



# S T GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## "LOVING & LEARNING"

### OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



#### DATES FOR OCTOBER

Wednesday 1	9.00 am Years 1 & 2 Parents Phonic Workshop	
Thursday 2	8.30 am Whole school Photographs Year 1 Parents Consultation Day Year 5 'Let's Animate' project Home Learning Club starts	
Friday 3	2.00 p.m. Harvest Festival - Harvest goods are being donated to Birmingham Fireside for the Homeless	
Monday 6-11	'I Can do it' Week	
Tuesday 7	7.00 p.m. Parents Meeting - Academy Presentation	
Wednesday 8	9.00am Yr. 6 Inspire Workshop 6.30 pm Parents Reconciliation meeting in the Lady Chapel 7.00 pm Parents Confirmation meeting in the Lady Chapel	
Thursday 9	10.00 am Year 4 Mass - Church 10 am Year 3 Cinema visit 'Ten Pieces' Film	
Friday 10	1.20 pm Year 1 Pedestrian Training	
Sunday 12	11.00 am Year 6 Presentation Mass	
Monday 13-17	'Multi Faith' week	
Monday 13	Year 2 & 5 Singers Hill Synagogue	
Tuesday 14	10.00 Yr.6 Smethwick Mosque	
Wednesday 15	Year 4 Haden Hill House 7.00 pm Year 5 & 6 - Hagley Admissions meeting	
Thursday 16	Year 4 Hindu Temple Oldbury Road 10.00 am Year 2 Mass	
Friday 17	Year 3 Guru Nanak Guardwara Reception - eye screening	
Sunday 19	9.40 am Bupa Great Birmingham Run	
Wednesday 22	6.30 pm Year 3 Reconciliation	
Thursday 23	10.00 am Year 1 Mass	
<b>Friday 24</b>	<b>School closed - Training Day</b> <b>Half-term Holiday</b>	

Friday 31 Closing date for Secondary School Applications

#### NOVEMBER

**Monday 3 School re-opens**  
Tuesday 4 2.30pm Bishop Pargeter in school  
7.00 pm Confirmation  
Thursday 6 Year 3 Mass

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CRAFT FAYRE

Friday 28 November at 6.00 - 8.00 p.m. If anyone is interested in booking a table please contact the school office - £5.00 per table. We will be asking you to kindly 'bake a cake' to sell on the evening. Don't forget to come and join us.



#### 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.



#### EXTRA HELP

If you require any assistance when visiting the school because of mobility, hearing or impaired vision would you please let us know.

If anyone requires information in large print form, again please let us know.

#### LUNCH BOXES

We like to encourage children to bring a healthy lunch box to school with a wide variety of foods. Please no sweets and no nuts as we have children with nut allergies in school.

Children are given water or a choice of fruit juices with their meals.

Thank you for your co-operation.

I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
have received the October 2014 Newsletter Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
The answer to the Quiz Question is \_\_\_\_\_

## CHRISTMAS DATES

As requested by many parents please find below a list of times and dates for December;

Thursday 4	Friends of St Gregory's Christmas Fayre
Friday 5	Years 2-6 Birmingham Old Rep to see 'Horrible Christmas' School Disco - more information to follow
Tuesday 9	10.30 a.m. Carol Concert
Thursday 11	9.00 am Foundation Stage Performance 2.00 pm Foundation Stage Party
Friday 12	'Mufty Day' Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Monday 15	2.00 p.m. KS 2 Performance
Tuesday 16	2.00 pm KS1 Christmas Performance 7.00 pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17	p.m. Class Christmas Parties
Friday 19	9.00 a.m. Mass - School Christmas Lunch <b>1.30 p.m. School closes</b>



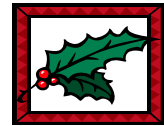
### Church Masses:

**Christmas Eve 5.00 p.m. & 12 Midnight/Christmas Day 9.00 & 11.00 a.m.**

## 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.



### 'HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS'

Years 2-6 will be going to see 'Horrible Christmas' at the Old Rep Birmingham on Friday 5 December in the morning. Please remember to return your completed form and payment.



### MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

- Q. What kind of tree can you fit in your hand?  
A. A Palm tree!



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Gentle reminder - could you please ensure children come to school in the correct footwear. Trainers are not acceptable during the school day, they should only be worn for sporting activities.

Thank you to all parents who have adhered to the policy regarding Jewellery in school, Jewellery is **not** permitted. Please ensure that your child removes any nail varnish after the weekend.

### 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 different pair of socks please to change into for P.E.

## FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 4 DECEMBER

Are there any volunteers who could help with the Christmas Fayre or do you have any donations for the tombola? Please contact Mrs M Wilkinson (FOSG) or the school office if you are able to help. Christmas Event flyer attached, don't forget to book to see Santa!

### PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended the open Parents Evening on Tuesday 24 September and for taking time to complete the questionnaire. Thank you for all the positive comments and wish to assure you that all other comments are acknowledged.

### QUIZ QUESTION

What is the next number in the sequence  
1 2 5 10 20 50 ?



### PAEDIATRIC AND ADULT FIRST AID COURSE

There are still a few places left on an excellent first aid course delivered by Sandwell Adult and Family Learning at Thimblemill Library. The cost is only £5 for the whole course for any parents, grandparents or carers with children under 16 attending school. At the end of the course you will receive an in house certificate of achievement which is valid for 3 years, plus a first aid kit.

The course is for 7 weeks, beginning on Thursday 2 October and ending on 27 November, with no classes on 16 or 30 October. All classes are 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. To enrol please come to the library on Thursday 2 October at **9.00 a.m.** Bringing with you 2 pieces of ID e.g. passport, driving licence, utility bill, bank statement, plus your £5 fee. It would also be helpful to phone the library on 429 2039 to register your interest.

### HARVEST

Please remember to bring any contributions for the Harvest into school by Friday morning 3 October. The Fireside Centre for the Homeless in Birmingham are always very grateful for our donations. They appreciate the tins and packets, etc. but also welcome toiletries, scarves and gloves.



Don't forget to nominate someone for a Harvest Prayer card.

### 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 10.30 a.m. at Church.

