



# SAINT GERARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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St. Gerard's Mission Statement:

*With Christ at our side and St. Gerard as our guide we live, love, learn and pray together.*

5th November 2019

*'Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness.'*

*Anne Frank*

## Apply online for Reception Class September 2020

Please visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) and submit an online application by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020** (the final closing date). It is recommended that you read 'The Primary School Admissions Criteria 2020 Information' prior to submitting your application. If you need any help, ask at the school office and we will be pleased to offer assistance. If you have any questions about your child starting school you can also contact a member of Children Services on 0121 303 1888.

## Christmas Fayre - PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA Meeting tomorrow 6th November straight after school to discuss the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Disco, please come along and offer your ideas and support.



We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support St Gerard's Catholic Primary School?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us - you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stgerards/> and click 'support us'.

Thank you!

## Dinner Money Y3 to Y6

Please make sure all money is in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on the envelope. Dinner money **MUST** be paid on the first day of the week. Dinner money is **£11.75 per week**, if you would like to pay for the half term up to the Christmas Holiday, the amount is **£82.25**.

## Teacher Training Day - School Closed



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020** is a Teacher Training Day and School and Nursery will be closed to pupils.

*If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of the safeguarding team:  
Mrs Buck, Mr Crehan, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Powis, Mrs Kissun.*

## Wear it Pink - Thank You

Thank you for your support, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** we had a non-uniform day and raised £300 towards helping make life saving breast cancer research happen. Well Done

## Nasal Flu Vaccination Rec - Y6

Please remember to return your child's Flu consent form if you have not already done so, we have spare copies in the school office if you need one.

Dates for your Diary		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	3.05pm	PTA Meeting in School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00-11.00am	Open Morning for Reception Class 2020
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00-10.30am	Y6 SATS INSPIRE Workshop
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November		Y6 Trip to Cadbury World
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Y4 Class Mass in School
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November		Y6 Takeover Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Mass Y1, Y3 and Y5 in Church
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00am	Y4 Class Assembly
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November		Nasal Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Whole School Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass in Church
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	9.00am	Y5 Class Mass in School
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00-7.00pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Mass Y3, Y1 and Y5 in Church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Whole School Mass led by Y4 in Church
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	5.00-6.30pm	Christmas Disco
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Celebration Assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	3.05pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

**Year 6 SATS Week will be Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019	Spring Term 2020	Summer Term 2020
Wednesday 4th September 2019	Tuesday 7th January 2020	<b>Monday 20th April 2020</b>
to	to	to
Friday 25th October 2019	Friday 14th February 2020	<b>Friday 22nd May 2020</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>HALF TERM 2 weeks</b>
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.**

### Gospel Virtues this half term - Attentive and Discerning

Pupils in St Gerard's School are growing to be: **Attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **Discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.



**Online Safety Tip for this half term - Please remind your children that not everyone is who they say they are**

