



# ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

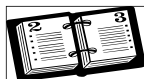
## "LOVING AND LEARNING"

### JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to you all. May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy. 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 2013



- Wednesday 9 - 6.30 pm Year 6 Parents SATs meeting
- Sunday 13 - 11.00 am Going Forth Mass
- Monday 14 - Year 6 Revision Club starts  
3.30 - 4.00 pm
- Tuesday 15 - 10.00 am Years 3 & 5  
Swimming begins - 10 weeks
- Wednesday 16 - Closing date for Reception/  
Year 3 Admission application  
forms for September 2013
- Wednesday 23 - 10 Year 5 Pupils Thimblemill  
Library - Young Promoters
- Friday 25 - Holocaust Memorial Day
- Wednesday 30 - Year 1 Road Safety Training

#### February

- Monday 4-8 - Parents Week
- Wednesday 6 - Parents Evening
- Monday 11-15 - 'I can do it week'
- Thursday 14 - Year 5 'Pyramid Concert'  
Birmingham Town Hall
- Friday 15 - School closes - Half term

#### SNOW DESK INFORMATION

BRMB F.M. (96.4) and other local stations provides an emergency service for schools during severe weather conditions. Only schools which are closed are broadcast. Please do not phone the radio station or the school. A notice to close will be posted on the home page of the school website at

[www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk)

We will continue to send text messages, these have proven very successful as a means of informing you of school arrangements during any severe weather conditions. **Please remember to inform school of any changes in mobile phone numbers.**

#### ACORNS

Thank you for your generous donations at the Christmas productions this enabled us to send a cheque for £150.00 to Acorns Hospice.



#### ST MARY'S HOSPICE

We raised £150.00 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.

#### 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 13 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 17 May 2013.

#### 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.



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

have received the January Newsletter. Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Answer to the Quiz question is: \_\_\_\_\_

## SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2013

### RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.08 and 31.08.09 are due to start school in September 2013. 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 01.09.09 and 31.08.10 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 8 February 2013. Parents will be informed as to the outcome of the admissions committee decision by letter which will be posted before the Easter holiday.

### ART SHIRTS

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate Art shirt in school - they are usually kept in their P.E. bags.



### LARGE PRINT

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

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.

We are aware that some parents have had difficulty in obtaining school ties from Clive Marks in Bearwood . We have now spoken to their Head Office and have been assured that school ties will be available to purchase within the month. We are awaiting a delivery of ties to school and these will be on sale as soon as possible - elasticated £4.20/ ordinary ties £4.50.

May I please remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket. School bags are available from the school office, back packs £6.50, book bags £5.00 and pump bags £3.00.



## MR TURVEY'S JOKE CORNER

Why did the Jelly Baby go to school?

Because he really wanted to be a Smartie!



## QUIZ QUESTION

Which actor plays the part of Bilbo Baggins in the new 'Hobbit' film?

## MONTHLY REFLECTION - The Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. 'The Epiphany' means a showing, a revealing and an enlightening. The 'Wise men' represent all the peoples of the world they know of the prophecies of the infant king the Saviour of the world. Through them Jesus' arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the Lord had come to save **all** people. The feast shows us two aspects of our faith; the presence of the Son of God being revealed and God's desire to save all peoples made clear.

### A FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, like the three Wise men  
we are here today to worship you, Jesus.  
We have no gold,  
but we give you our love.  
We have no frankincense,  
we give you our prayers.  
We have no Myrrh,  
so we give you ourselves.  
Amen

