



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

MARCH/EASTER 2015 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

- Thursday 5 - World Book Day
Year 5 Book Quiz - Semi final
10.00 am Year 6 Mass
- Friday 6 - 9.00 am Yr.3 Class Assembly
- Monday 9 - 10.00 am Yr.2 Stourbridge
Fire Station
- Thursday 12 - 10.00 am Year 1 Mass
- Friday 13 - 'Red Nose Day'
- Monday 16 - Year 5 Book Quiz - Final
- Tuesday 17 - FOSG /School- St Patrick's
Day Celebration
- Wednesday 18 - Year 6 Parents
Consultation Day
- Thursday 19 - 10.00 am Year 2 Mass
- Wednesday 25 - 2.30 pm Easter Bonnet Parade
- Thursday 26 - 10.00 am Years 4 & 5 Mass
St Gregory's School Choir
Concert
- Friday 27 - 9.00 am Yr.2 Class Assembly
Mufty Day - 'Wear a Hat Day'
in aid of Brain Tumour
research



School closes for Easter

APRIL

- Monday 13 - **School reopens**
- Thursday 16 - Year 2 Work Shop -
St Bernadette
- Saturday 18 - 5.00 pm Year 2 Inspire Mass
- Monday 20 - 'I can do it Week'
- Thursday 23 - 10.00 am Year 3 Mass
- Monday 27 - Theme week - Vocations
- Wednesday 29 - Nursery/Reception & Year 6
Photographs

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

WORLD BOOK ACTIVITY DAY - THURSDAY 5 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 29 March 2015.

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.



'WEAR A HAT DAY'

We are having a 'Wear a Hat to school Day' on Friday 27 March in aid of 'Brain Tumour' research. Bring £1 and wear a fancy hat of your choice for the day.



LENTON APPEAL - FATHER HUDSON SOCIETY

We are again supporting the Father Hudson Appeal and will be sending home the 'little house' collection boxes.

QUIZ QUESTION

What special event is taking place on
Friday 20 March ?



I _____ the parent of _____
have received the March Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

Change of Address/Telephone numbers

We have recently had difficulty contacting some parents during the school day. 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.



RED NOSE DAY

It's 'Red Nose' Mufty Day (non uniform) on Friday 13 March 2015.

Bring your £1 and receive a Red Nose, who knows you may be the lucky winner of a golden nose which entitles your school to a special prize. Fingers crossed it could be you!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY

Nursery will be closed all day for the new intake visit on **Wednesday 1 July 2015.**



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

- Q. What's the difference between a guitar and a fish?
A. You can't tuna fish!

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware your child's attendance at school is very important to us and also to the Local Authority. We will be including an analysis table each month to keep you up to date with attendance levels at St Gregory's.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Overall Attendance	97.58	97.65	98.48	99.09	97.42	96.39
% Authorised Absences	2.42	2.05	1.52	0.91	2.27	3.29
% Unauthorised Absences	0	0.29	0	0	0.30	0.31
No. of Children	30	31	30	30	30	29

FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S - ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

We are having a mufty day on Tuesday 17 March, please bring a £1 and dress in green for the day. There is also a design a 'St Patrick's day hat' which will be free to enter, FOSG will donate prizes to the 2 best designs in each class.

Come and join us after school when we will carry on the celebrations. There will be Irish sausage & chips, (saves you making tea when you get home) Irish coffee and the usual tea/coffee for sale plus entertainment, the school choir will be performing. Please contact school if you know of anyone who would be willing to come and perform for us.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

There seems to be a trend for 'fancy' headbands in school at the moment. Unfortunately these are not part of the school uniform and would ask you to send your child in with the usual plain headbands. Wearing the large fancy ones during P.E. is an area of concern.

May I also remind you that nail polish should not be worn in school.



RESIDENTIAL VISITS

We have been informed by the Local Authority that the cost of residential visits (from December 2014) has increased to £240 - Edmond Hall and £270 - Plas Gwynant (this includes coach costs which may slightly vary).

We will shortly be sending out letters to the current Years 5 and 4 to ascertain if you would like your child to attend these visits in September.

They are really worthwhile visits and the children benefit greatly from them.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2014/15

The main priority is to embed the New National Curriculum programmes of study through the school thematic curriculum. Themes for each class have been developed reflecting the school's thematic approach to learning. There are five themes planned for each year group (apart from year 6) and each theme is led by either history, geography or science. Children are encouraged to make links across the curriculum and apply the basic skills they learn in English and mathematics across all subjects where applicable. Standards across school continue to be good and children are demonstrating good levels of progress to date. **Tracking learning and progress across year groups of different pupil groups and collating evidence of children's learning and progress over time is an ongoing school development priority.**

To further support the Catholic Life of the school we are focussing on **'The Year for Consecrated Life' and recognising all religious people called upon to follow Jesus Christ in a special way.** All classes have chosen a saint to learn about and these are as follows:

- Nursery - St Jude, Patron saint of desperate cases and lost causes. Feast day 28 October
- Reception - St Francis, Patron saint of animals and his feast day is 4 October
- Year 1 - St Nicholas, Patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, pawnbrokers and students in various cities and countries around Europe. His feast day is 6 December
- Year 2 - St Bernadette, Patron saint for Lourdes, France, bodily illness, shepherds and shepherdesses and poverty. Her feast day is 16 April
- Year 3 - St George, Patron saint of England and all the Scouts around the world. His feast day is 23 April
- Year 4 - St Maximilian Kolbe, Patron saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalist and prisoners. His feast day is 14 August
- Year 5 - St Peter, Patron saint of workers including bakers, bridge builders, butchers and fishermen. His feast day is 29 June



NURSERY PLAYGROUND

If anyone could donate any plants or bags of soil the Nursery Staff would be very grateful as they are trying to improve the appearance and make the area look more colourful.





MONTHLY REFLECTION

The season of Lent

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 pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

A time for Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent: Matthew 4:1-11 The devil tried to tempt Jesus to do something wrong, but even though Jesus was tired and hungry, He did what was right.

2nd Sunday of Lent: Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus' friends were really amazed when they saw Jesus transformed.

3rd Sunday of Lent: John 4: 5-42 Jesus tells a woman with whom He is speaking that she should ask for Living Water.

4th Sunday of Lent: John 4: 5-42 Jesus heals a man who was born blind.

5th Sunday of Lent: John 11: 3-45 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.