

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2014

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY



- Monday 30 June -
Friday 4 July - 'I can do it week'
Tuesday 1 - 2.00pm onwards - Gallery Day
Parents Evening
Wednesday 2 - **Nursery closed**
Classes move
Thursday 3 - Year 6 Mathematicians
Hagley High School
- 2.45 pm Medicine Assembly
Year 1 and 2
Friday 4 - 9.00 am Yr.2 Assembly
Monday 7-11 - Health & Fitness week
Wednesday 9 - Young Promoters - Uplands Manor
Wed.9 - 10 - Year 6 - London visit
Thursday 10 - Sports Day
Friday 11 - Yrs. 5-1 Weston-Super-Mare
Foundation Stage 'Pirate Fun Day'
Monday 14 - 2.00pm Year 6 Leavers Play
Tuesday 15 - Football Celebration Day
Years 3, 4 and 5
- Nursery Graduation
- 7.00 pm Year 6 Leavers Play
Thursday 17 - 9.00 am Year 6 Leavers
Mass in school
- 7.00 pm Leavers Disco
- **School closes**
Friday 18 - Training Day

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS
TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

**RECEPTION RE-OPENS
MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

**NURSERY RE-OPENS
MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**



Happy Holiday

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From September 2014 pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be entitled to a free lunch each day.

To be entitled to these meals you must complete the Free School Meals form sent home with your child. All forms must be handed into school by Friday 4 July 2014 in order they may be checked and verified by the Local Authority ready for September.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Year 3 children on the celebration of their First Holy Communion. I am sure you will agree it was a lovely day and the children were a credit to you.

On behalf of the Staff a big thank you to the parents for the wonderful gifts you gave us, they were very much appreciated. Thank you.



The photographer will be collecting the First Holy Communion orders on Friday 4 July, if you haven't already placed your order please hand them to the office by Thursday 3 July. Any late orders have to be sent directly to Midland Photographic.

SCHOOL BAGS/PUMP BAGS

Don't forget to purchase school bags or pump bags from the school office, book bags £5.00, pump bags £3.00 and back packs £6.50. £1 off if you buy bag and pump bag together.



LOST UNIFORM

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



LEAVERS SUMMER DISCO

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 7 July for the end of year Disco.

Thursday 17 July 2014
7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Adults £4.00 - Children £3.00
Family ticket - £12.00 (2 adults + 2 children)

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.



BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club will open Tuesday 2 September 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. Monday to Friday (term time only). £5.00 per child to include a healthy breakfast, children can attend every week or odd days to fit around your working pattern.



The after school club will be open 2 September 3.25 - 6.00 p.m. (term time only). £7.25 per child per day which will include a light healthy snack.

Application forms are available from the school office.

EDGMOND HALL AND PLAS GWYNANT VISIT SEPTEMBER 2014

May I remind the parents of pupils who will be going on the above visits in September that the balance should be paid by the end of term.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

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.

These bottles are purchased from school fund and given to pupils to ensure they have the correct size bottle and access to water at all times.



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TRIP FRIDAY 11 JULY

The children will need to take a packed lunch, drinks, shower proof coat, sunhat, sun cream, and a small towel if they intend to go paddling. You may wish to send a suitable t-shirt for your child to wear should the weather be hot.

We will be leaving at 8.00 am and children will have a comfort break on the way there and back.

Coaches will be starting back by 3.00 pm at the latest. The school will send a text message to let you know their estimated time of arrival back at school.



REPORTS

Your child will receive a copy of their school report on Friday 27 June. The report demonstrates your child's learning over the time and their progress to date.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's Liturgy takes place in the parish room during the 9.00 am Mass at St Gregory's church each Sunday during term time. It is open to all primary age children.

The liturgy team are looking for parent volunteers to join our friendly group to help deliver the Gospel to the young people of our parish. This might include reading the Gospel or leading a short introduction or discussion.

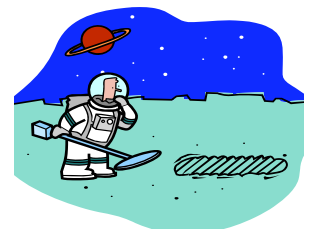
The liturgy team meet once a half term on a weekday evening to plan the liturgy for the upcoming term.

If any parents are interested in helping out, please contact one of the liturgy team either after 9.00 am Mass one Sunday or catch one of us in the Play ground. Alternatively, contact St Gregory's Church on 0121 429 1743.

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Q. What did the Space man say when he set foot on a giant chocolate bar?

A. I have just set foot on Mars!!



CHANGE OF CLASS TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

Year 6	Mr T Boodell
Year 5	Mr R Heard
Year 4	Miss E Higgins
Year 3	Mr C Hancox
Year 2	Miss N Collins
Year 1	Mrs E Powell
Reception	Miss K Vanstone
Nursery	Mrs K McGuinness

The Support Staff will continue to work in classes and provide support to children as required.

FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S

Thank you to the hard working members of the Friends of St Gregory's for organising the Summer Fete last Saturday. The stalls, bouncy castle, penalty shoot-out and other attractions were a great success and the lovely weather added to the occasion.

The Friends made a fantastic £400 on the day and a big thank you to all those families who came along to enjoy the Fete.

Thank you again for all your support and all the fund raising you so generously do.



'COOL MILK'

Please don't forget to register your child for school milk from September, you may do this on line or we have leaflets available at the school office if you should need one.



GALLERY DAY

This year our Gallery Day will take place on Tuesday 1 July at 2.00 - 3.15 p.m. Please come and look at your child's work in their classroom and enjoy the walk round school, with your child, to see all the other art work on display.



FOUNDATION STAGE 'PIRATE FUNDAY'

We are having our 'Pirate Funday' on Friday 11 July in place of a summer trip. May I remind you the cost is £10 per child or £15 if you have two children in Foundation Stage. Please send your money in to school by Friday 4 July. Thank you.



TUCK MONEY - Mrs Lees would appreciate any parent who has not yet paid this terms Tuck Money to call into Reception, if you are unsure if you have paid she will let you know.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Year 5 who won the recent Library Quiz organised by Thimblemill Library. In the final the team played Bleakhouse Primary and won 33 points - 30.1/2 points. They were given book tokens and certificates.

Congratulations you have made the school very proud of you all.



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you to all of you who have been sending your vouchers into school. We have a grand total of 7,482 and will use them for playground/cooking items.

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.



'MIND' CHARITY

Thank you to all those parents who found time to fill a 'mind' charity bag.

The local shop are very grateful and estimate they will be able to raise nearly £500 from the bags you kindly sent in.

Thank you

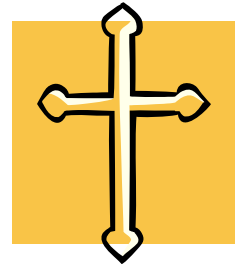
MONTHLY REFLECTION

As the school year comes to an end I would like to take a moment to reflect on what it means to have a happy and positive education. We appreciate the children's happy smiles and enthusiasm in their lessons and thank you for supporting your children in all their activities during the year. We look forward to nurturing your children in the future year's ahead. For all our children who are leaving we wish you every success and happiness in your new school.

A Prayer for our School Community

Dear Lord, we thank you for our School community, knowing that we can learn from each other and grow in Faith.

We pray for all involved in our school, that all of us may grow as the people you call us to be.
Amen



I _____ the parent of _____

have received the July Newsletter.

Signed: _____