



# ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## "LOVING AND LEARNING"

### JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to you all. May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy. On behalf of St Gregory's Governors and Staff thank you for all the generous gifts we received at Christmas

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - January 2015

- Wednesday 7 - 6.00 pm Year 2 Parents SATs  
7.00 pm Year 6 Parents SATs meeting - School Hall
- Thursday 8 - 9.00 am Yr.1 Reading Workshop  
10.00 am Year 4 Mass
- Monday 12 - Year 6 Booster Sessions starts 3.30 - 4.00 pm
- Tuesday 13 - 10.00 am Year 5 Swimming begins - 11 weeks
- Thursday 15 - Closing date for Reception/ Year 3 Admission application forms for September 2015  
- Dance Club 3.40 - 4.40 p.m.
- Wednesday 28 - Year 4 Tree planting Warley Woods
- February**
- Monday 2-6 - Parents Week
- Wednesday 4 - Parents Evening
- Friday 6 - Year 1 Pedestrian Training
- Monday 9-13 - 'I can do it week'
- Thursday 12 - Year 5 'Pyramid Concert' - 'The Music of Elton John' at Birmingham Town Hall  
Tickets are £8.00 each and are available from the School Office. Please come along and join in the fun .
- Friday 13 - Year 1 Pedestrian Training  
- **School closes - Half term**
- Monday 23 - School re-opens**

#### SNOW DESK INFORMATION



During the winter months and the possibility of snow please keep an eye on the school website [www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk) for any updates on school closures. School will notify Sandwell Council who will then inform local media/radio stations of closure and update Sandwell Facebook and Twitter to give parents instant notice. We will continue to send text messages, these have proven very successful as a means of informing you of school arrangements during any severe weather conditions. **Please remember to inform school of any changes in mobile phone numbers.**

#### A REMINDER

Holidays cannot be authorised as previously explained in our previous letter unless there is exceptional circumstances.

In line with our school attendance policy we may refer unauthorised leave of absence to the Attendance and Prosecution Service. Such a referral may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued

It is inappropriate for children in Year 6 or Year 2 to have any holiday leave during this vital year. Similarly all children sit tests **during the week of May 11 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 15 May 2015.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to give in messages or letters.

#### LARGE PRINT

If anyone would like a copy of the Newsletters or any other school correspondence in large print please contact the school office.

I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of \_\_\_\_\_  
have received the January Newsletter. Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer to the Quiz question is: \_\_\_\_\_

## SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2015

### RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.10 and 31.08.11 are due to start school in September 2015. Please ensure that your child is registered, children are not automatically awarded a place if they are in Nursery or if they have an older sibling in school. The school cannot accept responsibility for the non registration of children.

### NURSERY

If your child was born between 01.09.11 and 31.08.12 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 6 February 2015. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter which will be posted before the Easter holiday.

### COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Pupils need to be collected by the designated adult. We will not let your children go with an adult we are not informed about. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.

We have both elasticated/ordinary ties on sale at £4.00 at the School Office.

May I please remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket.

School bags are available from the school office, back packs £7.00, book bags £5.00 and pump bags £3.00.



## MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?

A. Because she will Let it go!!



## QUIZ QUESTION

Which country did Paddington Bear originally live in, according to the story book?

**Dates for your Diary - Year 2 Thursday 16 April Inspire workshop at 9.00 a.m.**

**Saturday 18 April Mass at 5.00 p.m.**

**Year 3 Saturday 13 June at 12.00 - First Holy Communion**

## MONTHLY REFLECTION - The Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. 'The Epiphany' means a showing, a revealing and an enlightening. The 'Wise men' represent all the peoples of the world they know of the prophecies of the infant king the Saviour of the world. Through them Jesus' arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the Lord had come to save **all** people. The feast shows us two aspects of our faith; the presence of the Son of God being revealed and God's desire to save all peoples made clear.

### A FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, like the three Wise men  
we are here today to worship you, Jesus.

We have no gold,  
but we give you our love.

We have no frankincense,  
we give you our prayers.

We have no Myrrh,  
so we give you ourselves.

Amen

