

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Part of the St Catherine of Siena Academy





TERM BEGINS MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 RECEPTION RE-OPENS MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017 AND NURSERY RE-OPENS TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Water Bottles

Pupils will be issued with new bottles in September. These are the only bottles pupils should use as they fit under the water coolers. The first bottle is free, however if they lose it or need a replacement a charge of £1.00 will be made.

School Uniform

Thank you for adhering to the school uniform code. Please continue to ensure your child/children have the correct footwear at all times. Children will be asked to change into black pumps if this is not the case.

Please ensure that children return to school in full school uniform and no extreme haircuts please (now is the time to have your child's ears pierced so they will have time to heal before September). Please don't forget to label all items of clothing. Pupils may come back in summer uniform until half-term.

Edgmond Hall / Plas Gwynant visit - 11th to 15th September

Final payments for the Edgmond Hall and Plas Gwynant visits should be made by Friday 1st September. Please ensure all outstanding monies are paid for by this date. Thank you!

Disco

There are still tickets available for the Disco. Last day to purchase them will be Friday 14th July 2017. Tickets will be distributed to children on the day. Please keep an eye out on the weather forecast. As usual, we will aim to go outside. Fingers crossed for dry weather, do not forget you will be able to pay on the door.

Attendance

The overall attendance for this academic year for the whole school was 96%. Congratulations to the 18 pupils who achieved 100% this year.

Thanks

A special thank you to you our parents for your continued support you give to school. As a community of Faith we strive to work together to make your child's/children's experience at school a happy and supportive one. We are always looking at doing the best we can to make the school as good as it can be. A special thank you to those parents that have assisted us on our trips, helped walk the children to and from church and the swimming baths. Thank you.

Dolce and Schoolcomms

This year has involved a period of transition for the way parents pay for trips and order school dinners. Thank you all for adapting these new procedures and working with the school office to ensure the transition ran as smooth as possible. If you have not already registered for either system please do so asap.

Fundraising

The recent charity event for Cystic Fibrosis raised £354.79. Thank you so much for your kind generosity. I know our family in school greatly appreciate your kindness. Can I extend my thanks for your kindness for all our fundraising events namely: Sports Relief, Father Hudsons Good Shepherd Appeal, St Marys Hospice, Children in Need, British Heart Foundation, Brain Tumour and Acorns Trust.

CONGRATULATIONS - House Points Winners

Well done to **St Cecelia** who were the winners of the House Point Cup. Well done to all the children in this team - a brilliant effort!

School Trips

In order to enrich our thematic curriculum we regularly organise trips to support the children's learning. We recognise the cost implication of this and thank you for your continued financial support.

Save the Dates

In September, part of the school grounds will benefit from a well-needed makeover due to a Colourful Communities Project facilitated by one of our parents. The Early Years Playground, school railing, Spiritual Garden and surrounding areas will be transformed into a colourful, stimulating learning environment. PPG will supply the paint and wood protection products, many employees are volunteering their services, however if you have the time on **Friday 29th September** please come along and volunteer as we need as many hands as possible. The following **Friday, the 6th October** is our celebration afternoon. Everyone is invited to join in the celebrations to commemorate the revamped school premises.

School Summary

It has been a pleasure working with your children this year. The children enjoy coming to school and participating in their lessons. Their behaviour and code of conduct is of a high standard and this is reflected in their achievements both academically and socially.

Congratulations to all children in Years 2 and 6 on their excellent SATs results. Your hard work has definitely paid off and a special thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to achieve such high standards.

We look forward to a new year together, welcoming our new children and staff. During 2017/2018 we will see many changes to our school, namely the Key Stage 2 extension and the new outdoor classroom, exciting projects which will benefit our children, now and in future years.

Mrs K Bickley Head Teacher