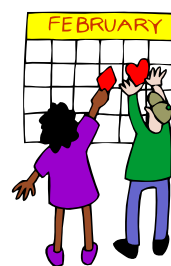


ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 2 - Yr.4 10.00a.m. Mass - Church
- Friday 3 - Year 5 Thimblemill Library Writers workshop
- Mufty Day - Pilgrimage Trust
- Monday 6-10 - Parents week
- Tuesday 7 - Parents evening
- Thursday 9 - Year 3 Inspire Workshop
- Year 5 'Pyramid Concert' Birmingham Town Hall
- Friday 10** - **Closing Date for Nursery Applications**
- **School closes - half term 13-17 February**
- Saturday 11 - Yr. 3 Presentation Mass
- Monday 20** - **School re-opens**
- 'I can do it' week
- Wednesday 22 - Ash Wednesday - whole School Mass at church
- Thursday 23 - Yr. 5 10.00a.m. Mass - Church
- Monday 27 - 'Sing up' Workshop Year 4 Symphony Hall

MARCH

- Thursday 1 - World Book Day
- Yrs. 1 & 2 Mass - Church
- Friday 2 - 'Donate a book' - details to follow

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that your child brings their school water bottle to school each day.

If you need to replace the water bottle you are able to purchase a new one for £1.00 from the school office. Please do not send your child with an alternative style of water



QUIZ QUESTION

This year is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in which year was she crowned?



SCHOOL MEALS

May I remind parents that it is school policy that pupils who request school meals at lunch time are only permitted to change to sandwiches each half-term. This is to assist Cook with ordering, budgeting and the smooth running of the kitchen.



PACKED LUNCHES

Children take food home that they have not eaten, this is to enable parents to track what their children are eating and adjust the amount accordingly. It would be advisable for parents to provide flasks for drinks as children do not always finish a full carton.

May I also remind you not to send in nuts or sweets/ chocolate bars in their packed lunches.



THIMBLEMILL LIBRARY EVENTS

'Happy 75th Birthday'

Friday 10 February - The Library celebrates its 75th Birthday and adults are invited to a talk by David Yates on the history of the library and surrounding area at 11.30-12.30 p.m.

After school children are invited to see a children's entertainer "Will 'e drop it", 4.00-5.00 p.m. Please try to support your local library.

Bird Walk for all the family

All parents and children are invited to a Family Bird Walk on Tuesday 14 February, meeting at Thimblemill Library 10.30 a.m. and walking along Thimblemill Brook guided by Steve Hodgkinson from the The Wildlife Trust .



Bring your binoculars with you to this *free* half term holiday event.

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

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

HOLIDAY DATES

Holiday dates for 2011/2012 and 2012/13 are attached. **Please note there is a change in the local elections date for this year, it is Thursday 3 May and NOT Thursday 10 May as previously stated.**

The calendar for 2011/12 includes the additional Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

INHALERS

If your child keeps or brings an inhaler into school would you please ensure it has their name on.

As you can appreciate it is difficult to return a lost inhaler if there is no identification as they look similar.

UNIFORM

Can you help Reception, they would be grateful of any grey joggers that your child may have grown out to use as spares for the younger children.

Also may we remind you to please label your children's uniform clearly as we already have a basket full of lost property.

KS2 Outdoor PE Kit - during the cold weather would you please ensure your child has an outdoor PE kit in school e.g. track suit bottoms, sweater (no zip fastenings or hoodies please).

HISTORY

If anyone has any interesting items for adding to school 'History Boxes' we would be very pleased to receive them, to support learning in each year group.

Please contact Mrs McIlroy if you can help.

GOOD NEWS - School ties have arrived!

Elasticated ties £4.20 and ordinary ties £4.50 available from the school office.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In the interest of Health and Safety may I remind you to tie your child's hair back off their face.



Head lice is an on going problem within the school and I suggest regular checks for any 'visitors'.

MUFTY DAY

We are having a Mufty Day on Friday 3 February to support The Pilgrimage Trust who regularly take groups of children to Lourdes.

We hope that you will support this charity and recognise the work it does.

YEAR 5 - WRITERS WORKSHOP

Parents are welcome to join us on Friday 3 February at Thimblemill Library when year 5 will be taking part in the conclusion of the 'Writers workshop' they have recently been taking part in along with other local schools.

PYRAMID CONCERT - YEAR 5

Have you got your tickets yet? The concert will be taking place at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday evening the 9 February. Tickets are available from the Town Hall booking office 0121 345 0600, hope we see you there.

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. What does a baby corn call it's father?

A. 'Popcorn'!!



SCHOOL POLICIES

School polices have been updated and will be made available on the school website.

