



ST GREGORY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"LOVING AND LEARNING"

JANUARY 2010 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 2010



- Monday 4 - Training Day
- Tuesday 5 - School re-opens
- Monday 11 - 12.50 p.m.. Year 2 Swimming (10 weeks)
- Sunday 24 - 9.00 a.m. Family Mass Year 4
- Wednesday 27 - 'Winter warmers' meal theme
1.10 p.m. Pedestrian Training Year 1 (2 weeks)

February

- Monday 8-12 - 'I Can do it Week'
- Friday 12 - School closes Half Term
- Monday 22 - School re-opens
- Wednesday 24 - 'Chinese New Year' Meal theme

SNOW DESK INFORMATION

BRMB F.M. (96.4) 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.

In the event of school closure we will endeavour to send you a text message - please remember to inform school of any change in mobile phone numbers. The web site will carry a notice if school is closed
www.st-gregorys.sandwell.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Although all tickets were not sold this year we did raise the grand sum of 332.80. Thank you to all those who came in their Prince and Princess outfits. Any suggestions for next year's theme?

CRAFT FAYRE

Thank you for making the Craft Fayre a very successful evening, we raised £342.70 which will go towards the purchase of art and craft materials.

ACORNS

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



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 £100.95 and we were again awarded the British Legion Shield for our very successful fund raising. Thank you for your continued support.



CAFOD

Year 2 raised £60.00 for Cafod decorating felt Christmas trees and selling them at the Craft Fayre. Well done.

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 10 including the statutory SAT's**, and no holiday time will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 14 May 2010.

LARGE PRINT

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

I _____ the parent of _____

have received the January Newsletter. Signed _____

Answer to the Quiz question is: _____

SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2010

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 01.09.06 and 31.08.07 then your child is eligible for a part time Nursery place. The closing date for registration for the Nursery is Friday 12 February 2010. 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.

MEMORIAL ART WORK

The sculpture for Colin Baynham is now complete and in place. We will have a opening ceremony towards the end of January. Details to follow.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

Only school bags should be used. This is because of space issues.

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 goes 99 click, 99click, 99 click?

A. A centipede with a wooden leg!

QUIZ QUESTION

Who wrote a book about Jemima Puddleduck?

