



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter 29th November 2019



“Shine as to be a light to others”

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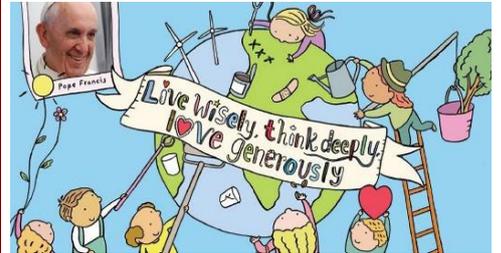
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Family Mass at the Oratory of St Philip Neri
Sunday 12 noon
Everyone welcome!

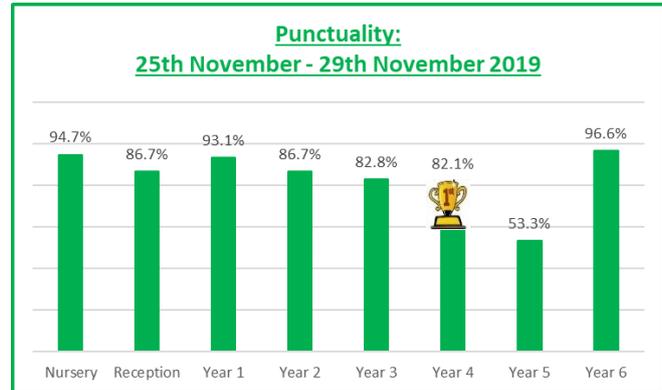
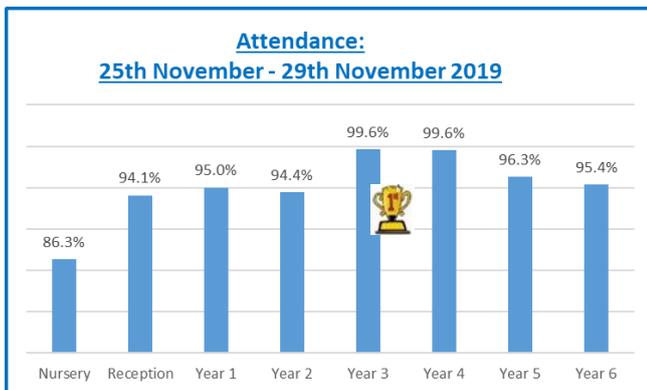


Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Attentive and Discerning

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.

Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

Whole school attendance : 25th November to 29th 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.

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.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Catholic Life of the Oratory



From this **Sunday 1st December 2019 to Thursday 31st December 2020** our Catholic school community will be reflecting on **Scripture**. 2020 has been designated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, a time in which we will **celebrate, live and share God's Word**. The year will be called: **'The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word**. During the next few weeks we will be appointing pupil scripture champions who will introduce the school to Matthew the Gospel Writer throughout the Spring Term. The first of many initiatives that will be taking place throughout 2020. Further information can be found at <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/> and <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/the-god-who-speaks-archdiocese-launch>

Praying and Raising Money for Persecuted Christians

Thank you to every family who contributed towards our chosen charity 'Aid to the Church in Need' this Wednesday. **Red Wednesday** is an annual event organised to raise awareness and money and to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. **Our families raised £150 which is amazing!** <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/red-wednesday/>



Advent is a time to think especially about, and look forward to, the celebration of Jesus' birth. It is also the opportunity for us to be spiritually refreshed. Pope Francis has asked that we do more good work throughout this season, **"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say; 'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others!'"** So let us all within the Oratory family try to do more good work! Small positive actions to help us all draw closer to God. **What will you try to do differently from Sunday 1st December?**

We are going paperless with our Newsletters!

