

# ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

## NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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



### DATES FOR NOVEMBER

<b>Monday 3</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
Tuesday 4	2.30 pm Bishop Pargeter will be visiting Year 6 7.00 p.m. Confirmation - Church
Thursday 6	10.00 am Year 3 Mass - Church
Friday 7	2.45 pm Remembrance Service
Monday 10-14	Book Fair Week
Friday 14	'Children in Need' Mufty day
Sunday 16	11.00 am Year 6 Going Forth Mass
Monday 17-21	Anti Bullying week Book Fair week
Friday 21	Year 1 Night Walk - Warley Woods
Saturday 22	5.00 pm Year 1 Mass
Sunday 23	11.00 am Year 3 Going Forth Mass
Thursday 27	10.15 am Year 4 - Fire Training 3.00-5.45 pm Pupils Art Exhibition - Hall
Friday 28	6.00-8.00 pm Craft Fayre

### DATES FOR DECEMBER

Monday 1-5	'I can do it' week
Thursday 4	9.00 am Year 1 Workshop 10.00am Year 1 Mass Friends of St Gregory's Christmas Fayre
Friday 5	Years 2-6 Birmingham Old Rep - 'Horrible Christmas' Christmas Disco - details to follow
Tuesday 9	10.00 a.m. Carol Concert
Thursday 11	9.00am Foundation Performance 2.00pm Foundation Performance
Friday 12	Mufty Day wear a 'Christmas Jumper' in aid of Save the Children
Monday 15	Foundation Stage - Hatton Farm Park visit 2.00 pm KS2 Performance
Tuesday 16	2.00 pm KS1 Performance 7.00 pm KS2 Performance
Wednesday 17	pm Whole school Christmas Parties

Friday 19 9.00 am Mass in School  
Christmas Lunch  
**School closes at 1.30 p.m. for Christmas holidays**

**School re-opens Monday 5 January 2015**

### Academy Update

Conversion to Academy status will commence from April 2015 to the

### St Catherine of Siena Academy

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.

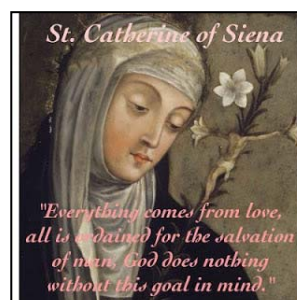
She said

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

The Academy seeks to

- Continue to **raise achievement of all our pupils**
- Gain financial benefit
- Most importantly secure and **protect our Catholic identity**

Thank you to parents who attended the consultation meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and for all parents who submitted questions prior to the meeting. Responses to these were fully addressed in the meeting. Please re read the consultation booklet sent out on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October for further details.



## **CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS DISCO - FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER**

Arrangements for the Disco are the same as last year:

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.

Letter to follow.



## **CONFIRMATION**



The Right Reverend Philip Pargeter,  
Bishop of Birmingham will be confirming the children on Tuesday 4 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.



## **Messy Church - St Hilda's**

Join us for craft, songs, stories and food on Sunday 26 October 3 - 5 p.m. at St Hilda's Church Hall, Abbey Road, Warley Woods.

This is a community event and everyone is welcome, all ages from 0-99 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for this event so bring all the family.

Our theme this month is "Who is my neighbour".

## **ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to Year 5 for their excellent attendance although all classes overall attendance was very good. Well done.

## **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

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

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

## **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

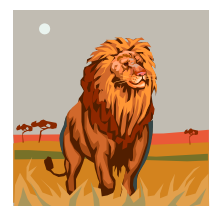


## **YEAR 5 PYRMID CONCERT**

Why not join us at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.00 p.m. and enjoy a 'Celebration through Music'. This year it will feature the music of Elton John. Tickets are £8.00 each, obtainable from the school office.

## **QUIZ QUESTION**

What is the name of the Lion in The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe?



### **'HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS' - BIRMINGHAM OLD REP**

A theatre visit to look forward to on Friday 5 December. When Christmas comes under threat from a jolly man dressed in red, it's up to one young boy to save the day - but can he save Christmas?

Please remember to return your completed form and payment (£17.00) to school to enjoy an exciting production.

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

We are again supporting 'Children in Need' on Friday 14 November.

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

### **CRAFT FAYRE**

Friday 28 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.

All proceeds to School Fund.



### **MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER!**

Q. What has teeth but cannot eat?

A. A comb !!!!



### **NOVEMBER REFLECTIONS**

#### **All Saints' Day, 1st November**

All Saints 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.

This year we will be giving the children a commemorative bookmark on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of The Great War 1914 - 1918.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REMEMBRANCE</b> 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</p>	
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I \_\_\_\_\_ the parents of \_\_\_\_\_

have received the November 2014 Newsletter

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

The answer to the quiz question is: