

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"



END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY



- Wednesday 1** - **Nursery closed**
Classes move
3.30 pm Parents meetings
Re Edgmond Hall & Plas
Gwynant visits
- Thursday 2** - 7.00 pm Thimblemill Library
'Spoz' - Poetry
- Friday 3** - Mufty Day in aid of LOROS
Reports out to parents
- Monday 6-10** - Fitness week
- Tuesday 7** - **Nursery closed** -Home visits
1.30 pm Hagley '60's Band
Performance
2.30 pm onwards-Gallery
Day
Parents Evening
- Wednesday 8-9** - Year 6 London visit to see
'The Lion King'
Nursery closed -Home visits
- Thursday 9** - Sports Day - am Foundation
Stage and KS1 - pm KS2
Parents welcome
- Friday 10** - Foundation Stage Pirate Day
Yr. 1 - Yr. 5 Frank Chapman
Centre visit
- Monday 13** - 9.30am Yr.6 Dress Rehearsal
7.00 pm Yr.6 Performance
- Tuesday 14** - 9.00 am Nursery Graduation
2.00 pm Yr.6 Performance
- Wednesday 15** - pm Reception Talent Show
- Thursday 16** - 9.00 am Leavers Mass
7.00 pm Leavers Disco
School closes
- Friday 17** - Training Day

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

RECEPTION RE-OPENS

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

NURSERY RE-OPENS

MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember 2015 pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free lunch each day.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Year 3 children on the celebration of their First Holy Communion. I am sure you will agree it was a lovely day and the children were a credit to you.

On behalf of the Staff a big thank you to the parents for the wonderful gifts you gave us, they were very much appreciated. Thank you.



The photographer will be collecting the First Holy Communion orders on Friday 3 July, if you haven't already placed your order please hand them to the office by Thursday 2 July. Any late orders have to be sent directly to Midland Photographic.

SCHOOL BAGS/PUMP BAGS

Don't forget to purchase school bags or pump bags from the school office, book bags £5.00, pump bags £3.00 and back packs £7.50. £1 off if you buy school bag and pump bag together.



School ties are also available from the school office at £4.00 each.

REPORTS

Your child will receive a copy of their school report on Friday 3 July.

The report demonstrates your child's learning over time and their progress to date.

PARENTS EVENING - 7 JULY 2015

Please note appointments are made by request only to discuss the school report.

LEAVERS SUMMER DISCO

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 6 July for the end of year Disco.

Thursday 16 July 2015
7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Adults £4.00 - Children £3.00
Family ticket - £12.00 (2 adults + 2 children)

Year 6 pupils are entitled to a free ticket but must be accompanied by an adult.

Please ensure you buy your tickets early, remember if it rains the Disco will be held in the Hall and only ticket holders can be admitted.



BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club will open Wednesday 2 September 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. Monday to Friday (term time only). £5.00 per child to include a healthy breakfast, children can attend every week or odd days to fit around your working pattern.



The after school club will be open 2 September 3.25 - 6.00 p.m. (term time only). £7.50 per child per day which will include a light healthy snack.

Application forms are available from the school office.

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles will be issued to the children during the first week back in September. The school initially purchases the bottles and should your child lose their water bottle you will be able to purchase a new one at the price of £1.00.

These bottles are purchased from school fund and given to pupils to ensure they have the correct size bottle and access to water at all times.



FRANK CHAPMAN CENTRE VISIT FRIDAY 10 JULY 2015

The children will need to take a packed lunch, drinks, shower proof coat, sunhat and sun cream. You may wish to send a suitable t-shirt for your child to wear should the weather be hot.

We will be leaving after registration and coaches will be arriving back by the end of the school day.



EDGMOND HALL AND PLAS GWYNANT VISIT SEPTEMBER 2015

May I remind the parents of pupils who will be going on the above visits in September that the balance should be paid by the end of term.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's Liturgy takes place in the parish room during the 9.00 am Mass at St Gregory's church each Sunday during term time. It is open to all primary age children.

