



ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"



NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

School closes Thursday 22 October for the half term holiday



DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Monday 2 School re-opens
Tuesday 3 Yr.1 Accident Prevention talk
Tuesday 10 2.30 pm Bishop Pargeter will be visiting Year 6
 7.00 p.m. Confirmation - Church

Wednesday 11 Year 2 School Nurse talk
Thursday 12 Year 5 10.00 am Mass at Church
 2.00 pm - 30 pupils to attend presentation to Julie McKirdy, Thimblemill Library - receiving her BEM medal for services to the community

Friday 13 'Children in Need' Mufty day
 2.45pm Remembrance Assembly

Monday 16-20 Anti Bullying week
Thursday 19 10.00 am Year 4 Mass
Sunday 22 11.00 am Going Forth Mass
Monday 23 Book Fair Week
 2.00 pm Yrs. 1 & 2 Nasal flu Immunisation

Friday 27 6.00-8.00 pm Craft Fayre

DATES FOR DECEMBER

Friday 4 Christmas Disco - details to follow
Monday 7-11 'I can do it week'
Tuesday 8 10.00 a.m. Carol Concert
Wednesday 9 Yrs. 2-6 Alexandra Theatre 'Gangster Granny'
Thursday 10 Foundation Stage - Ash End House Farm visit
Monday 14 2.00 pm KS2 Performance
 7.00 pm KS2 Performance
Tuesday 15 9.30 am Foundation Stage - Nativity
 2.00 pm KS1 Performance
Wednesday 16 Yrs. 1-6 Christmas Parties
Thursday 17 'Mufty Day' - Wear a Christmas Jumper' in aid of Save the Children
 Foundation Stage - Christmas parties

Friday 18 9.00 am Mass in School
 Christmas Lunch
School closes at 1.30 p.m.
 for Christmas holidays

School re-opens Monday 4 January 2016

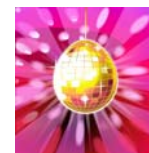
CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DISCO - FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

Arrangements for the Disco are the same as last year:

Reception - Year 2 2.00 - 3.25 p.m.
 Year 3 - 6 3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

There will be a £2.50 charge which includes a cone of chips and drink along with the disco.

Letter to follow.



CONFIRMATION

The Right Reverend Philip Pargeter, Bishop of Birmingham will be confirming the children on Tuesday 10 November at 7.00 p.m.



POPPIES

Poppies are on sale and we are asking for donations of at least 20p per poppy. Please support this worthwhile cause.



HARVEST

Thank you for your contributions to our Harvest. Each small act of kindness that you made enabled us to send an enormous amount of food and clothing to the Fireside Centre for the Homeless in Birmingham. Well done!

INHALERS

If your child has to use an inhaler would you please ensure they have an up-to-date inhaler in school with their name on so the correct one is used. Thank you for your co-operation



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 5 for their excellent attendance although all classes overall attendance was very good. Well done.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children should be in full winter uniform after the half term holiday in line with school policy.

May I remind you to please label your children's school uniform clearly especially cardigans and jumpers. Thank you.

YEAR 5 PYRAMID CONCERT

Why not join us at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 7.00 p.m. and enjoy a 'Celebration through Music'. Year 5 will be taking part and the concert features the music of 'Musical Stars from the Midlands'. Tickets are £8.00 each, obtainable from the school office.

CHILDREN IN NEED MUFTY DAY - DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE 'SUPERHERO'

We are again supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 13 November.

For the charge of £1.00 children will be able either choose to dress as a Superhero or not to wear their uniform for the day. Join in the occasion and raise money for Pudsey.

'GANGSTER GRANNY' - BIRMINGHAM ALEXANDRA THEATRE

A theatre visit for Years 2 - 6 has been arranged for Wednesday 9 December. David Walliams book character Ben knows Friday nights are about to get exciting when he stays with his Granny as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime!

Please remember to return your completed form and payment of (£17.00) to school to enjoy this exciting production.

CRAFT FAYRE

Friday 27 November 6.00 - 8.00p.m. in the School Hall - if you would like to book a table call into the school office, £5 per table.

Please come and join us and enjoy the many craft stalls, tombola, Irish coffee/refreshments including HOT TURKEY BAPS. Please donate a cake (shop bought or home made which we can sell on the evening).

If you have any gifts suitable for the tombola stall we would be very grateful. Hopefully you will be able to buy some early Christmas gifts.

All proceeds to School Fund.



QUIZ QUESTION

What is the name of the book that celebrities are writing to raise money for Children in Need?



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER!

- Q. How many books can you put in an empty back pack?
- A. One! After that it's not empty!



FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the school football team who have won their recent football matches very convincingly - St Gregory's v. George Betts 10 - 2 St Gregory's v. Langley Primary 6 - 2
Fantastic results!



NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS

All Saints' Day, 1st November

All Saints Day is a feast day which celebrates all the saints, known and unknown. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary or their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, were properly honoured.

All Souls Day, 2nd November

All Souls' Day is a day of alms giving and prayers for the dear. The Church commemorates all of those who have died and now are in Purgatory, being cleansed of their sins.

Remembrance Day, 11th November

World War I officially ended on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month, 1918 - Armistice Day. The act of a Two Minute Silence began on the anniversary of Armistice Day in 1919 by those who did not want to forget the millions killed, injured and affected.

This year we will be giving the children a commemorative bookmark on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of The Great War 1914 - 1918.

REMEMBRANCE

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon Them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



May the souls of the faithful departed,
Through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

I _____ the parents of _____

have received the November 2015 Newsletter Signed: _____

The answer to the quiz question is: