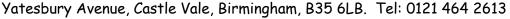


SAINT GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

HEADTEACHER: Mrs C Buck







<u>Welcome Back Everyone</u> It is lovely to see all the children so smartly dressed for the new school term. Thank you for your support in making sure all children are wearing the correct St. Gerard's school uniform with hairstyles that are in line with our school policy. Please ensure that any hair accessories

bows/ribbons are small and discreet.

<u>Please make sure all items are labelled with your child's name.</u>

Thank you for helping us to maintain our high standards.

We have 2 spaces in our Nursery

If you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place for a 3 year old that was born between 1st Sept 2015 and 31st August 2016 please tell them to make enquiries at the school office.

Children's Liturgy

Does your child get bored during Mass? At St Gerard's Church every Sunday Morning at 10 am we now have Children's Liturgy. The children are taken out for the first part of the Mass where they do activities related to the Sunday Liturgy. This is aimed at ages 3-7 years, so Nursery to Year 2.

Healthy Tip

Healthy snacks help children and young people meet their daily nutritional needs.

Gospel Virtues this half term - Grateful & Generous

Pupils in St Gerard's School are growing to be: Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others

Online Safety Tip for this half term



Whether you want to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks, experts from the free O2 & NSPCC helpline are here to help.



Telephone 0808 800 5002

Dinner Money Year 3 to Year 6

Please make sure all money is in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on the envelope. Dinner money <u>MUST</u> be paid on the **first day of the week**. Dinner money is £11.75 per week. If your child wishes to change from Sandwiches to dinners or dinners to sandwiches, the office must have at least 2 weeks' notice as the food has to be ordered.

School Photographs

The photographer will be coming to take photographs on **Wednesday 25th September**. Every child in the school will have an individual photograph and if they have siblings a group photograph taken, but there is no obligation to buy them. Unfortunately, we can only take photographs of children in the Nursery and school we cannot accommodate younger siblings.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Year 6 Children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 23rd October 7pm

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the safeguarding team:

Mrs Buck, Mr Crehan, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Powis, Mrs Kissun.

Homework

READING REMINDER Please ensure your child is reading EVERY night at home for at least 10 minutes with an adult. Your child needs to write 3 diary entries every week. This is part of your child's homework.



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS Last year, the children in KS2 were brilliant at completing their rock star challenges each night and we saw a huge difference in their times table

knowledge. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 must do at least 10 minutes of times table practice each night. There is also a paper version for those who do not have internet access. This is part of your child's homework.

Parents and Teachers Association (PTA)

Last year, the PTA were extremely successful in organising and running a range of events for the children in our school. Not only were the events great fun for the children who attended and the adults who volunteered, but they raised valuable funds for school. Mrs Gondol, the Chairperson of the PTA this year, would like to invite any parents that are interested in joining the PTA to register their interest in becoming part of the PTA team with either the school office or with her directly. The PTA will meet once a term to discuss future events and help with the running of various activities such as school discos, film nights and much more. We welcome your ideas.

Secondary Transfer Online Year 6

All Secondary Transfer Applications must be submitted between 2 September and 31 October 2019 for your child to transfer to secondary school in September 2020. If you live in Birmingham, apply online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you need any help applying online the school office will be happy to help you. Dates and times of schools open days and sessions are available on MyEd website https://myed.com/birmingham-schooladmissions/.

Dates for your Diary			
Monday 16 th September	3.05pm	ECO Club	
Tuesday 17 th September	9.00am	Mass Years 5/3/1 in Church	
Thursday 19 th September	3.05pm	Parents Confirmation Meeting in Hall	
Tuesday 24th September	9.00am	Mass Years 4/2/6/Reception in Church	
Wednesday 25 th September	9.00am	School Photographs	
Friday 27 th September	9.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	
Friday 27 th September	9.00am	Y2 INSPIRE Workshop	
Monday 30 th September	3.05pm	ECO Club	
Tuesday 1st October	9.00am	Y2 Class Mass in School	
Friday 4 th October	9.00am	Y6 Class Assembly	
Sunday 6 th October	10.00am	Confirmation Commitment Mass in Church	

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Wednesday 4th September 2019	Monday 6th January 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
to	to	to
Friday 25th October 2019	Friday 14th February 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM 2 weeks
Monday 4th November 2019	Monday 24th February 2020	Monday 8th June 2020
to	to	to
Friday 20th December 2019	Thursday 9th April 2020	Friday 17th July 2020

PLEASE NOTE: Only one week holiday for Easter and two weeks at Whitsun.