

# ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

## END OF TERM NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



#### JULY

- Friday 1 - Reports to be issued to children  
- **2.00pm** Reception Class Talent show
- Tuesday 5 - **9.00am** Tea and biscuits for Nursery Graduation  
- **9.30am** Nursery Graduation begins  
- **Afternoon Nursery closed**  
- Parents evening - By appointment only
- Wednesday 6 - **Nursery closed**  
- Nursery Induction Day for new intake  
- All children to move up classes to their new year group
- Thursday 7 - **Nursery closed**
- Friday 8 - Whole school summer trip  
- Year 1 and 2 to Twycross Zoo  
- Year 3, 4 and 5 Closer to the Edge  
- **9.00am to 3.00pm** Foundation Stage Pirate Fun Day
- Monday 11 - **2.00pm** Year 6 Performance
- Tuesday 12 - **7.00pm** Year 6 Performance
- Wednesday 13 - **1.30pm** 90's Hagley Band visiting  
- **7.00pm to 10.00pm** School Disco
- Thursday 14 - **2.00pm** Leavers Mass and presentation  
- **School closes**

#### Please note:

- **Monday 5th September 2016 - School re-opens**
- **Monday 12th September 2016 -**

### EDGMOND HALL AND PLAS GWYNANT VISITS SEPTEMBER 2016

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.

### 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 1 July, if you haven't already placed your order please hand them to the office by Thursday 30 June. Any late orders have to

### SCHOOL BAGS/PUMP BAGS

Don't forget to purchase school bags or ties from the school office.

#### Prices:

Back packs	£8.00
Book bags	£5.50
Pump bags	£3.50



### REPORTS

Your child will receive a copy of their school report on Friday 1 July.

The report demonstrates your child's learning over time and their progress to date.

### PARENTS EVENING - TUESDAY 5 JULY 2016

Please note appointments are made by request only

## LEAVERS SUMMER DISCO

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 4 July for the end of year Disco.

**Wednesday 13 July 2016**  
**7.00pm - 10.00pm**  
**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



## 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



## RAINCOATS

Could parents please ensure their child has a

## 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

## FOUNDATION STAGE 'PIRATE FUNDAY'

We are having our 'Pirate Funday' on Friday 8 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 1 July. Thank you.



## MR TURVEY'S JOKE

Q. What type of music are balloons scared of?



## HAPPY FAMILIES - BREAKFAST/AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club will open on Monday 5th September 7.30am - 8.50am Monday to Friday (term time only). £5.25 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 on Monday 5th September 3.20pm - 6.00pm (term time only). £8.00 per child per day which will include a light healthy snack.

Application forms are available from the School Office or please contact Happy Families on 0121

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Children's Liturgy takes place in the parish room during the 9.00am 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 9.00am Mass on Sunday or alternatively, contact St Gregory's Church on 0121 429 1743.

## '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 should you require assistance.

(Under 5's receive free milk)



## DOLCE CATERING SERVICES

Please refer to the letter sent out earlier this week with regards to changes to our school meal catering service. I do hope that you will see the benefit of supporting your child in choosing a healthy meal and operating a cashless system.



**CHANGE OF CLASS TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

Year 6 Mr R Heard  
Year 5 Mr C Hancox  
Year 4 Miss N Collins  
Year 3 Miss C Wheatley  
Year 2 Miss E Higgins  
Year 1 Mrs C Gooding/Mrs A Lees  
Reception Miss K Vanstone  
Nursery Mrs K McGuinness

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

**GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO MISS L HILL AND MRS L SMITH**

We would like to thank both members of to our school during their time here and their new jobs! I know they will be sadly



staff for their hard work and commitment wish them all the best for the future and missed.

**MRS S WOLFE**

After 40 years of teaching and more than 30 years of dedicated service to St Gregory's School we are sorry to say 'Goodbye' to Mrs Wolfe as she is taking retirement.

During her time at school she has been responsible for Religious Education and the Catholic life of the school. Over the years she has taught many children of whom some are now parents themselves. She has served under three Head Teachers and worked with many teaching colleagues and seen a lot of changes in education over the years. Her dedication and presence in school will be sadly missed.



On behalf of the Academy Committee, Staff, Pupils and Parents we wish her health and happiness as she embarks on the next chapter in her life.

Please remember her in your prayers.

God has blessed us



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

have received the July Newsletter.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## BOOK FAIR

Over £600 was spent at last weeks Book Fair, the commission from this will enable the school to order a variety of books for the children. Thank you.



## 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 just over 2,400 which we will use for Playground resources.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please see below the holiday dates for 2016/17.

Note: Teacher Days may still be added to the term dates shown below.

Autumn Term 2016	
Thu 1 September	(Training Day - School closed to pupils)
Fri 2 September	(Training Day - School closed to pupils)
Mon 5 September	Start of Term - School opens
Fri 21 October	Training Day - School closed to pupils
24 to 28 October	Half Term
Tue 20 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas
Spring Term 2017	
Tue 3 January	Start of Term - School opens
20 to 24 February	Half Term
Fri 7 April	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2017	
Mon 24 April	Start of Term - School opens
Mon 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
29 May to 2 June	Half Term
Fri 14 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer

## MONTHLY REFLECTION

As the school year comes to an end, please take a moment to reflect on all that your child/children have learnt this year. Their growth and maturity is clearly evident and their enthusiasm for learning and zest for life is infectious. Thank you for all your support this year. I do hope that the partnership between us continues to grow in the future years ahead. 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 their 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

