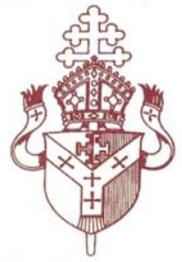




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Newsletter 15/2/19

Dear Parents/Carers,

Blessed John Henry Newman

You may have seen the wonderful news that Blessed John Henry Newman will soon become Saint John Henry Newman. Pope Francis this week agreed that Cardinal Newman will be canonised this week. Further details can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-47228423>

We are excited because John Henry Newman is not only the first non-martyr English saint since the Reformation and Birmingham's first saint but also because he founded the school that eventually became the Oratory RC Primary.

World Book Day March 7th 2019

You should have received a letter giving details about this year's World Book Day which is going to be a little different to how we have celebrated it in the past. If you have not seen the letter, please let the school know.

Meeting for Parents/Carers

A reminder that there will be a meeting of parents/carers on Thursday March 7th at 2.30 to discuss ways in which school, parents and the local community can work together for the children. Members of FOTOS will also be present to explain how to get involved in their fund-raising and related activities.

Confirmation

Archbishop Longley will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on eighteen of our Year 6 pupils on Thursday 14th March at the Oratory church. Please can you pray for the children, their families and their sponsors. Also keep in your prayers the children in Year 3 being prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

Mrs Dickinson

We are expecting to welcome Mrs Dickinson back after the half-term holiday. Thank you for the lovely cards and messages that I am sure she will really appreciate

Miss Da-Costa and Mrs Hall

Two of our teachers, Miss Da-Costa and Mrs Hall, will be leaving us at Easter. Both are going on to fresh opportunities at new schools, Miss Da-Costa in Birmingham and Mrs Hall nearer to her home in Coventry. They will both be greatly missed by staff, children and our whole school community. Further details on how we intend to celebrate their time at the Oratory will be shared with you after half-term.

All of the staff wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all at 8.50 on Monday 25th February. Do not forget that whilst school is on holiday, God is not so please make every effort to get to Mass every Sunday.

M. Paine