



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



On behalf of St Gregory's Governors and Staff thank you for all the generous gifts we received at Christmas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY January 2009



- Monday 5 - Training Day
- Tuesday 6 - School re-opens
- Wednesday 7 - Year 6 Parents Curriculum/SATs meetings; 8.00 a.m., 3.00 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.
- 3.30 p.m. Year 6 Parents/child meeting
- Thursday 8 - 3.30 p.m. " "
- Friday 9 - 3.30 p.m. " "
- Monday 12 - 2.15 p.m. Year 1 Swimming (10 weeks)
- 3.30 p.m. Year 6 Parents/child meeting
- Wednesday 14 - 9.30 a.m. Year 4 Cycle Training
- Thursday 22 - 10.15 a.m. Performance of 'Charlie and the Kitchen cook' - whole School (no charge)
- Friday 23 - 9.30 a.m. KS2 class visit to the Public (class to be confirmed)
- Year 3 Assembly
- Monday 26 - 9.00 a.m. Years 1 and 2 Symphony Hall
- 11.30 a.m. Year 4 Symphony Hall (no charge)
- February**
- Friday 13 - School closes Half Term
- Monday 23 - School re-opens

ACORNS



Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas productions this enabled us to send a cheque for £200.00 to Acorns.

ST MARY'S HOSPICE

We raised £200.00 for the St Mary's Hospice by asking the pupils and staff to sign the class Christmas card and donating £1.00. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.



POPPIES

This year the Poppy Appeal raised £112.80 and we were again awarded the British Legion Shield for our very successful fund raising. Thank you for your continued support.

A REMINDER

There has been an increasing trend for families to arrange holidays in term time. The law is quite clear on this topic and states that holiday leave in term time is at the discretion of the school and not an automatic entitlement.

To request such leave you are required to complete a holiday form.

It is inappropriate for children in Year 6 or Year 2 to have any holiday leave during this vital year.

Similarly all children sit tests **during the week of May 11 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 15 May 2009.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Although all tickets were not sold this year we did raise the grand sum of £322.00. Thank you to all those who came in their 'Abba' outfits. Any suggestions for next year's theme?

CRAFT FAYRE

Thank you for making the Craft Fayre a very successful evening, we raised £263.00 which will go towards the purchase of art and craft materials.

LARGE PRINT

If anyone would like a copy of the Newsletters or any other school correspondence in large print please contact the school office.

QUIZ QUESTION

Which was the fastest selling DVD sold over the Christmas period?



I _____ the parent of _____

Have received the January Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2009

Reception

Children born between 01.09.05 and 31.08.06 are due to start school in September 2010. Please ensure that your child is registered, children are not automatically awarded a place if they are in Nursery or if they have an older sibling in school. The school cannot accept responsibility for the non registration of children.

Nursery

If your child was born between 01.09.05 and 31.08.06 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 13 February 2009. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter, which will be posted on Wednesday 25 March 2009.

PUPIL INFORMATION FORM FOR PARISH CLERGY

At the request of the Archdiocese of Birmingham would you please complete the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

May I please remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to give in messages or letters.



MR COX'S JOKE CORNER

Q .What do you call a Scottish dentist?

A. Phil McCavity!

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have any spare time and an up-to-date police clearance we would welcome you in Reception Class to lend a helping hand.

Please contact Mrs Smith if you are able to help.

SNOW LINE

**If you need to check on school closures please tune in to your
Local radio station**

Norovirus (Winter Vomiting Disease)

In light of the recent media coverage of the above virus we have received guidelines from the Health Protection Agency which are listed below;

- All affected pupils should be sent home as soon as possible and remain absent until 48 hours following the last episode of diarrhoea and /or vomiting.
- Pupils to wash their hands after using the toilet, before tuck and lunchtime meal - we do our best to remind children.

The school will of course follow the necessary guidelines with regard to cleaning within the school.

Please discuss the need for personal hygiene with your child and hopefully together we will keep any infection to a minimum.