

# St Gregory's Catholic School



## March 2019 Newsletter

To love all those with whom we come into contact as taught to us by Jesus through the Gospels.  
To learn to the best of our ability using our God given talents.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Dates for March 2019:

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> - Hagley High talk with Year 6 pupils
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Phonics Workshop  
**10.00am Whole School Mass Ash Wednesday**
- Thu 7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - **9.00am** Year 3 Assembly
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Animation Theme Day  
1.30pm Year 3 Healthy Eating Talk
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> - **Nursery Red Nose Day (£1.50)**  
**10.00am** Years 5 & 6 Mass
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - **Red Nose Day (£1.50)**
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Parents consultation week  
St Patrick's Day (wear green £1.00)
- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening **3.40pm - 6.00pm**
- Thu 21<sup>st</sup> - **10.00am** Year 4 Mass.
- Thu 28<sup>th</sup> - **10.00am** Year 3 Mass
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> - **9.00am** Year 5 Assembly
- #### April 2019:
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> - I Can Do It Week
- Thu 4<sup>th</sup> - **10.00am** Year 2 Mass
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - **9.00am** Year 1W Assembly
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Holy Week
- Thu 11<sup>th</sup> - **10.00am** Year 1 Mass
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - **School Closes for Easter Break**
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> - **School Reopens**  
Vocations Week
- Tue 30<sup>th</sup> - **9.30am** Year 5 Puberty Talk

Attendance for February. Well Done  
Year 2 for their excellent attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1C	93.4
Year 1W	95.7
Year 2	95.8
Year 3	90.4
Year 4	90.7
Year 5	90.2
Year 6	91.9



### Catholic Life of the School, RE, Mission and Ethos

The priority for the school this year is to improve the children's knowledge of:

- The weekly Gospel Message.
- The lives of Saints and their feast days

The children are working hard in school in both of these areas. Please can I encourage you to support your child by regularly attending Mass and help with learning traditional prayers.

Our school website [www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk) has copies of the prayer booklets for each class. If you require copies please ask at the school office and we can provide one for you.

May I also take this opportunity to ask you to complete the attached parent questionnaire focussing on Religious Education? I would welcome responses from all parents even if you are not Catholic.

Your views are very important to us. Thank you.

### RESIDENTIAL VISITS (Current Year 4 & 5)

If you have not already done so please log onto School Gateway and pay the deposit for your child to go on this year's residential visit. Costs are:

- £235 for Plas Gwynant
- £200 for Edgmond Hall

If you do not wish your child to go please inform the office immediately as we have to confirm numbers with the centres. Please log onto School Gateway by either downloading the app (Android & iPhone) or visit the website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

### New Parents Evening System

Thank you to all parents who have successfully used the parents evening system to book your child's consultation meeting. If you have not booked your appointment then please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



## Reminders:

### Red Nose Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** Nursery will be taking part in Red Nose Day, please wear red and send in £1.50 for a red nose. The rest of the school will take part on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.



### St Patricks Day:

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be celebrating St Patricks Day. Children can wear green on this day for a £1.00 donation, which will go to School Fund.



### Lenton Appeal - Father Hudson Society:

We are again supporting the Father Hudson Appeal and have sent home the 'little house' collection boxes. Please return to the school office before the end of term.

### Toast:

If your child has toast at break time can you make sure you have sent in the correct money. It is **30p** a slice per day. **£1.50** weekly.

## Safety Issues.

Please do not allow your children to climb on the apparatus in the playground before or after school. This is for their own safety. **School is not responsible for accidents should they occur at these times.**

Car parking: Please remember to leave your car in a safe place, which will not impede the safety of our children.

## MONTHLY REFLECTION

### **A Good Deed Every Day!**

- | Doing a good deed will make you feel good and someone else happy.
- | It doesn't have to be something difficult or take a lot of time.
- | A good deed can be a kind word or a smile. If it makes someone happy it's a good deed
- | Try very hard to think of things you can do to help those around you.
- | Ask those who care for you if you can help with chores.
- | Sometimes we expect lots of things to be done for us without offering anything in return.



### The season of Lent

Lent is a time to commit to God with all our hearts and it is also a time to renew our friendship with God. We can hear and ponder God's word in the scriptures more deeply.

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) offers us a rich text to read. There are two main characters - the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. Lazarus may have been anonymous to the rich man but he was not to God. Lazarus was comforted by God. He was a precious gift, a priceless treasure to be cherished, embraced and loved. The rich man did not recognise Lazarus' virtues, he saw him only as a beggar. Remember we are all precious in God's eyes.

So, during this time of Lent, let us reflect on repenting our sins, asking for God's forgiveness and listening to God's word. Please journey through Lent with 'The Walk with Me' booklets and familiarise yourselves again with the scripture.

Mrs Bickley will be working as an Executive Head Teacher for two days a week as of week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March; Mr Boodell will act as Head of the school for those two days. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.