

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

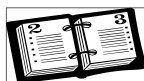
"LOVING AND LEARNING"

JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER



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

- Wednesday 10 - Year 6 Parents Curriculum meetings; 8.00am/3.30pm/7.00pm
- Thursday 11 - Whole School - Animal Man visit
There is a charge of £2.50 for this visit. Please send the correct amount in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class by Thursday 11 January. If you paid for the production of 'Jack and the Bean stalk' there is no need to send any payment.
- Wednesday 24 - 7.30 p.m. First Holy Communion Meeting in the Guild Room

February

- w/c Monday 5 - Parent Consultations
Parents Evening - letter to follow
this will follow the new format introduced last year
- Friday 9 - 9.05 a.m. Year 3 Assembly
School closes Half Term
- Monday 19 - School re-opens.

SNOW DESK INFORMATION

BRMB F.M. (96.4) 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.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Although all tickets were not sold this year we did raise the grand sum of £386. Thank you to all those who came in their 'Grease' outfits. Any suggestions for next year's theme?

ACORNS

Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas productions this enabled us to send a cheque for £400.00 to Acorns.



ST MARY'S HOSPICE

We raised £200.00 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 £101.22. 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 2007.

QUIZ QUESTION

Which fruit has hands and fingers?



I _____ the parent of _____

Have received the January Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is up and running and there are places available. The children can arrive after 7.45 a.m. and will be provided with a healthy breakfast, games and activities are provided. The cost is £2.50 per session.

Don't forget you may leave your children for just one morning or more it does not have to be on a permanent basis.



SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2007

Reception

Children born between 01.09.02 and 31.08.03 are due to start school in September 2007. 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 01.09.03 and 31.08.04 then your child is eligible for a Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Wednesday 28 February 2007. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter, which will be posted on Friday 27 April 2007.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to **Mrs Vanstone, Mrs Read and Ms Clarke** in the school kitchen who have been awarded the 'Kitchen Gold Award' for good food hygiene.

They are the first kitchen in Sandwell to receive this prestigious award.



The **pupils of St Gregory's School** have been awarded the Tipton Litterwatch 'Environmental School Champion Winners 2006'. Well done to everyone for helping to keep the school clean and tidy.

Also congratulations to **Mrs Karen Conlon** who has been invited, by the Prime Minister, to Downing Street in recognition of her work in the community.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

