



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

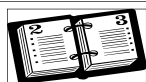
JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER



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 2011



- Wednesday 5 - Training Day
- Thursday 6 - School re-opens
10.00 am Mass at Church
- Sunday 9 - 11.00 pm Going Forth Mass
- Monday 10 - 12.50 p.m.. Year 2 Swimming (10 weeks)
3.40 pm Year 6 Parents SATs meeting
- Thursday 13 - Year 2 Inspire workshop
Year 6 Consultation Day
- Friday 14 - Years 5 & 6 High Five Training
- Sunday 16 - 11.00 am Family Mass Year 2
- Monday 17 - Closing date for Reception/Year 3 Admission applications forms for September 2011
- Thursday 20 - Years 3 and 4 Mass at Church
- Thursday 27 - Year 4 Holocaust Service - The Public West Bromwich
- Friday 28 - Netball Festival Years 5 & 6 - Stuart Bathurst

February

- Monday 31-Friday 4 February - Parents Week
- Tuesday 1 - Parents Evening

SNOW DESK INFORMATION

BRMB F.M. (96.4) and other local stations 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.

We will continue to send text messages, these have proven very successful during the recent inclement weather, to inform you of school arrangements during any further severe weather conditions. Please remember to inform school of any change in mobile phone numbers. The web site will carry a notice if school is closed www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk

WELCOME BACK

Mrs Murray returns after her maternity leave and will be in the Nursery each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

ACORNS

Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas productions this enabled us to send a cheque for £200.00 to Acorns Hospice.



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 £121.78 and we were again awarded the British Legion Shield for our very successful fund raising. Thank you for your continued support.



CHILDREN IN NEED COMPETITION- SPONSORED BY THE BAKERS OVEN

The Pudsey Bear colouring competition in aid of Children in Need was won by Elena Lavin in Year 1. All those who took part were given a treat.

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 9 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 13 May 2011.

I _____ the parent of _____

have received the January Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2011

RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.06 and 31.08.07 are due to start school in September 2011. 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 01.09.07 and 31.08.08 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 11 February 2011. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter which will be posted before the Easter holiday.

ART SHIRTS

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate Art shirt in school - they are usually kept in their P.E. bags.



LARGE PRINT

If anyone would like a copy of the Newsletters or any other school correspondence in large print please contact the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.

We are aware that some parents have had difficulty in obtaining school ties from Clive Marks in Bearwood. We have now spoken to their Head Office and have been assured that school ties will be available to purchase within the month.

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

School bags are available from the school office, back packs £6.50, book bags £5.00 and pump bags £3.00.

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.



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q . What do you call a bear with no socks?

A. Bear-foot!!

QUIZ QUESTION

In the Peter Pan film where is Never-Never Land situated?



CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Department of Education have agreed all schools should be allocated an extra training day for this academic year 2010/11. School will now close for the summer holiday on Wednesday 20 July and NOT Thursday 21 July as previously stated.

The Leavers Mass and Disco will both take place on Wednesday 20 July 2011.

