



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"



APRIL/EASTER 2014 NEWSLETTER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May I remind you that pupils are able to wear summer uniform after the Easter holiday

APRIL

- Friday 4 - Year 1 visit to Conkers
10.00am Year 2 Mass
Stations of the Cross
- Monday 7 - 'I can do it' Week
Year 4 - Thimblemill Brook
- Tuesday 8 - 9.30am Year 4 Salop Drive
- Wednesday 9 - 1.30pm 'Young Promoters'
Thimblemill Library
- Thursday 10 - 9.00am Year 4 Inspire
Workshop
9.00am Foundation Stage
Prayer service - in school
2.15pm FOSG Easter Bonnet
Parade
- Friday 11 - Year 2 Stourbridge Fire
Station 'Calamity Cottage'
Year 6 Boulder Central
10.00 am Whole school Mass
at Church

School closes

- Saturday 12 - 5.00pm Year 4 Mass

Monday 28 - School re-opens

- Wednesday 30 - 9.00am Nursery, Reception
and Year 6 Photographs

MAY

- Friday 2 - 1.20pm Year 1 Pedestrian Trg.

Monday 5 - School closed - May Day

- Tuesday 6 - Year 3 Swimming for
10 weeks

- Wednesday 7 - Year 4 Thimblemill Brook
Opening of new Bridge

- Friday 9 - 1.20 pm Year 1 Pedestrian
Training

- Monday 12-16 - SATs Week

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all those pupils and staff who dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day.

Well done a great variety of costumes!

Hope you have managed to spend your vouchers.



CONGRATULATIONS - 'SPORT RELIEF'

Mufty day raised £215.00 and a special **BIG** thank you to Year 6 for all their fundraising efforts, they raised a massive £250.00! A great day was had by everyone!



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thank you to all those pupils and parents who took part in our St Patrick's Day celebration after school on Monday 17 March. Years 2, 3 and 4's entertainment was wonderful and the Irish dancing was a real treat. School raised just over £180.00 from the tasty refreshments for school fund. Thank you all.



WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the Year 5 pupils who took part in the 'Library Quiz' at Thimblemill Library and came **first**. What an achievement, they will now enter a Grand Final against other winning teams from other Sandwell areas. Good Luck.

LENTON APPEAL - FATHER HUDSON SOCIETY

Please remember to return your Father Hudson Appeal collection boxes after the Easter Holiday. Thank you.

NO FOOTBALLS PLEASE

Please remember no balls/footballs are allowed to be played with before or after school in the playground. We have had two incidents recently of a small child been hit by a ball.

I _____ the parent of _____

have received the April Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

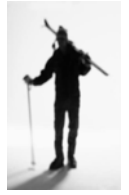
OWN CLOTHES ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

I am sure it has already filtered through to you, the School Council asked if pupils could wear their own clothes on their Birthday, which was given approval. We will now be able to wish children a 'Happy Birthday' on their special day.



QUIZ QUESTION

Which member of the Royal family has recently walked to the South pole with a team of injured British Servicemen?



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q Why was everyone so tired on April 1st?



A They had just finished a March of 31 days!!

ATTENDANCE

CHANGE OF STAFF

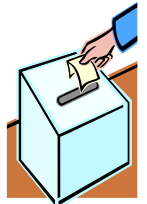
We are pleased to welcome Miss K Vanstone to St Gregory's School after we return from the Easter holiday on 28 April 2014.

Miss Vanstone will be teaching in the Reception Class as Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Leader of Learning. We hope she will be very happy with us.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

School will be closed on **Thursday 22 May** for Local and European elections.

We will be open on Friday 23 May prior to the half-term holiday week.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS - FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGE 1

The Government has set out its plan to give all pupils in England free lunches for their first three years in school. From Reception to Year 2.

The Schools Minister David Laws has stressed the health, educational and economic benefits of the plan. He said;

“We know from pilots that children in schools that offer universal free school meals are academically months ahead of their peers and also more likely to eat vegetables at lunchtime instead of less healthy food”

Once the school receives further information from our providers Fresh about menus we will keep you informed.



Easter Reflection



Easter is the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Jesus is the Son of God and he gave his life to die for our sins. On the third day after He died Easter Sunday His friends went to His tomb, and found that He had risen from the dead. They saw an angel who told them, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said it would happen."

This Eastertime let us remember that:

God loves us - The Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" **Jesus offers us the gift of eternal life.**

We make mistakes - All of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong this separates us from God. We can ask Jesus Christ to forgive our sins and pray to him.

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins.
Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life.
I ask you in to my life and heart to be my Lord and Saviour.
I want to serve you always."
Amen