



St Gregory's Catholic School



December 2017 Newsletter

Loving and Learning

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

December:

Monday 4th - 8th I Can Do It Week

Tuesday 5th - **10.00am** Christmas Carol Concert
Foundation Stage - Outreach
Library Service to see children

Saturday 9th - **5.00pm** Year 6 Going Forth Mass

Tuesday 12th - **2.00pm** KS1 Xmas Performance

Wednesday 13th - **9.30am** Foundation Stage
Performance (2 tickets only)
pm Foundation Stage Party

Thursday 14th - Year 1 visit to Edgmond Hall

Friday 15th - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 18th - **2.00pm & 7.00pm** KS2
Performance (2 tickets only for each
performance)

Tuesday 19th - Years 2-6 Theatre Trip "101
Dalmatians"

Reception Classes- Sandwell
Nurses on site for Hands, teeth, height and
weight check

Wednesday 20th - **pm** KS1 & KS2 Parties

Thursday 21st - **9.00am** Mass (in school)
1.30pm Term Ends

Church Masses

Christmas Eve - 5.00pm and Midnight

Christmas Day - 9.00am and 11.00am

Dates for January 2018:

Monday 8th - School begins

Monday 15th - **Closing date for
Reception (September 2018) admissions**



Foundation and Key Stage 2 Performances

Places are limited to 200 so no more than two tickets per family at any one performance are available. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Tickets must be presented for the performance to ensure admittance. Children under 12 may not use tickets for the evening performance, nor will toddlers or babies be admitted to this performance. We trust that parents will not attempt to ignore this message as refusal of entry may cause offence.

Reminders

Break and Lunchtime

Could I please remind parents that children are not allowed chocolate or nuts in school. This is due to children who have allergies to these products. Please only send treats to school if it is your child's birthday. Also, morning snacks should be healthy e.g. fruit and cereal bars. Crisps are not permitted.

Pupils Arriving in School

Please ensure that your child is escorted to and from school especially during the dark mornings and evenings. Children are being dropped off/collected and running down the school drive unaccompanied. Please think of the children's safety.

Absences

If your child is absent from school then please notify the office before 8.45am on each day of absence. This is important for the Safeguarding and welfare of your child. **School number: 0121 429 4609**

Attendance for November. Well Done Year 6 for their excellent attendance.

Attendance	%
Year 1	94.6
Year 2	95.7
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	94.8
Year 5	97.4
Year 6	98.6





Children in Need

You raised the grand sum of **£220** for Children in Need. Congratulations!

REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

Sunday 3rd December 2017 marks the start of the season of Advent. It is a time when we wait and prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. The word Advent is derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming": the second coming of Christ at the end of time and his first coming among us as a tiny babe.

The first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays look backward to remembering Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings reflect on Christ's return in judgment, to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah, to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Christmas is the time we think of the birth of baby Jesus born in a manger, with Mary and Joseph beside him. The first witnesses of Christ's birth were the shepherds who were considered poor and lowly but were chosen. The angels announced in glory the birth of the savior for the first time to the shepherds. God chose the shepherds and not the kings and powerful or rich people.

Christmas is not just a day to remember and commemorate, it is not just a season to celebrate....Christmas is love. It is the time when the love of God is revealed to us and received by all people of goodwill, not only to the shepherds and the "magi" to whom the Lord has chosen to reveal, but also to us today.

Celebrating Christmas is celebrating God's love for us all. Christmas is the highlight of a joyful and hopeful time of waiting for the savior to come.

O God,
bless our family this Christmastime
bind us together by your love.
Give us kindness and patience
to support each other;
and wisdom in all we do.
Let the gift of your peace
come into our hearts
and remain with us.
Amen.



*The Governors and Staff would like to wish you a peaceful
Christmas and a Happy New Year*