



ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

LOVING AND LEARNING

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER DATES

- Friday 27 - Nursery 'Play and Stay' Day
6.00 - 8.00 p.m. Craft Fayre
Don't forget to Donate a cake please and visit Santa in his magical Grotto!
- Monday 30 - Year 1 Christmas visit to Edgmond Hall

DATES FOR DECEMBER

- Monday 30-4 - Consultation Week
- Tuesday 1 - 7.00 p.m. Year 6 SATs Meeting - School Hall
- Friday 4 - Christmas Disco - Tickets £2.50
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Disco 2.00-3.25 p.m.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Disco 3.30-5.00 p.m.
- Monday 7-11 - 'I Can do it Week'
- Tuesday 8 - 10.30 a.m. Carol Concert for the senior people of the parish and those who help in school (invitation only)
- Wednesday 9 - 10.00 am Years 2-6 Alexandra Theatre Birmingham - 'Gangster Granny'
- Thursday 10 - Nursery & Reception Ash End House Farm visit
- KS1 and Year 3 Premier Sport competition
- Friday 11 - Years 4, 5 & 6 Premier Sport competition
- Monday 14 - 2.00 p.m. KS2 Performance
- 7.00 p.m. KS2 Performance

Places are limited to 200 so no more than two tickets per family at any one performance are available. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Tickets must be presented for the performance to ensure admittance. Children under 12 may not use tickets for the evening performance, nor will toddlers or babies be admitted to this performance. We trust that parents will not attempt to ignore this message as refusal of entry may cause offence.

- Tuesday 15 - 9.30a.m. Foundation Stage Performance
- 2.00 p.m. Key Stage 1 Performance
- Wednesday 16 - KS 1 and KS 2 - 'Party' afternoon, children can wear their party clothes all day
- Thursday 17 - 'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day' in aid of Save the Children - don't forget to bring your £1.
- Foundation Stage Party
- Friday 18 - 9.00 a.m. Mass in School
Christmas Lunch - **School closes at 1.30 p.m.**
There will be no afternoon Nursery session on Friday 18 December.

School re-opens on Monday 4 January 2016



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Card posters will be put up in each classroom donated by St Mary's Hospice and we ask for a donation of at least £1 so that children can sign it to everyone in their class. Children are asked not to bring cards into school as we will not be providing any card delivery service in school.

WELL DONE!

CHILDREN IN NEED

You raised the grand sum of **£330** for Children in Need. Congratulations! This amount will increase even more when we receive all the Sponsor money.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Fantastic results by the school football team who recently won three games very convincingly: 'Congratulations'.

St Gregory's v. George Betts	10 - 2
St Gregory's v. Langley Primary	6 - 2
St Gregory's v. St Hubert's	6 - 0



PUPILS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Please ensure that your child is escorted to and from school especially during the dark mornings and evenings. Children are being dropped off/collected and running down the school drive unaccompanied. Please think of the children's safety.

DATES FOR JANUARY 2016

MONDAY 4 - SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Tuesday 12 - Swimming begins for Year 5

Friday 15 - **Closing date for Reception/Year 3 Admission forms**

MASSES AT CHURCH OVER CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve	-	5.00 p.m. and Midnight
Christmas Day	-	9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.



MISS L BRIDGE

Goodbye and Good, Luck to Miss L Bridge who is leaving St Gregory's School to take up an Office post at a school in Tipton.

MRS P BOLTON

After 27 years of dedicated service to St Gregory's School we are sorry to say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Bolton who will retire at the end of this term. During her time at school she has known many children, many of which are now parents themselves. She has served under three Head Teachers and worked with many colleagues throughout the years.

Mrs Bolton will be remembered fondly for her patience, kindness and caring attitude towards her colleagues, the children and you the parents. Many of you I'm sure have experienced this a on daily basis. Mrs Bolton has been the public face of this school.

On behalf of the Academy Committee, staff, pupils and parents we wish her health and happiness as she embarks on the next chapter in her life.

We will miss you!

JOY

Work has been a long routine,
Now it's time to change your scene.
The journey lasted, so many years,
Now get ready, for some cheers.

You have done, a top notch job,
We shall miss you, we may sob .
Freedom will be, something new
You'll enjoy the brand new view.

We're happy for you, that you're done,
Try new hobbies, have some fun.
No more thoughts about - employ,
Take it easy, and share your joy.





The Governors and

Staff would like to wish you a

peaceful

Christmas and a Happy New Year

REFLECTION FOR ADVENT - The Season of Advent: Anticipation and Hope

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year. The word Advent is from the Latin adventus for “coming” or arrival and marks the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. The focus of the season of Advent is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, an anticipation and of preparation.

Christmas reflection

Christmas is the time we think of the birth of baby Jesus born in a manger, with Mary and Joseph beside him. The first witnesses of Christ’s birth were the shepherds who were considered poor and lowly but were chosen. The angels announced in glory the birth of the savior for the first time to the shepherds. God chose the shepherds and not the kings and powerful or rich people.

Christmas is not just a day to remember and commemorate, it is not just a season to celebrate ... Christmas is love. It is the time when the love of God is revealed to us and received by all people of goodwill, not only to the shepherds and the “magi” to whom the Lord has chosen to reveal, but also to us today.

Celebrating Christmas is celebrating God’s love for us all. Christmas is the highlight of a joyful and hopeful time of waiting for the savior to come.

O God,
bless our family this Christmastime
bind us together by your love.
Give us kindness and patience
to support each other;
and wisdom in all we do.
Let the gift of your peace
come into our hearts
and remain with us.
Amen.



Please complete the form below indicating your preferred Key Stage 2 Performance

I requiretickets for Year 3-6 performance on the afternoon of Monday 14 December at 2.00 p.m.

I requiretickets for Years 3-6 performance on the evening of Monday 14 December at 7.00 p.m.

I have read and understand that no children under the age of 12, toddlers or babies will be allowed into the evening performance.

Name: C lass: