



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - FEBRUARY

- Monday 2-6 - Parents week
- Year 5 Book Quiz - Library
- Tuesday 3 - 10.00 am Reception & Year 1 Dental inspection
- Wednesday 4 - Parents evening
- Thursday 5 - 10.00 am Year 4 Mass
- Friday 6 - 9.00am Reception Class Assembly
- 1.30 pm Yr.1 Pedestrian Trg.
- Monday 9 -13 - 'I can do it' week
- Tuesday 10 - Reception Mad Hatters Tea Shop visit
- Wednesday 11 - p.m. Reception Parents Mad Hatters Tea Party
- Thursday 12 - 10.00 am Year 3 Mass
- Year 4 Cake Sale
- Year 5 Birmingham Town Hall Pyramid concert - Music of Elton John
- Friday 13 - 1.30 pm Yr.1 Pedestrian Trg.
- **School closes - half term 16-20 February**
- Monday 23 - School re-opens**
- Thursday 26 - 2.45 pm KS2 Cafod Assembly
- MARCH**
- Thursday 5 - World Book Day
- Year 5 Book Quiz - Semi Final
- 10.00 am Year 6 Mass
- Friday 6 - Year 3 Class Assembly
- Monday 9 - Yr.2 Stourbridge Fire Station
- Friday 13 - 'Red Nose Day'
- Monday 16 - Year 5 Book Quiz - Final
- Wednesday 18 - Year 6 Consultation Day
- Friday 27 - Mufty Day for Brain Tumour Research - 'Wear a Hat Day'
- 9.00 am Year 2 Class Assembly
- **School closes - Easter**
- Monday 13 - School re-opens**
- April**

SCHOOL MEALS

May I remind parents that it is school policy that pupils who request school meals at lunch time are only permitted to change to sandwiches each half-term. This is to assist Cook with ordering, budgeting and the smooth running of the kitchen.



PACKED LUNCHES

Children take food home that they have not eaten, this is to enable parents to track what their children are eating and adjust the amount accordingly. It would be advisable for parents to provide flasks for drinks as children do not always finish a full carton.

May I also remind you not to send in nuts or sweets/chocolate bars in their packed lunches.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2015

The Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher scheme starts 28 January and runs until 5 May 2015. Please send your vouchers to school, there is a collection box in the school entrance ready and waiting.

The more we can collect the more equipment we will be able to enjoy



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?

A: Stick with me and we'll go places!

QUIZ QUESTION

Which character in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland muttered "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late"?



I _____ the parent of _____

have received the February Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

CHILDREN'S SAFETY

Could I please remind you not to leave pupils to stand outside their classroom doors alone when waiting for the school bell to ring. We would ask that children are seen safely into school by a parent/child minder. Thank you.

PYRAMID CONCERT - YEAR 5 CELEBRATION THROUGH MUSIC - ELTON JOHN

Have you got your tickets yet? The concert will be taking place at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday evening the 12 February. Tickets are available from the school office at £8 each, hope we see you there.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

In the interest of Health and Safety may I remind you to tie your child's hair back off their face.

Head lice is an on going problem within the school and I suggest regular checks for any 'visitors'.



CAR PARKING

Please may we remind you to be considerate when parking your cars. We have received complaints from pupils parents with regard to children being dropped off at the top of the drive, parking on yellow lines and even leaving small children in the car whilst older children are seen up/down the school drive.

The children's safety above all should be the first consideration. Please take care.

BRITISH LEGION - POPPY APPEAL

Since the Christmas Newsletter we have had an update from the British Legion on the amount of money raised by St Gregory's School, an amazing **£268.98** the most of all schools in the area.

Well done!

Thank you for you continued support



ATTENDANCE - 5.1.15 - 27.1.15

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Overall Attendance	96.56	98.89	98.13	98.23	97.19	97.20
% Authorised Absence	3.44	1.11	1.88	1.77	2.81	2.80
% Unauthorised Absence	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of Children	30	31	30	30	30	29

Well done to all classes Year 2 in particular

UNIFORM

The children have returned after their Christmas holiday looking very smart. Could we please ask you to ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labelled.

P.E. Kit - please ensure all children have their P.E. kit in school ready for lessons and during this cold weather please don't forget to send them in with a suitable outdoor kit.

Pump bags are available to buy from the school office at £3.00.

CASH/CHEQUES IN ENVELOPES

May I remind you when sending any money into school to please put it in an envelope with your child's name, class and what the money is for on the front. Please put the correct amount in as it is impossible to return change on such a large scale. The younger children find it difficult to cope with cash in their hands.

Thank you for your co-operation.



SAFEGUARDING

Please check the website for the new Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

Our Policy states:

- Providing a safe environment for children to learn and develop in, including curriculum to provide children with the skills to keep themselves safe.
- Ensuring that all school staff are trained to recognise signs of child abuse and know how to report any concerns.
- Supporting pupils in accordance with his/her agreed child protection, child in need of a TAF (Team Around the family) Plan.
- Ensuring we practice safe recruitment processes to ensure that all staff and volunteers are employed by the school are suitable to work with children.
- Most importantly this guidance puts the needs of children and young people at its heart - so the system fits and responds to you and not the other way around.

Lent offers us a very special time to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to our Faith. During this Year of Faith let us invite God into our lives to enrich us and help us. Let us reflect, pray, grow and deepen our Faith together.

Dear God,
We thank you for the gifts
Of Faith, Hope and Love.
We ask you to make these a power
By which we live and pray each day.
Forgive our many failures and
Fill us with your love.
Amen

