

St Gregory's Catholic School

September 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

September:

Monday 11th–15th Plas Gwynant & Edgmond Hall Trips

Monday 18th – Parents can apply for Reception 2018 places online at:

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200303/school_admissions/349/apply_for_a_school_place

Tuesday 19th - Nursery class starts

Friday 22nd – Colourful Communities Project. **All volunteers welcome to help improve the grounds (Please not change of date)**

Tuesday 26th – 6.30pm to 8.30pm Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th – Whole School Photographs

October:

Friday 6th – Celebration Afternoon (Colourful Communities Project - Details to follow)

Monday 9th – 13th I Can Do It Week

Tuesday 10th – 6.30pm First Confessions Year 3&6

Monday 16th -20th Multi Faith Week

Thursday 19th – **Term Ends**

Friday 20th – Training Day

October 30th – **Start of Term**

School Meals - Dolce

I am pleased to let you know that the online service is working well into the new academic year. Thank you to everyone who has ordered meals and registered for direct debit payments. Address as follows:

<https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fcashless>

If you have not set up direct debit payments this will show on your account as a debt and you will be contacted by Dolce directly with regards to the debt. Please note school will not deal with any payments.

Can I emphasise the importance of ordering the meals with your child/children in advance; facility in school is currently available but could be limited in future.

May I please remind you not to send sweets with your child's packed lunch. We like to encourage the children to eat a healthy lunch.

The price of toast is now 30p per day. Please send the correct amount with your child if they wish to buy some at break time.

Head Teachers News: The building of the outdoor classroom is progressing well. During this academic year we hope to utilise this space to promote Art, Science and Forest Schools learning. This will greatly enhance our curriculum.

Any other business:

Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their new school uniform. We appreciate how much this costs therefore please make sure your child's clothes are clearly labelled in case they are mislaid. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Pump bags - Can you please ensure all children have their P.E. kit in school. Children should not sit out in P.E. lessons as they are entitled to 2 hours physical exercise per week.

Please remember your child will need a school bag for taking books etc. home. Bags are available from the school office, back packs £8.50, book bags £5.50 and pump bags £4.50.

Schoolcomms

We received much positive feedback from parents in regards to our new online system. Thank you all for your co-operation with adapting to our new procedures. A reminder to parents and particularly to those who children have joined us in September that you will need to download Schoolcomms from your app store (Android & iPhone) or visit the website www.schoolgateway.com to register.

Future Dates for your Diary

12th December – 2.00pm Key Stage 1 Performance

13th December - 9.30am Foundation Stage Performance

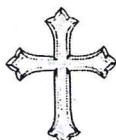
18th December – 2.00pm Key Stage 2 Performance
7.00pm Key Stage 2 Performance

REFLECTION FOR THE START OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Let us begin this new school year in hope, in faith and friendship. In this coming year, may there be learning, prayer, and fun. We know there will be times of hard work, times of difficulties and change. We also know there will be times of successes and challenges. May no one in school be lonely; May no one be left out in class; May no one suffer because of how others treat them.

Father, we thank you for St Gregory's community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in faith.

We pray for all involved in our school, that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.



On behalf of myself and the staff a big thank you for your generous gifts at the end of the Summer term. Your generosity is much appreciated.

DISCO

Thank you to everyone who attended our Leavers Disco. The Year 6 children enjoyed the event. We made the grand sum of £1000.00. Thank you to all those who supported the event and made it such a success.

HOLIDAY DATES 2017 / 18

Autumn Term 2017

- Fri 1 September (Training Day - School closed to pupils)
- Mon 4 September Start of Term - School opens
- Fri 20 October (Training Day - School closed to pupils)
- 23 to 27 October Half Term
- Thu 21 December End of Term - School closes for Christmas
- Fri 22 December (Training Day - School closed to pupils)

Spring Term 2018

- Mon 8 January Start of Term - School opens
- 19 to 23 February Half Term
- Thu 29 March End of Term - School closes for Easter

Summer Term 2018

- Mon 16 April Start of Term - School opens
- Mon 7 May May Day Bank Holiday
- 28 May to 1 June Half Term
- Thu 19 July End of Term - School closes for Summer
- Fri 20 July (Training Day - School closed to pupils)

