



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



"LOVING & LEARNING"

MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MARCH



- Thursday 1 - 'World Book Day/
Donate a Book to School'
Yrs. 1 & 2 Mass - Church
- Friday 2 - 4 Year 5 pupils visit to Council
House
- Tuesday 6 - 6 Year 5 pupils to Stuart
Bathurst, Sustainable Schools
- Wednesday 7 - 7.00p.m. Years 3 & 6 First
Confessions/Penitential Service
- Thursday 8 - 10.00a.m. Year 3 Mass -Church
- Friday 9 - 9.00a.m. Yr. 5 Class Assembly
- Tuesday 13 - Marian Day - devotion to our
Lady
- Friday 16 - 10.00a.m. Year 6 Mass -Church
- Gaelic Football
- Wednesday 21 - 2 Year 6 pupils - Sustainable
Schools
- Friday 23 - 'Sport Relief' - Mufty Day
- Tuesday 27 - Year 4 visit to 'Conkers'
- Wednesday 28 - Lunchtime 'theme meal' -
Easter (letter to follow)
- 9.00a.m. Yr. 3 Class Assembly

APRIL

- Monday 2-5 - 'I can do it week'
- Yr. 2 Stourbridge Fire Station
- Thursday 5 - 10.00 a.m. Whole School
Mass - Church
- **School closes**
- Monday 23 - **School re-opens**

**May I remind you that pupils are able to wear
summer uniform after the Easter Holiday**

MARIAN DAY - Devotion to our Lady

On Tuesday 13 March we will be celebrating a day of devotion for our Lady. The children will begin the day by praying the Stations of the Cross and spend time learning about Mary's role as Jesus' mother.

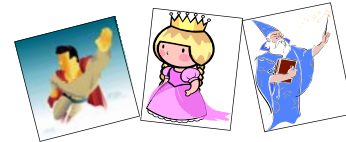
'SPORT RELIEF' - FRIDAY 23 MARCH

Bring a £1 and come dressed in your 'Sports gear' in support of Sport Relief.

WORLD BOOK ACTIVITY DAY - THURSDAY 1 MARCH

This is an event to celebrate reading all over the world. One of the aims of World Book Day is to put a book into the hands of every child in the country. Each child will receive a £1 book voucher which will be accepted at all participating bookshops until 25 March 2012.

Pupils (and Staff) are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day and bring their favourite book to school. Be as imaginative as you like and see if we can guess who you are.



DONATE A BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 1 MARCH

Please, if you can, donate a book to school to start our new 'Book Room'.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2012

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme began on 15 February and runs until the 10 April. Please send your vouchers to school, there is a collection box in the school entrance ready and waiting.

The more we collect the more equipment we will be able to order and enjoy.



WALK WITH ME

Each child/family will have received a calendar/ small prayer book.

Please take time to look at these with your child. The calendars can stay at home and they are referred to each day in school.

KS 2 children are encouraged to take the prayer books home but the books need to be in school each day for collective prayer.

We hope that you will join us on this Journey of Faith through Lent.

I _____ the parent of _____

have received the March Newsletter.

Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

INHALERS

If your child keeps or brings an inhaler into school would you please ensure it has their name on.

As you can appreciate it is difficult to return a lost inhaler if there is no identification as they all look similar. Thank you.

Change of Address/Telephone numbers

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



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY

Nursery will be closed all day for the new intake visit on **Wednesday 4 July 2012**.

QUIZ QUESTION

Which animal is associated with delivering Easter goodies?



SWIMMING

Please note - if your child's class is swimming and he/she has a medical condition i.e. verucca then they are able to stay in school, but if your child has a cough or cold then you will need to collect them to go home.

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 would suggest regular checks for any 'visitors'.



If you have any queries please collect an NHS leaflet from the school office.

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. Why did the dinosaur cross the road?

A. Because the chicken hadn't been invented yet!!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

All are invited to a **FREE** yoga demonstration and talk at Thimblemill Library on Wednesday 14 March 1.00-2.30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Come along and find out more about yoga classes in this area.

MONTHLY REFLECTION - LENT

Lent is a season for reflection, taking stock and a time for prayer and fasting. It is an English word for spring, and it signifies the forty day period before Easter. Forty days is the traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation in the Bible. Moses stayed on the Mountain of God for forty days (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28), Jesus prayed and fasted for forty days to prepare for ministry, which culminated in his death and resurrection.

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

Walk with me Prayer

Lord God,
our light and our salvation,
we praise you for your gifts
of life and faith.

We thank you for the desire
that you have planted in our hearts,
our yearning to see your face.

Help us to meet you in prayer,
to walk in your ways,
and to speak to others of our joy
and consolation in your presence.



Give us faithfulness
in this present life
so that we may come to know
and praise your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters,
in the life to come.

Amen