

# ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## "LOVING AND LEARNING"

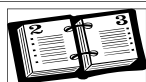
### JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



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 2008



- Wednesday 9 - Year 1 swimming  
Thursday 10 - Year 6 Parents Curriculum meetings; 8.15 a.m., 2.45p.m. & 7.00 p.m.  
Friday 18 - Year 3 Roman day - letter to follow  
Wednesday 23 - 7.00 p.m. First Holy Communion Meeting in the Guild Room

##### February

- w/c Monday 4 - Parent Consultations  
Parents Evening - letter to follow **this will follow the same format as last year**  
Friday 8 - 9.05 a.m. Year 3 Assembly  
School closes Half Term  
Monday 18 - School re-opens

#### SNOW DESK INFORMATION

BRMB F.M. (96.4) 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.

#### CHRISTMAS DISCO

Although all tickets were not sold this year we did raise the grand sum of £363.00. Thank you to all those who came in their 'Pirate' outfits. Any suggestions for next year's theme?

#### CRAFT FAYRE

Thank you for making the Craft Fayre a very successful evening, we raised £301.00 which will go towards new digital cameras.

#### LARGE PRINT

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

#### ACORNS

Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas productions this enabled us to send a cheque for £400.00 to Acorns.



#### ST MARY'S HOSPICE

We raised £200.00 for the St Mary's Hospice by asking the pupils and staff to sign the class Christmas card and donating £1.00. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.



#### POPPIES

This year the Poppy Appeal raised £119.49. Thank you for your continued support.

#### A REMINDER

There has been an increasing trend for families to arrange holidays in term time. The law is quite clear on this topic and states that holiday leave in term time is at the discretion of the school and not an automatic entitlement.

To request such leave you are required to complete a holiday form.

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 2008.

#### PE - SOCKS

In the interest of Health and Safety if you wish your child to wear socks with their PE pumps would you please put a spare pair in their pump bag for PE lessons.

#### QUIZ QUESTION

In the film 'The Golden compass' what is the correct name for the compass?



I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of \_\_\_\_\_

Have received the January Newsletter. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Answer to the Quiz question is: \_\_\_\_\_

## SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2008

### Reception

Children born between 01.09.03 and 31.08.04 are due to start school in September 2008. 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 01.09.04 and 31.08.05 then your child is eligible for a Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 8 February 2008. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter, which will be posted on Thursday 20 March 2008.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

## 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.



## MR COX'S JOKE CORNER

What would you get if you crossed an elephant with a kangaroo?

Big holes all over Australia!

## Norovirus (Winter Vomiting Disease)

In light of the recent media coverage of the above virus we have received guidelines from the Health Protection Agency which are listed below;

- All affected pupils should be sent home as soon as possible and remain absent until 48 hours following the last episode of diarrhoea and /or vomiting.
- Pupils to wash their hands after using the toilet, before tuck and lunchtime meal.

The school will of course follow the necessary guidelines with regard to cleaning within the school.

Please discuss the need for personal hygiene with your child and hopefully together we will keep any infection to a minimum.

Thank you for your co-operation.