From **January 2020** we will be going paperless with our Newsletter. The Newsletter will be published weekly on the school website but we will also be emailing it to you if we have your email address. Our website is administered externally therefore it is not always possible to get it uploaded on Fridays by our webmaster. The best way to ensure you receive the Newsletter timely on Fridays is for you to provide us with your email address as soon as possible, this way we can ensure is emailed directly from us. **Please check your child's bag as a letter about this has been handed to all children today and it requires an action from you.**



Well done for your amazing efforts!



A big well done to all our children who have completed their assessments this week. All children from Year 1 to Year 6 have completed assessments in Reading, Mathematics, Grammar Spelling and Punctuation. **We are all very proud of the children's hard work and improved effort to showcase their learning! All are trying to 'shine as to be a light to others'** Assessment week enables us to look at your child's learning since September, assess how much they have remembered and what their next steps should be. **At the end of the term, you will receive a report on how well your child is doing.** This report builds upon the one you received in October regarding your child's personal traits and dispositions towards learning.

Illness in school

We have recently had an increase in illnesses that can spread easily throughout school. We continue to try to ensure good hand hygiene in school however, we would be most grateful if all parents and carers could remind children about the importance of **washing their hands after using the toilet and using a hankie or tissue when sneezing or to wipe a runny nose.** Many thanks.



School photo orders



You should all have received the pictures Fizz Photography took last week.

We are sure you will agree the children look amazing and the family portraits have come out beautifully.

Polite Reminder: If you would like to place an order this needs to be done before next Friday 6th December 2019. You can order this online or by bringing the money with the envelope to the school office. Any questions please do not hesitate to come and ask.

Think before you park!

We have had complaints from local residents about our parents and carers parking across their drives. Please note, it is never acceptable to block anyone's drive. Also, we would like to bring to your attention that patrols are in operation and they are monitoring cars parked on the zig-zag lines. Please ensure you refrain from parking there as you are contravening parking laws and you could be fined for doing so. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Dates for your diary

- Sun 1 December: First Sunday of Advent. Children to begin to collect for Reverse Advent Box.
- Wed 4 December: Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, 9.00 to 10.00am. Focus: Promoting a love of reading for EYFS.
- Wed 4 December: Barnardos BFF Children's Centre Staff Visit including Language, Communication and Play Worker – Discuss Book Start Programme.
- Fri 6 December: Years 1 and 2 Class Mass, Hall, 2.15pm.
- Sun 8 December: Mass for First Holy Communion Pupils followed by meeting, 12.00 noon.
- Sun 8 December: Second Sunday of Advent. Collect for Reverse Advent Box.
- Mon 9 December: Whole School Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception, 2.15pm.
- Tue 10 December: Whole School Christmas Dinner.
- Tue 10 December: KS2 Pantomime in school, paid for by FOTOS.
- Wed 11 December: Year 6 Residential to Alton Castie (to Friday).
- Wed 11 December: Parent/Carer Christmas Coffee Morning - bring cake, 9.00 to 10.00am.
- Thurs 12 December: **ELECTION DAY - SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN.** The Foundation Unit will be a Polling Station. Reception children will work in the Year 6 classroom (as Year 6 are in a Residential trip). Nursery children will not attend school.
- Fri 13 December: Christmas Jumper Day - bring £1 for Crisis at Christmas.
- Fri 13 December: Caritas Christi Carol Service, St Chad's, 1.15pm.
- Sun 15 December: Third Sunday of Advent. Collect for Reverse Advent Box.
- Wed 18 Dec: Fotos Christmas Disco, The H Suite, 5 – 8pm, Child: £2 and Adults: £3.50

The rest of the dates for this term can be found in our website www.oratory.bham.sch.uk/diary.htm

Keep in your thoughts and prayers

Of your charity please pray for the souls of those who have recently died and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our Lady
Pray for us

St Philip Neri
Pray for us

St John Henry Newman
Pray for us

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.



May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



A word from Pope Francis:

“ The world needs you. Never forget that! The Lord needs you, so that you can encourage all those people around us who are looking for a helping hand to lift them up.”



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