



St Gregory's Catholic School



October 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:

October:

- Wed 3rd – Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents
Fri 5th – 10.00am Year 5 Mass
 2.00pm Harvest Festival
Tue 9th – 6.00pm Head teacher from Hagley High School
visiting to discuss transition (Years 5 and 6)
Wed 10th – Flu Vaccinations Rec – Yr 5
Wed 10th – Thu 11th Fit for Schools
Fri 12th – 10.00am Year 4 Mass
Sat 13th – Hagley High School Open Day
Mon 15th – 19th I Can Do It Week
Tue 16th – 9.00am Nursery workshop
 6.00 – 6.30 Yr 3 First Confession Meeting
 6.30 – 7.00 Yr 6 Confirmation Meeting
Fri 19th – 10.00am Year 3 Mass
 Hagley High to see Year 6 children
Mon 22nd - 26th Multi Faith Week
Mon 22nd – Years 2 and 5 Jewish Community Centre
Tue 23rd – Year 6 Mosque visit
 6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Yr 3 & 6
Thu 25th – **Term Ends**
Fri 26th – Training Day
Wed 31st – Closing date for Year 7 Secondary School
applications (please apply online)

November:

- Mon 5th – **Term Starts**
Thu 8th – RE Retreat Day
Fri 9th – 10.00am Years 1 & 2 Mass
Sun 11th – 9.00am Year 6 Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Tue 13th – Reception Sight Checks
Tue 20th – Reception Hands & Teeth Talk.
 Reception Heights & Weights
 2.00pm Bishop Pargeter in School
 7.00pm Year 6 Confirmation
Fri 30th – 4.30pm – 6.30pm Christmas Craft Fayre

Christmas Craft Fayre – Friday 30th November

If anyone is interested in booking a table, please contact the school office. Costs are £7.50 per table.

Any donations will be gratefully received, cakes, bottles, toiletries & gift items.

Father Christmas will be visiting.



Reminders:

P.E. Kit

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. Pupils can also bring in an outdoor P.E. kit as it is now getting colder. (Dark tracksuit bottoms, top - no hoodies or zips and a pair of trainers.) Also a change of socks please.

School Ties

Please ensure your child comes to school with their school tie. These are available to buy at the school office at a charge of £5.00. Children are borrowing ties from the office and not returning them. If you have any spare that you could return or old ones to donate then that would be a great help.

Leave of Absence in term time

There has been an increasing number of requests for leave of absences in term time. The current DfE advice is not to authorise any holidays in term. Please note approval is for exceptional circumstances only and your child's attendance is always taken into account.



PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended the first parents evening of the school year. This is important for us to continue our home/school partnership.

Please remember to return your questionnaires.

Attendance for September

Well Done to Year 1C
for their excellent
attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1C	99.4
Year 1W	94.8
Year 2	99.2
Year 3	97.4
Year 4	97.5
Year 5	96.8
Year 6	96.6



Any Other Business:



Christmas Cards

- Please note that there will be no individual Christmas cards in school. From 1st December, posters from St Mary's Hospice will be put in each classroom. If pupils wish to send a greeting to other pupils we ask them to sign the poster and give a donation of £1.00. This small act of kindness sends Christmas greetings to everyone in the class and forms part of a large donation we send to the Hospice.

Website

- The school is constantly updating its website. Please log on and have a look at all the information and pictures we have uploaded.
- The address is <http://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk/>

Lunch Boxes

- Again, may I remind you that we have a child with a serious nut allergy in school and we urge you to double check all foods you are putting in lunch boxes, we would also like to remind you to send in healthy foods for lunch times.

MONTHLY REFLECTION OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on **October 7th**.

The Rosary is a prayer in which tells the story of Jesus, in four parts. We mediate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. It owes its origin to St Dominic.

When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the Our Father and Hail Mary. But we also remember stories that are called "mysteries". Mysteries are stories about God, and so we never know enough about them. They never get old, because they keep telling us things we never knew before.

Stations of the Cross are held on the first Friday of the month at 10.30am at Church.

