



# Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019



“Shine as to be a light to others”

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**Family Mass at the  
Oratory of St Philip Neri**

**Sunday 12 noon**

**Everyone welcome!**



### **Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Attentive and Discerning**

Throughout this half term our children will be reflecting upon being **attentive** to their everyday experiences and their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices on themselves and others.



### **Catholic Life of the Oratory**

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass and Meeting:** Thank you to the many families who attended last Sunday's Enrolment Mass. It demonstrated to your child the importance of the Sacrament they will receive in March.

During the meeting, candidates signed a Confirmation Commitment Certificate, promising with the help of their parents and family to: attend Holy Mass every week and on Holy days, pray at home with their family, fully participate in the Confirmation programme, choose their saint's name with wisdom, after deep reflection and research and through prayer, ask Jesus to help them to become the person that he would like me to be in their home, school and local community. Currently, our children are working with purpose towards fulfilling these promises.

**Tabor House:** This week, we received a letter from Tabor House, thanking the school for the many donations of food. It made a real difference and helped support the homeless of Birmingham. Thank you Oratory families!

**World Diabetes Day:** On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November we all wore blue to increase awareness of diabetes within our school community and to raise money for Diabetes UK. One of our children has diabetes Type 1. He amazes staff and children with his resilient, independent and positive attitude as he manages his condition, each day, with confidence.

**Money raised for Diabetes UK - £130.**

Use the following link to find out ways in which a healthy and balanced diet can help your family, eat well, feel good and enjoy food. <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/resources-s3/2018-07/Enjoy%20Food.pdf>





## We Love To Read!

### Thinking About Home Reading

We in the process of buying more books for home reading and would appreciate your support in asking your child (KS2) to bring their books and reading records into school on the following days:

**Year 3: Tuesdays, Year 4: Wednesdays**

**Year 5: Thursdays, Year 6: Mondays**

The expectation is that our pupils read more challenging and high quality fiction books as well as non-fiction on a regular basis to further their vocabulary and knowledge. **A sample of how pages from a reading record can be completed by pupils or yourselves is accompanying this newsletter, this afternoon.**

## Keep in your thought and prayers

Of your charity please pray for those who are ill, recovering from an operation or suffering at this time. Also, the Holy souls of those who have died; including those who fought in World War 1 and 2, persons escaping persecution and violence seeking a new home in the UK and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Our Lady**

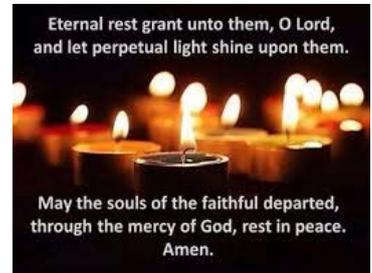
*Pray for us*

**St Philip Neri**

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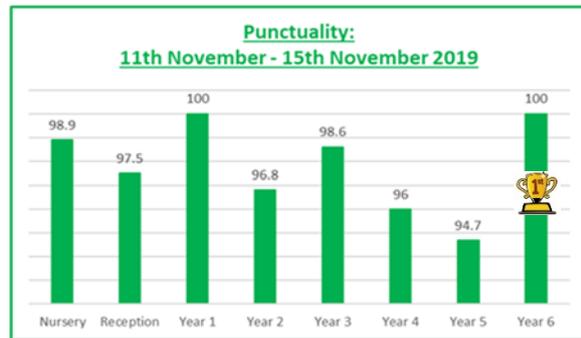
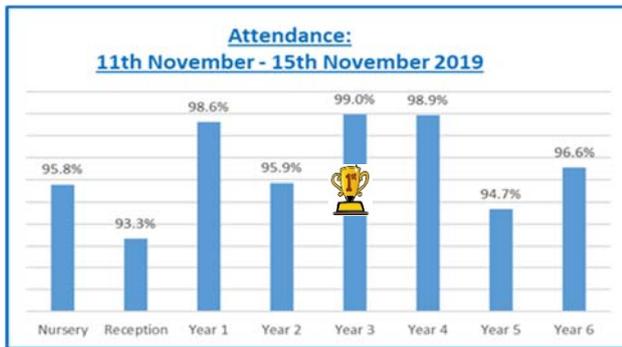
**St John Henry**

*Pray For us*



## Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

### Whole school attendance : 11<sup>th</sup> November to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019:



Going on holiday during term time is frowned upon by the government and Birmingham Local Authority. Mrs Dickinson is unable to authorise your child's absence if you take time off for holidays during term time.

**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



If your child's attendance is below 95% it is a cause for concern and you will be contacted by the school to see if there is something we can do to support you and your family.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Boccia Competition, St Joseph's Primary, 12.30 – 2.45pm. Pupils from Y1 – Y6.  
**Remember to look on the website for an overview of dates for each term**



## A word from Pope Francis:

**" The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love.**



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