



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING & LEARNING"

MARCH/EASTER 2014 NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY MARCH



- Wednesday 5 - 10.00 a.m. Whole school Mass at Church
 - Thursday 6 - World Book Day
 - Wednesday 12 - 9.00 am Year 3 Inspire Workshop
 - Thursday 13 - Reception Parents Consultation Day
 - Sunday 16 - 9.00 am Year 3 Mass
 - Monday 17 - FOSG - St Patrick's Day Celebration
 - Wednesday 19 - Year 6 Parents Consultation Day
1.30 pm Year 5 Library Quiz
 - Friday 21 - 'Mufty Day' for Sport relief
9.00am Year 1 Class Assembly
 - Monday 24 - 10.00 am Year 4 - Thimblemill brook - details to follow
 - Friday 28 - 9.00am Year 5 Class Assembly
 - Monday 31 - 10.00 am Year 4 - Thimblemill Brook
- APRIL**
- Monday 7 - 'I can do it Week'
10.00 am Year 4 - Thimblemill Brook
 - Wednesday 9 - 1.30 pm Young Promoters - Thimblemill Library
 - Thursday 10 - 9.00 am Year 4 Inspire Workshop
9.00 am Foundation Stage Prayer Service
 - Friday 11 - School closes - Easter Holiday**
 - Saturday 12 - 5.00 pm Year 4 Mass
 - Monday 28 - School re-opens**

May I remind you that pupils are able to wear summer uniform after the Easter Holiday

WORLD BOOK ACTIVITY DAY - THURSDAY 6 MARCH

This is an event to celebrate reading all over the world. One of the aims of World Book Day is to put a book into the hands of every child in the country. Each child will receive a £1 book voucher which will be accepted at all participating bookshops until 30 March 2014.

Pupils (and Staff) are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day and bring their favourite book to school. Be as imaginative as you like and see if we can guess who you are.



MUFTY DAY

We are having a Mufty Day on Friday 21 March in aid of 'Sport relief'. Bring £1 and come dressed in your Sport gear for the day.

Activities will be on offer so bring a small amount of money to take part.



LENTON APPEAL - FATHER HUDSON SOCIETY

We are again supporting the Father Hudson Appeal and will be sending home the 'little house' collection boxes home next week.

QUIZ QUESTION

How many medals did the Great Britain team win in the Winter Olympics in Sochi?



I _____ the parent of _____
have received the March Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

Change of Address/Telephone numbers

We have recently had difficulty contacting some parents during the school day. Please ensure that you notify the office of any change of address or telephone/mobile number. It is best to inform the office personally as children often forget to hand in messages or letters.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY

Nursery will be closed all day for the new intake visit on **Wednesday 2 July 2014.**



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

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



If you have any queries please collect an NHS leaflet from the school office.

MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER



- Q.** What is the world's tallest building?
A. The Library because it has the most stories!!

ATTENDANCE

As you are aware your child's attendance at school is very important to us and also to the Local Authority. We will be including an analysis table each month to keep you up to date with attendance levels at St Gregory's.

FRIENDS OF ST GREGORY'S - ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

We are having a mufty day on Monday 17 March, please bring a £1 and dress in green for the day. There is also a design a 'St Patrick's day hat' which will be free to enter, FOSG will be in school at 11.00 am to judge the hats and give out prizes to the winners.

Come and join us after school when we will carry on the celebrations. There will be Irish sausage & chips, (saves you making tea when you get home) Irish coffee and the usual tea/coffee for sale plus entertainment. Please contact school if you know of anyone who would be willing to come and perform for us.



PARKING

We have again received several complaints about the inconsiderate parking at both of the school entrances. We have been in contact with the Highways Agency who will be sending Traffic wardens round (random visits) to monitor the situation.

There have also been concerns about parents parking cars and leaving small children in them unattended. Please be vigilant where children are concerned.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

We have been informed by the Local Authority that the cost of residential visits (from December 2013) has increased to £230 - Edgmond Hall and £260 - Plas Gwynant.

We will shortly be sending out letters to the current Years 5 and 4 to ascertain if you would like your child to attend these visits in September.

They are really worthwhile visits and the children benefit greatly from them.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The main priority of the SDP for 2013/2014 is to remodel the Thematic Curriculum to address the new National Curriculum programmes of study. A curriculum map for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 is available to view on the school website www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk showing an overview. To Date we have revised our English and Maths curriculum and the theme overviews you receive at the beginning of each theme reflect this.



MONTHLY REFLECTION

The season of Lent

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

A time for Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent: Matthew 4:1-11 The devil tried to tempt Jesus to do something wrong, but even though Jesus was tired and hungry, He did what was right.

2nd Sunday of Lent: Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus' friends were really amazed when they saw Jesus transformed.

3rd Sunday of Lent: John 4: 5-42 Jesus tells a woman with whom He is speaking that she should ask for Living Water.

4th Sunday of Lent: John 4: 5-42 Jesus heals a man who was born blind.

5th Sunday of Lent: John 11: 3-45 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.