The liturgy team are looking for parent volunteers to join our friendly group to help deliver the Gospel to the young people of our parish. This might include reading the Gospel or leading a short introduction or discussion.

The liturgy team meet once a half term on a weekday evening to plan the liturgy for the upcoming term.

If any parents are interested in helping out, please contact one of the liturgy team either after 9.00 am Mass one Sunday or catch one of us in the Play ground. Alternatively, contact St Gregory's Church on 0121 429 1743.

'COOL MILK'

Please don't forget to register your child for school milk from September, you may do this on line or we have leaflets available at the school office if you should need one. (Under 5's receive free milk)



GALLERY DAY

This year our Gallery Day will take place on Tuesday 7 July at 2.30 - 3.15 p.m. Please come and look at your child's work in their classroom and enjoy the walk round school, with your child, to see all the other art work on display.



**CHANGE OF CLASS TEACHERS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2015**

Year 6 Mr R Heard
Year 5 Miss E Higgins
Year 4 Miss C Wheatley
Year 3 Mr C Hancox
Year 2 Miss N Collins
Year 1 To be confirmed
Reception Miss K Vanstone
Nursery Mrs K McGuinness

The Support Staff will continue to work in classes and provide support to children as required.

MR T BOODELL

Mr Boodell will commence as Assistant Head Teacher over seeing SEN and will be non class based

MR S KETTLE

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mr S Kettle who is leaving St Gregory's to take up a teaching post at a school in Birmingham.

MRS E POWELL

After more than 25 years of dedicated service to St Gregory's School we are sorry to say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Powell as she is taking early retirement.

During her time at school she has taught many children of whom some are now parents themselves. She has served under three Head Teachers and worked with many teaching colleagues and seen a lot of changes in education over the years.

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.



'Retirement may be an ending, a closing, but it is also a new beginning.'
by Catherine Pulsifer



I _____ the parent of _____

have received the July Newsletter.

Signed: _____

THANK YOU

A massive thank you from the Governors, staff and children to all of those parents and volunteers who give so freely of their time to help in school.

Without your support we could not provide so much for the children.



FOUNDATION STAGE 'PIRATE FUNDAY'

We are having our 'Pirate Funday' on Friday 10 July in place of a summer trip. May I remind you the cost is £10 per child or £15 if you have two children in Foundation Stage. Please send your money in to school by Friday 10 July. Thank you.



TUCK MONEY

Mrs Lees would appreciate any parent who has not yet paid this terms Tuck Money to call into Reception, if you are unsure if you have paid she will let you know.

MUFTY DAY

Year 6 have asked for a fund raising day before the end of term so we are having a Mufty Day on Friday 3 July in aid of LOROS Hospice which is a local charity and every year cares for over 2,500 cancer and terminally ill patients. Please bring £1 and support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you.

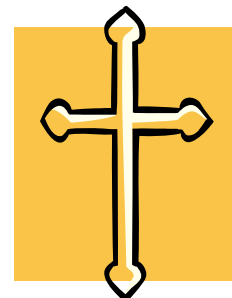
MONTHLY REFLECTION

As the school year comes to an end, please take a moment to reflect on all that your child/children have learnt this year. Their growth and maturity is clearly evident and their enthusiasm for learning and zest for life is infectious. Thank you for all your support this year. We look forward to nurturing your children in the future year's ahead. For all our children who are leaving we wish you every success and happiness in your new school.

A Prayer for our School Community

Dear Lord, we thank you for our School community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in Faith.

We pray for all involved in our school, that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.
Amen



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you to all of you who have been sending your vouchers into school. We have a grand total just over 8,000 and we will use them for Playground resources.



MR TURVEY'S JOKE

Q. What runs around the playground without moving?

A. The fence!!



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please find attached a copy of the revised holiday dates for 2015/16.



BOOK FAIR

Over £900 was spent at last weeks Book Fair, the commission from this will enable the school to order a variety of books for the children.
Thank you.

