



St Gregory's Catholic School

December 2018 Newsletter



To love all those with whom we come into contact as taught to us by Jesus through the Gospels.

To learn to the best of our ability using our God given talents.

Upcoming Events:

December:

Tue 4th - 10.00am Christmas Carol Concert (by invite only)

Fri 7th - Christmas Disco
Rec & KS1 1.30pm - 3.00pm
KS2 3.00pm - 4.30pm

Mon 10th - 14th I Can Do It Week

Tue 11th - 2.00pm KS1 Xmas Performance (2 tickets only)

Wed 12th - 9.30am Foundation Stage Performance
pm Foundation Stage Party

Thu 13th - Year 2 'Dress up as a character from History'

Fri 14th - Christmas Jumper Day - £1.00

Mon 17th - 21st Christmas Theme Week

Mon 17th - 2.00pm & 7.00pm KS2 Performance (2 tickets only for each performance)

Tue 18th - pm KS1 & KS2 Parties

Wed 19th - Years 2-6 Theatre Trip "Wizard of Oz"

Thu 20th - Year 1 visit to Edmond Hall

Fri 21st - 9.00am Mass (in school)
Christmas Lunch
1.30pm Term Ends

Church Masses

Christmas Eve - 5.00pm and Midnight
Christmas Day - 9.00am and 11.00am

Dates for January 2018:

Mon 7th - School Starts

Sat 12th - Year 6 Going Forth Mass 5.00pm

Tue 15th - Closing date for Reception (September 2019) admissions

Wed 16th - Year 3 Swimming starts.

Wed 23rd - Maths Challenge Final.

KS1 and KS2 Performances (Tickets are free)

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.

Reminders:

Break and Lunchtime

Could I please remind parents that children are not allowed chocolate or nuts in school. This is due to children who have allergies to these products. Please only send treats to school if it is your child's birthday. Also, morning snacks should be healthy e.g. fruit and cereal bars. Crisps are not permitted.

Absences

If your child is absent from school then please notify the office before 8.45am on each day of absence. This is important for the Safeguarding and welfare of your child. **School number: 0121 429 4609**

Jewellery

No Jewellery to be worn in school, earrings need to be taken out or they will have to be removed in school. Suitable watches are allowed to be worn.

Attendance for November. Well Done Year 6 for their excellent attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1C	97.9
Year 1W	95.3
Year 2	96.8
Year 3	97.0
Year 4	96.8
Year 5	93.2
Year 6	98.5



The Governors and Staff would like to wish you
a peaceful
Christmas and a Happy New Year

Merry
Christmas



REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

This Sunday marks the start of the season of preparation for that feast. Advent is a time when we try to make some space to think again about two intertwined 'comings': the second coming of Christ at the end of time and his first coming among us as a tiny babe. Both are linked and both shed light on the other. On this first Sunday of Advent we think not so much of the babe but of the man who is both Lord and Saviour coming triumphantly at the end of time to judge all peoples. That reflection gives the context for the celebration of Christ's birth. The child who is born is none other than the eternal Son of God who has come into our world to save us.

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 note: There is a Parent Governor Vacancy available, if anyone is interested please contact the school office.

Children in Need

You raised the grand sum of £245.00 for Children in Need. Congratulations!



Please remember to order you child's lunches at home. It should not be being done in class.

It is important for numbers of meals for the kitchen.

Your child may end up without the meal they wanted if it is not done.

