

ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



**School closes Wednesday 23 October
for the half term holiday**



DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Monday 4	School re-opens
Tuesday 5	2.45 pm Bishop Pargeter will be visiting Year 6 7.00 p.m. Confirmation - Church
Thursday 7	10.00 am Year 3 Mass - Church
Friday 8	9.30 am Year 6 Heights & Weights 2.45 pm Remembrance Service
Monday 11-14	Book Fair Week
Friday 15	'Children in Need' Mufty day
Sunday 17	11.00 am Year 6 Going Forth Mass
Thursday 21	9.00 am Year 1 Inspire Workshop
Saturday 23	5.00 pm Year 1 Mass
Sunday 24	11.00 am Year 3 Going Forth Mass
Thursday 28	9.00 am Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Friday 29	6.00-8.00 pm Craft Fayre

DATES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 1	11.00 pm Year 2 Mass
Monday 2-6	'I can do it' week
Thursday 5	Years 2-6 Birmingham Old Rep - Tom's Midnight Garden
Friday 6	Christmas Disco - details to follow
Tuesday 10	10.00 a.m. Carol Concert Year 1 Edgmond Hall visit
Friday 13	Mufty Day wear a 'Christmas Jumper' in aid of Save the Children 9.00 am Reception hearing test
Monday 16	2.00 pm KS2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17	2.00 pm KS1 Performance
Wednesday 18	pm Whole school Christmas Parties 7.00 pm KS2 Performance
Thursday 19	Foundation Stage Performance
Friday 20	9.00 am Mass Christmas Lunch School closes at 1.30 p.m.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

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!

CRAFT FAYRE

Friday 29 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.



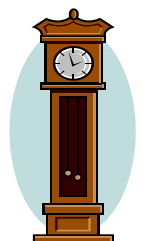
CHILDREN IN NEED MUFTY DAY - 'DRESS IN ONE COLOUR FROM HEAD TO TOE!'

We are again supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 15 November.

For the charge of £1.00 children are entitled not to wear their school uniform for the day. Join in the occasion and raise money for Pudsey.

QUIZ QUESTION

In the story of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' how many times does the grandfather clock in the hallway chime?



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DISCO - FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER

We are slightly changing the format again this year to enable all children to attend the Disco. Arrangements are as follows;

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.

Pupils will need to be collected at 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. respectively from their normal exits - letter to follow.



CONFIRMATION



The Right Reverend Philip Pargeter, Bishop of Birmingham will be confirming the children on Tuesday 5 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.



Thimblemill Library Children's Survey

Do your children use Thimblemill Library? Then let them have their say about Thimblemill Library.

Please bring your children down to the Library next week or during half term and encourage them to complete a short children's survey about library services. Every completed entry will receive a raffle ticket to enter a free prize draw. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 6 for their excellent attendance this will take some beating, lets see what the other classes can do.

SAFEGUARDING

For your Information

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School has policies and procedures in place for safeguarding and child protection these are reviewed annually and follow Sandwell Local Authority guidance.

We all have a responsibility for safeguarding children and young people. It is difficult to understand, but children can be hurt, put at risk of harm or abused, regardless of their age, gender, religion or ethnicity. Safeguarding legislation and government guidance says that safeguarding means:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development
- ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- taking action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcome

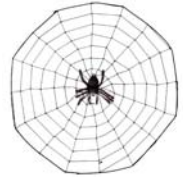
INHALERS

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

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER!

Q. Why did the Spider cross the road?

A. To get to his web-site!!



NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS

All Saints' Day, 1st November

All Saint 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.



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

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Can you help?

We have two vacancies on the Governing Body for a Foundation parent and an elected Parent Governor.

The Governors meet twice each term and meetings last for approximately an hour.

Being part of the Governing Body is extremely interesting, rewarding and of great value to the school.

Application forms are available from the school office, if you require any further information please contact Mrs J Middleton, Clerk to the Governors, at school.

I _____ the parents of _____

have received the November 2013 Newsletter Signed: _____

The answer to the quiz question is: