

ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JULY

- Tuesday 1 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 2 - Nursery closed
Classes move round
- Monday 7 - Years 4 & 5 - West Midlands Safari Park
- Tuesday 8 - 7.00 p.m. Summer Concert
Tickets on sale at the office
- Wednesday 9 - Whole School - Sports Fun Day
- Thursday 10 - Year 3 - Sandwell Children's Festival at Sandwell Valley
8.30 p.m. performance - tickets available on the door
- 10.00 a.m. Year 5 Stuart Bathurst musical rehearsal
- Friday 11 - Mufty Day - India Fund raising day
- Year 1 Hatton Park visit
- 7.30 p.m. Year 6 Celebration Thimblemill Pub
- Saturday 12 - Year 5 taking part in Stuart Bathurst production of 'Les Miserables'
- Sunday 13 - Warley Woods Trust Picnic in the Park
- Monday 14 - 2.00 p.m. Year 6 Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 15 - 7.00 p.m. Year 6 Performance
- Wednesday 16 - 9.00 a.m. Nursery Graduation
- Thursday 17 - 9.00 a.m. Leavers Mass in School
- 7.00-10.00 p.m. End of Year Disco and Firework display
- Friday 18 - School Closed - Training Day

**SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON
TUESDAY 2
SEPTEMBER 2008**

**(NURSERY AND RECEPTION
THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER)**

SCHOOL MEALS

As you will be aware there have been price increases in some items of food used in the preparation of school meals, which unfortunately means an increase in price.

The cost of these meals is to be increased from September to £1.70 per day £8.50 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.

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



SUMMER CONCERT - 7.00 P.M. TUESDAY 8 JULY

Tickets for the Summer Concert are now on sale from the school office at a cost of £2.00 per adult and £1.00 per child.

All proceeds from this concert will go towards supplementing music in school.

Please support this very worthwhile occasion when St Gregory's pupils will amaze you with their talents.

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 4 July for the end of year Disco and Firework display.

Thursday 17 July 2008
7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Adults £3.00 - Children £2.00
Family ticket - £9.50

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.



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.



SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Many thanks for your support we collected 11,025 Vouchers for sports equipment.



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - 2008

Lightwoods Primary School are holding a number of fun activity sessions during July and August. Please contact Lightwoods Primary school office for any further details.

MR COX'S JOKE CORNER

What do you get if you crossed a vampire and a teacher?

Lots of blood tests!!

BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club will open 2 September 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. Monday to Friday (term time only). £3.25 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). £5.50 per child per day which will include a light healthy snack.

Application forms are available from the school office.



CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Mrs Smith and her family on the birth of a new baby son, weighing in at 8lb 13 oz. Best wishes from everyone at St Gregory's.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Mrs Murray will be leaving us at the end of term to await the arrival of her new baby. We send our best wishes to Mrs Murray and her husband.

Mr T Boodel will be covering Mrs Murray's absence until Easter 2009.

There will be no change to Class Teachers for the next academic year.

EDGMOND HALL AND INGESTRE HALL VISIT SEPTEMBER 2008

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. Thank you.

If you have any problems please contact the school office.

HOME LEARNING BOOKS

Would you please return all Home Learning Books to school before the end of term (the multi coloured book). Thank you.



I _____ the parent of _____

have received the July Newsletter.

Signed: _____

REPORTS

Some parents have commented on the word 'satisfactory' being used for progress in the school reports. This actually means that your child has made all the progress they should.

Unfortunately we often get stuck with Ofsted speak.



LETTER TO MR JOHN SPELLAR M.P.

Please find attached a copy of the letter which I have forwarded to Mr Spellar and the Director of Education.

The Governors feel it is important that parents have access to information regarding the funding, or in our case the lack of funding, for their child's education.

You may wish to take this matter up with your M.P. or councillor.

