year olds with their parents. 10am-12 for stories, rope swings, den building, etc. No need to book for the younger age group. For more information and to book for Forest Play call 0845 352 7853 or email tracey_eastwood@sandwell.gov.uk

SCHOOL BAGS/PUMP BAGS

Don’t forget to purchase school bags or pump bags from the school office, book bags £5.00, pump bags £3.00 and back packs £6.50. £1 off if you buy bag and pump bag together.



MR TURVEY’S JOKE CORNER

- Q. What happens when a tap, a dog and a tomato run a race?
- A. Well the dog is in the lead, the tap is running and the tomato is trying to catch up!!!

LOST UNIFORM

Any 'lost' property which has not been claimed by the end of the term will be re-cycled.



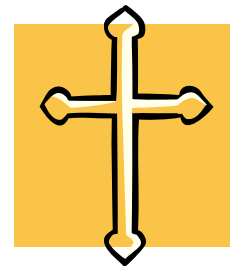
MONTHLY REFLECTION

As the school year comes to an end I would like to take a moment to reflect on what it means to have a happy and positive education. We appreciate the children's happy smiles and enthusiasm in their lessons and thank you for supporting your children in all their activities during the year. We look forward to nurturing your children in the future year's ahead. For all our children who are leaving we wish you every success and happiness in your new school.

A Prayer for our School Community

Dear Lord, we thank you for our School community,
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.
Amen



I _____ the parent of _____
have received the July Newsletter. Signed: _____