

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR OCTOBER

Friday 1	2.00 p.m. Harvest Festival - Harvest goods are being donated to Birmingham Fireside for the Homeless
Tuesday 5	Year 4 - Haden Hill 'Evacuation Day'
Wednesday 6	Artefact Theatre company-whole school 'The Reading Room'
Monday 11-15	'I can do it week'
Tuesday 12	6.30-7.30 p.m. Meeting for Years 5 and 6 parents, Mr T Hammond re. admissions to Hagley High school
Saturday 16	Hagley High Open morning 9.00-12.00
Monday 18-21	'Multi Faith week'
Tuesday 19	Year 1 Central Mosque visit Year 4 Sikh Temple Smethwick
Wednesday 20	Year 6 Central Mosque visit
Thursday 21	Year 3 Gurdwara visit
Thursday 21	School closes - half-term
Friday 22	Training Day
Monday 25-29	Half-term holiday



NOVEMBER

Monday 1	School re-opens Last Day for Secondary Application forms
Friday 5	Year 5 visit to the Synagogue
Monday 8-12	Book Fair week
Saturday 13	5.00 p.m. Presentation Mass at Church
Wednesday 17	6.30 p.m. First Confessions
Friday 19	Mufty Day - Children in Need 'Dress in a single colour'
Friday 26	6.00-8.00 p.m. Craft Fayre

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CRAFT FAIR

Friday 26 November at 6.00 - 8.00 p.m. If anyone is interested in booking a table please contact the school office - £3.00 per table. We will be asking you to kindly 'bake a cake' to sell on the evening.



CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING FUND

Attached is a letter regarding the school Building Fund. Please take time to read it and consider contributing, the school would be very grateful.

We are not asking for school fund in lieu of this contribution.



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.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holiday dates for 2009/10 and 2010/11 are attached.

PARIS VISIT

We are Currently arranging for Years 5 and 6 to visit Paris in April 2011. May I please remind you to return your reply slips if interested. This visit may be opened to Year 4 pupils details to follow.



FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S

The Friends of St Gregory's will provide a wooden spoon for children to make into a scarecrow for a £1 donation. Spoons will be available from your child's class teacher from Friday 1 October. The closing date for entries will be Friday 15 October.

PUPIL PORTAL

All children will receive a user name and password to access the pupil portal. This learning platform will enable all users to access curriculum information and news about class events.

We are hoping that all children will receive this during the month of October.



I _____ the parent of _____

have received the October 2010 Newsletter Signed _____

The answer to the Quiz Question is _____

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.



'PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE'

Could I please ask you in the interest of the children to make sure you close the gate into the playground by the Park Road entrance.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the attached Parents Questionnaire and return to school. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DATES

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

Wednesday 1	1.45 p.m. 'Cinderella' Chaplins theatre performance for the whole school - we will be asking for a donation towards this event
Friday 3	Christmas Disco - theme this years is 'Cowboys and Cowgirls'
Monday 6-10	'I can do it week'
Thursday 9	Foundation Stage visit to Winter Wonderland, Telford
Friday 10	2.00 p.m. Advent Service in school
Monday 13	2.00 p.m. Key stage 2 Performance
Tuesday 14	10.30 a.m. Carol Concert 7.00 p.m. Key Stage 2 Performance
Thursday 16	a.m. Key Stage 1 Concert p.m. Foundation Stage Performance
Friday 17	a.m. Foundation Stage Performance p.m. Key Stage 1 Concert
Monday 20	Nursery closed a.m. p.m. Whole school Christmas parties
Tuesday 21	9.00 a.m. Mass in school Christmas Lunch 1.30 p.m. School closes



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.

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR

Can we please remind you that children are not allowed to play football or any other games in the sports arena before or after school. Please remember children should be supervised by their parents at all time.

LUNCH BOXES

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



Thank you for your co-operation.

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

- Q. What washes up on very small beaches?
A. Microwaves!!



QUIZ QUESTION

Which nut is made into butter?

