

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Part of St Catherine of Siena Academy

"LOVING & LEARNING"

MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - MAY

- Monday 2 - **School closed - May Day**
- Tuesday 3 - **7.00pm** Year 3 Parents Catechesis
- Thursday 5 - **School closed - Elections Staff Training Day**
- Monday 9 - 13 - SATS Week
- Tuesday 10 - **7.00pm** Year 3 Parents Catechesis
- Reception Class visual screening checks
- Friday 13 - **9.00am** Reception Class Assembly
- Tuesday 17 - **7.00pm** Year 3 meeting regarding First Holy Communion
- Thursday 19 - Year 5 Inspire
- Friday 20 - Premier Sport Competition KS1 and Year 3
- Saturday 21 - **5.00pm** Year 5 Mass
- Monday 23 - Year 5 Puberty Talk (letters to follow)
- Tuesday 24 - Year 3 visit to St Chads Cathedral - Good Shepherd Mass
- Friday 27 - Premier Sport Competition Years 4,5 and 6
- **School closes**
- ## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JUNE
- Monday 6 - **School re-opens**
- Year 6 Transition Talk - Nurse in school
- Thursday 9 - Year 6 Inspire
- DECCA talk to Year 6 (Topic: Drugs and Alcohol)
 - DECCA Assembly to KS1 (Topic: Medicine)
- Friday 10 - **9.00am** Year 4 Assembly
- Saturday 11 - Year 3 First Holy Communion
- Thursday 16 - **6.00pm** Year 5 Show-The Amazing Adventures of Librarian Lil
- Friday 17 - **3.45pm to 6.00pm** School Fayre
- Monday 20 - 24 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Tuesday 21 - KS2 MAC Sports Day at Hadley Stadium
- Induction meetings (Nursery 7.00pm and Reception 8.00pm)

WEATHER

Please remember to send your child with a waterproof coat during this very changeable weather especially if they are swimming. Don't forget to bring in your sun cream and sun hats should the weather improve.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2016

Many thanks for the 'Active Kids' vouchers which finishes on 8 July. If you have any vouchers at home please send them to school for counting! Thank



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - THURSDAY 30 JUNE

On Thursday 30 June at 3.00pm we will be having a Summer Concert where all our musicians and singers will be taking part.

Violins, Brass and Drum players will be showcasing their talents and the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 will delight us with their singing.

Please come along and support the children and

LENTON APPEAL - FATHER HUDSON SOCIETY

Thank you for your donations for the Father Hudson Appeal. We have raised a magnificent £405.00 for the charity! Well done to everyone!



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. How can you tell if the ocean is friendly?



QUIZ QUESTION

What is the name of the toy cowboy in Toy Story?



SCHOOL DINNERS

A reminder to parents that school meals have now increased to £2.10. Please remember to send your money to the school office in an envelope with your child's name and the amount. Thank you in advance!

WELL DONE

Thank you for your continued support raising funds for the many different charities we support. It really is greatly appreciated!

We raised £262 from the St. George's celebrations in addition to the £188 mufty day contributions. The money from non uniform will go the Friends of St Gregory's who fundraise monies to purchase items for the school. They have recently purchased sports equipment from the funds raised.

If you would like to donate to the Summer Fayre tombola and/or raffle or if you would like to hire a table to sell your own products please contact Friends of St Gregory's.

ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 6 July - The Nursery will be closed for the new September 2016 intake
- Friday 8 July - Whole school summer trip
- Year 1 and 2 to Twycross Zoo
- Year 3, 4 and 5 Closer to the Edge
- Thursday 14 July - School closes
- Summer Disco



SATs and TESTING

The children work exceptionally hard to achieve their best. We are always very proud of the efforts and progress that they make. Please ensure that during the next few weeks the children are well rested and prepared for their tests. It is a time to be rewarded for all their hard work!

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance %	97.1	97.6	98.2	96.5	96.5	97.4
Authorised Absences %	2.9	1.9	1.8	3.5	3.5	2.6
Unauthorised Absences %	0	0.4	0	0	0	0
No. of Children	30	30	30	30	30	30

Well done to Year 3 for their excellent atten-



SCHOOL TRIPS

We appreciate your support for our school trips and hope that the option to pay in instalments is useful to you all. We are looking forward to creating exciting opportunities for the children, giving them many memories that will last a lifetime



PARKING

Could we please ask parents not to park down the main drive from the Park Road entrance when dropping or collecting children. We also kindly ask you to ensure that at no point you block the entrance with your car.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Could I please remind you to collect your child promptly at the end of the school day. We do seem to have a number of children left by the office waiting

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

MONTHLY REFLECTION



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. During the month of May we rejoice and pay homage to her. Our lady shows us the way to Jesus, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Jesus also. This month of devotions in the church calendar is characterised by special hymns and the use of flowers, which bring nature into the church. There are several Marian feast days in May, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

St Catherine was one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day, although she never had any formal education. She ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church and remains a greatly respected figure for her spiritual writings, and political boldness to “speak truth to power” - this was exceptional for a woman, in her time period.



Prayer for St Catherine of Siena

St Catherine, Most blessed and favoured patron saint,
Who sought the truth with perseverance, loved the truth in humility,
taught the truth in charity and defended the truth with courage.

Pray for us.

Obtain for us the grace to persevere in truth,
the grace to be a light in the darkest of the times in which we live,
and obtain for us the responsibility, wisdom and knowledge we need to convey to
others in our words and actions our Catholic faith.

O Holy St Catherine, whose letters inspired, guided and led the church to
renewal and transformation,

Obtain too for us the grace to live in the truth,

The patience to endure trials and hardships,

And the grace to carry our cross in the spirit of prayer and self-denial

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