

# ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

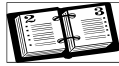
PART OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA ACADEMY



“LOVING & LEARNING”

## MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



#### MAY

- Friday 1 - 9.00 a.m Yr. 1 Class Assembly
- Monday 4 - School closed - May Day**  
Revision week
- Tuesday 5 - 7.00 p.m. Parents First Holy  
Communion Catechesis  
Meeting - Yr.3 Classroom
- Thursday 7 - School closed - General  
Elections**
- Monday 11-15 - SATS week
- Wednesday 13 - 7.00 p.m. F.H.C. Meeting -  
Guild Room
- Monday 18 - Year 4 Bikeability
- Tuesday 19 - Year 6 First Aid Training  
Year 5 Bikeability
- Wednesday 20 - Year 6 Bikeability  
11.00 am Hagley Band  
- 7.00 p.m. First Holy  
Communion meeting in the  
Guild Room
- Thursday 21 - Year 6 Bikeability
- Friday 22 - 'Mufty Day' in aid of school  
funds  
9.00 a.m. Yr.6 Class Assembly  
**School closes - Half term**

#### JUNE

- Monday 1 - School re-opens**
- Thursday 4 - Sandwell Arts Music Live KS2
- Friday 5 - 1.30 p.m. Pedestrian Training
- Friday 12 - 9.00 a.m. Yr. 5 Assembly  
- 1.30 p.m. Pedestrian Training
- Saturday 13 - 12.00 Year 3 First Holy  
Communion
- Tuesday 16 - Rec.-Yr.6 African Drumming
- Wednesday 17 - 3.45 p.m. Summer concert
- Thursday 18 - Confirmation Celebration -  
St Paul's
- Monday 22 - Book Fair Week
- Tuesday 23 - Parents Open evening

### WEATHER

Please remember to send your child with a waterproof coat during this very changeable weather especially if they are swimming. Don't forget to bring in your sun cream and sun hats should the weather improve.



### SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2015

Many thanks for the `Active Kids` Vouchers which finishes on 5 May. If you have any vouchers at home please send them to school for counting! Thank you



### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE

After school on Wednesday 17 June we will be having a Summer Concert where all our musicians and singers will be taking part.

Violins, Brass and Drum players will be showcasing their talents and the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will delight us with their singing.

Please come along and support the children and enjoy all the entertainment.

### LENTON APPEAL - FATHER HUDSON SOCIETY

Please remember to return your Father Hudson appeal collection boxes to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



### MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. Why is England the wettest country?

A. Because the queen has reigned there for years!

### QUIZ QUESTION

Where does the Prime Minister live?



I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
have received the May Newsletter. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## WELL DONE

Thank you for your continued support raising funds for the many different charities it is really appreciated. We raised over £200.00 for the Brain Tumour 'Wear a Hat' day.

## FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S

The Easter bonnet parade was a great success, such a lot of hard work had obviously gone into all your hat creations. Please don't forget we are holding a '**Summer School Fete**' on **Saturday 4 July**. We would be grateful of any donations you may have for our tombola and/or raffle and if you would like to hire a table to sell your own products please contact Friends of St Gregory's.



Thank you for all your support.

## ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 1 July - The Nursery will be closed for the new September 2015 intake
- Saturday 4 July - 11.00 - 2.00 p.m. Friends of St Gregory's Summer Fete
- Friday 10 July - Whole school summer trip to Frank Chapman Centre
- Thursday 16 July - School closes, Summer Disco

Further details of these events will be sent out nearer the time.



## YOUNG PROMOTERS

Tickets are now available at the school office for the performance of 'The Boy who became a Beetle' at Uplands Manor Primary School, Addenbrook Road on Thursday 25 June at 6.30 p.m. (doors open at 6.00 p.m.). The show is being promoted by St Gregory's and Uplands Manor School and the tickets are priced at £2.50 for adults, £1.50 for children and for OAPs, Family tickets are available at £7.00 (2 adults and 2 children).

Be quick, limited number of tickets available!

## ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

Well done to Year 3 for their excellent attendance although all classes overall attendance was very good.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance %	96.71	97.78	99	98.33	95.42	97.84
Authorised Absences %	3	1.39	0.71	1.39	3.89	1.87
Unauthorised Absences %	0.29	0.83	0.29	0.28	0.56	0.29
No. of Children	30	30	30	30	30	29

## COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Could I please remind you to collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. We do seem to have a number of children left by the office waiting for parents. Please let us know if there is a problem

## 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.

## MONTHLY REFLECTION



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. During the month of May we rejoice and pay homage to her. Our lady shows us the way to Jesus, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Jesus also. This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

**St Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church and remains a greatly respected figure for her spiritual writings, and political boldness to “speak truth to power” - this was exceptional for a woman, in her time period.**



### Prayer for St Catherine of Siena

St Catherine, Most blessed and favoured patron saint,  
Who sought the truth with perseverance, loved the truth in humility,  
taught the truth in charity and defended the truth with courage.

Pray for us.

Obtain for us the grace to persevere in truth,  
the grace to be a light in the darkest of the times in which we live,  
and obtain for us the responsibility, wisdom and knowledge we need to convey to  
others in our words and actions our Catholic faith.

O Holy St Catherine, whose letters inspired, guided and led the church to  
renewal and transformation,

Obtain too for us the grace to live in the truth,

The patience to endure trials and hardships,

And the grace to carry our cross in the spirit of prayer and self-denial

And to defend the church in its hour of crucifixion.

We ask this in Christ's name, Amen