



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to you all. May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy. On behalf of St Gregory's Governors and Staff thank you for all the generous gifts we received at Christmas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



January 2014

- Wednesday 8 - 7.00 pm Year 6 Parents SATs meeting - School Hall
- Friday 10 - 1.30 pm 10 Key Stage2 pupils, Thimblemill Library - Young Promoters
- Monday 13 - Year 6 Revision Club starts 3.30 - 4.00 pm
- Tuesday 14 - 10.00 am Years 3 & 5 Swimming begins - 11 weeks
- Wednesday 15 - Basket Ball Club 3.40-4.40 pm Closing date for Reception/ Year 3 Admission application forms for September 2014
- Friday - Multi Sports Club 3.40-4.40pm
- Thursday 30 - Yr.5 Inspire Workshop

February

- Saturday 1 - 5.00 pm Yr. 5 Mass
- Monday 3-7 - Parents Week
- Wednesday 5 - Parents Evening
- Friday 7 - 9.00 am Yr.4 Class Assembly
- Monday 10-14 - 'I can do it week'
- Wednesday 12 - 1.30 pm Year 4 Tree planting Warley Woods
1.30 pm Young Promoters Thimblemill Library
- Thursday 13 - Year 5 'Pyramid Concert' - 'The Music of Abba' at Birmingham Town Hall
- Friday 14 - **School closes - Half term**
- Monday 24 - **School re-opens**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to give in messages or letters.

SNOW DESK INFORMATION



BRMB F.M. (96.4) and Radio WM provides an emergency service for schools during severe weather conditions. Only schools which are closed are broadcast. Please do not phone the radio station or the school. A notice to close will be posted on the home page of the school website at

www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk

We will continue to send text messages, these have proven very successful as a means of informing you of school arrangements during any severe weather conditions. **Please remember to inform school of any changes in mobile phone numbers**

A REMINDER

Holidays cannot be authorised as explained in our previous letter sent out in October 2013 unless there is exceptional circumstances.

In line with our school attendance policy we may refer unauthorised leave of absence to the Attendance and Prosecution Service. Such a referral may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued

It is inappropriate for children in Year 6 or Year 2 to have any holiday leave during this vital year. Similarly all children sit tests **during the week of May 12 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 16 May 2014.

LARGE PRINT

If anyone would like a copy of the Newsletters or any other school correspondence in large print please contact the school office.

I _____ the parent of _____
 have received the January Newsletter. Signed _____
 Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2014

RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.09 and 31.08.10 are due to start school in September 2014. Please ensure that your child is registered, children are not automatically awarded a place if they are in Nursery or if they have an older sibling in school. The school cannot accept responsibility for the non registration of children.

NURSERY

If your child was born between 01.09.10 and 31.08.11 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 7 February 2014. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter which will be posted before the Easter holiday.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Pupils need to be collected by the designated adult. We will not let your children go with an adult we are not informed about. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.

We have ordinary ties on sale at £4.00 and are awaiting a delivery of elasticated ties, these will also be £4.00.

May I please remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket.

School bags are available from the school office, back packs £6.50, book bags £5.00 and pump bags £3.00.



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. Why did the man run round his bed?

A. To catch up on his sleep!!



QUIZ QUESTION

Which country is hosting this year's football World Cup?

MONTHLY REFLECTION - The Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. 'The Epiphany' means a showing, a revealing and an enlightening. The 'Wise men' represent all the peoples of the world they know of the prophecies of the infant king the Saviour of the world. Through them Jesus' arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the Lord had come to save **all** people. The feast shows us two aspects of our faith; the presence of the Son of God being revealed and God's desire to save all peoples made clear.

A FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, like the three Wise men
we are here today to worship you, Jesus.
We have no gold,
but we give you our love.
We have no frankincense,
we give you our prayers.
We have no Myrrh,
so we give you ourselves.
Amen

