



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Part of the St Catherine of Siena Academy

"LOVING & LEARNING"

OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR OCTOBER



Thursday 1	Whole School Photographs Yr.6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Friday 2	GB Olympic Swimmer Amy Smith will be in school 2.00 pm Harvest Festival - Harvest goods are being donated to Birmingham Fireside for the Homeless
Monday 5-9	'I Can do it Week'
Friday 9	'Mufty Day' - Glow for Guide dogs. Come dressed as brightly as you can! 9.00 am Year 3 visit to Guru Nanak Guardwara KS1 & Yr.4 Premier Sport Competition
Monday 12-16	'Multi Faith' week
Tuesday 13	Yrs. 2 & 5 Singers Hill Synagogue, Birmingham 6.30 pm Confessions
Friday 16	Yr.4 Durga Bhawan Hindu Temple visit Yrs. 3, 5 & 6 Premier Sport Competition
Monday 19-23	'Cafod' theme week
Wednesday 21	Yr. 6 Heights and Weights Yr. 3 Healthy Eating Talk
Thursday 22	School closes - half term
Friday 23	Training Day
Saturday 31	Closing date for Secondary Schools Admissions

NOVEMBER

Monday 2	School re-opens
Tuesday 3	Yr. 1 School Nurse Talk - Accident prevention
Tuesday 10	Confirmation
Thursday 12	Reception - Hands and Teeth - School Nurse
Friday 13	'Children in Need' Mufty Day
Monday 23-27	Book Fair week
Friday 27	6.00 pm 'Craft Fayre'

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CRAFT FAYRE

Friday 27 November at 6.00 - 8.00 p.m. If anyone is interested in booking a table please contact the school office - £5.00 per table. We will be asking you to kindly 'bake a cake' to sell on the evening. Don't forget to come and join us.



This year Father Christmas will be visiting and you will be able to see him in his Grotto. Ho, Ho, Ho!

CASH/CHEQUES IN ENVELOPES

May I remind you when sending any money into school to please put it in an envelope with your child's name, class and what the money is for on the front. Please put the correct amount in as it is impossible to return change on such a large scale. The younger children find it difficult to cope with cash in their hands. Thank you for your co-operation.



EXTRA HELP

If you require any assistance when visiting the school because of mobility, hearing or impaired vision would you please let us know.

If anyone requires information in large print form, again please let us know.

LUNCH BOXES

We like to encourage children to bring a healthy lunch box to school with a wide variety of foods. Please no sweets and no nuts as we have children with nut allergies in school.

Children are given water or a choice of fruit juices with their meals.

Thank you for your co-operation.



PARENTS EVENING

Please make every effort to attend the first parents evening of the school year in order for us to continue our home/school partnership.

I _____ the parent of _____

have received the October 2015 Newsletter Signed _____

The answer to the Quiz Question is _____

CHRISTMAS DATES

As requested by many parents please find below a list of times and dates for December;

Friday 4	1.30 pm KS1 School Disco 3.30 pm KS2 School Disco
Tuesday 8	10.30 a.m. Carol Concert
Wednesday 9	Yrs. 2 - 6 'Gangster Granny' Alexandra Theatre Information to follow
Monday 14	2.00 p.m. KS 2 Christmas Performance 7.00 p.m. KS 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15	9.30 am Foundation Stage Nativity 2.00 p.m. KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 16	p.m. Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 17	'Mufty Day' Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children p.m. Foundation Stage Parties
Friday 18	9.00 a.m. Mass - School Christmas Lunch 1.30 p.m. School closes



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please note that there will be no individual Christmas cards in school. From 1st December posters from St Mary's Hospice will be put in each classroom. If pupils wish to send a greeting to other pupils we ask them to sign the poster and give a donation of £1.00.

This small act of kindness, sends Christmas greetings to everyone in the class and forms part of a large donation we send to the Hospice.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Gentle reminder - could you please ensure children come to school in the correct footwear. Trainers are not acceptable during the school day, they should only be worn for sporting activities.

P.E. KIT

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times. Pupils can also bring in an outdoor P.E. kit as it is now getting colder, dark tracksuit bottoms, top (no hoodies or zips) and a pair of trainers. Also a different pair of socks please to change into for P.E.

SCHOOL TIES

Please ensure your child comes to school with their school tie. These are available to buy at the school office;

£4.00 for either the elasticated or standard tie



EARRINGS

There have been an increasing number of pupils wearing earrings in school and the School Policy, agreed by the Academy Committee, is not to wear them for safety reasons.

There are no exceptions.

Thank you for your co-operation.

HARVEST

Please remember to bring any contributions for the Harvest into school by Friday morning 3 October. The Fireside Centre for the Homeless in Birmingham are always very grateful for our donations. They appreciate the tins and packets, etc. but also welcome toiletries, scarves and gloves.

Don't forget to nominate someone for a Harvest Prayer card.



PARKING - Could I please ask parents not to bring their cars down the main school drive in Park Road when bringing or collecting children from school. This is the main entrance for emergency vehicles so we have to keep it clear.

We appreciate that parking is difficult on the road and would appreciate your co-operation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In the interest of Health and Safety may I please remind you to tie your child's hair back off their face.

Head lice is an ongoing problem within the school and I would suggest regular checks for any 'visitors'



QUIZ QUESTION?

Who was created by Gepetto the woodcarver?



MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

- Q. Have you heard the joke about the butter?
A. I better not tell you, it might spread!!



MONTHLY REFLECTION - OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady or the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th.

The Rosary is a prayer in which tells the story of Jesus, in four parts. We mediate on the virtues of the Life, Death, Passion and Glory of Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary. It owes its origin to St Dominic.

When we pray the Rosary, we say certain prayers, like the Our Father and Hail Mary. But we also remember stories that are called "mysteries". Mysteries are stories about God, and so we never know enough about them. They never get old, because they keep telling us things we never knew before.

Stations of the Cross are held on the first Friday of the month at 10.30 a.m. at Church.

