

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER - JULY 2006

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JULY

- Thursday 6 - Induction Day - Stuart Bathurst
- Cycling Proficiency Test
- 7.00 p.m. Year 6 pupils - 'One World Dance Festival
- Friday 7 - Year 6 Assembly
- Year 3 visit to 'Conkers'
- 2.45 p.m. Irish Dancing Exhibition
- Year 6 'Sleepover'
- Saturday 8 - 5.00 p.m. Youth Mass at Church
- Monday 10 - Year 5 Stuart Bathurst
- 1.30 p.m. Kerbcraft celebration in School Hall
- Tuesday 11 - Parents Evening
- Friday 14 - Year 6 Ice Skating, Solihull
- 7.30 p.m. Year 5 production Of 'Oliver' at Stuart Bathurst
- Monday 17 - Year 1 visit to 'Conkers'
- Tuesday 18 - Nursery - Telford Town Park
- 2.00 p.m. Year 6 Leavers performance of 'Treasure Island'
- Wednesday 19 - Nursery Graduation
- 7.00 p.m. Year 6 evening Performance of 'Treasure Island'
- Thursday 20 - 9.00 a.m. Leavers Mass in School
- Nursery Leavers Party
- 7.00-10.00 p.m. End of Year Disco and Firework display

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON
TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2006**



SCHOOL MEALS

I hope you have found the time to read the sample menus which Mrs Vanstone puts on the kitchen door each week. The wider variety, and fresh food have been well received by the children.

The cost of school meals is to be increased from September to £1.60 per day, £8.00 per week, as you will appreciate better quality fresh food is more expensive to provide.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On behalf of Staff and helpers, I would like to thank the parents and children in Year 3 for their beautiful gifts and flowers.

I am sure you will agree it was a lovely day and the children were a credit to you.

ARTSMARK GOLD

We are proud to announce that St Gregory's School has been awarded a Gold Artsmark in recognition of our outstanding commitment to developing arts provision for all our children.

The school has also been renewed their Active Mark Gold and Basic Skills Award.

THANK YOU

A massive thank you from the Governors, staff and children to all of those parents and volunteers who give so freely of their time to help in school. Without your support we could not provide so much for the children.



SCHOOL BAGS/PUMP BAGS

Don't forget to purchase school bags or pump bags from the school office, school bags £5.00 and pump bags £3.00 or £7.00 if you buy both



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Mr D Nangle will be leaving St Gregory's School at the end of term to work abroad. We wish him every happiness in his new venture.

CHANGE OF CLASS TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2005

Year 6	Mrs A Farrell
Year 5	Mrs S Jones
Year 4	Miss J McDonagh
Year 3	Mrs S Wolfe
Year 2	Mrs C McIlroy
Year 1	Mrs E Powell
Foundation Stage	Mrs E Smith
	Mrs K McGuinness
	Higher Level Teaching Support

LOST UNIFORM

Any 'lost' property which has not been claimed by the end of the term will be re-cycled.



SUMMER DISCO

Tickets will be on sale from Friday 7 July for the end of year Disco and Firework display.

Thursday 20 July 2005
7.00 p.m.—10.00 p.m.
Adults £2.75—Children £1.75



Year 6 pupils are entitled to a free ticket but must be accompanied by an adult. Please ensure you buy your tickets early, remember if it rains the Disco will be held in the Hall and only ticket holders can be admitted- maximum 200 tickets.

IRISH DANCING

There will be an exhibition of Irish Dancing by the children who have been having lessons on Friday 7 July at 2.45 p.m. in the school hall.

Please come along and enjoy their performance.



WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles will be issued to the children during the first week back in September. The school initially purchases the bottles and should your child lose their water bottle you will be able to purchase a new one at the price of £1.00.



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Please see attached sheet.

NEW BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club opening September 2006 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. Monday to Friday (term time only). £2.50 per child to include a healthy breakfast, children can attend every week or odd days to fit around your working pattern.

To reserve a place either call Sue or Steve on 0121 550 1494 or email happyfamilies1@ahoo.co.uk and ask for a booking form.

We are looking for Breakfast Club workers to work Monday to Friday 7.45 - 9.00 a.m. (term time only) £5.50 per hour. Experience of working with children preferred, but training given.



EDGMOND HALL VISIT - SEPTEMBER 2006

May I remind the parents of Year 5 children who are going to Edgmond Hall in September that the cost of this visit should be paid in full before the end of term.

SUMMER CONCERT

Thank you for supporting the very successful Summer Concert on Monday evening, we raised the grand total of £375 towards a new sound field System.



Her Majesty's Inspectors visit

The following are the comments on a PSHE survey (Personal, Social and Health Education) from the recent HMI visit);

- PSHE is a great strength at St Gregory's and underpins the school's Christian ethos.
- PSHE is given high priority and as a consequence pupils' personal development is very good. Pupils are well supported by committed staff, teaching and non teaching, who work well together for the benefit of the pupils. Pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities are particularly well supported.
- Relationships between staff and pupils are very good and are characterised by respect.
- PSHE is strongly led and well managed within the school. The school's evaluation of the good quality of its PSHE provision is well founded.
- The school carefully monitors this aspect of the curriculum, as it does with other areas in the school on an ongoing basis.
- The PSHE curriculum is well planned and pupils are taught a suitable range of topics at appropriate age and stage. The 'Every Child Matters' (ECM) agenda is well established in planning. The National Healthy School strategy and other health related initiatives have been influential in the good quality of provision across the school.
- The quality of teaching and learning in PSHE is good. Pupils' attitude to learning and their behaviour are very good. Teachers use a good range of strategies, including circle time, to engage pupils in activities that develop their knowledge and skills. On occasion, questioning could be more challenging, to enable pupils to give more extended responses. Teachers are aware of the progress made by individuals.
- Pupils are developing a good understanding of factors that influence a healthy lifestyle. They readily accept the responsibilities given to them. Pupils speak highly of the care they receive in school and that they enjoy their work. They feel safe at St Gregory's.



**Happy
Holiday**

I _____ the parent of _____

have received the July Newsletter. Signed _____

My child:(please print) Year: