



# Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

## Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020



“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!**



**“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9**

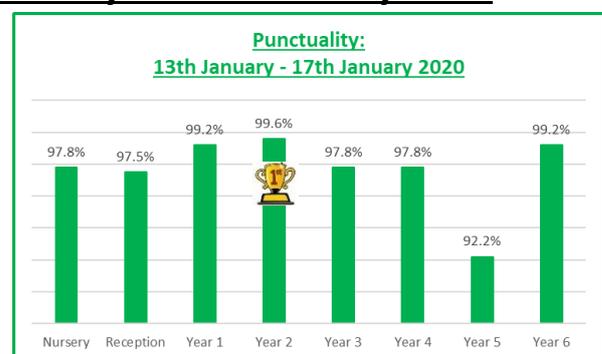
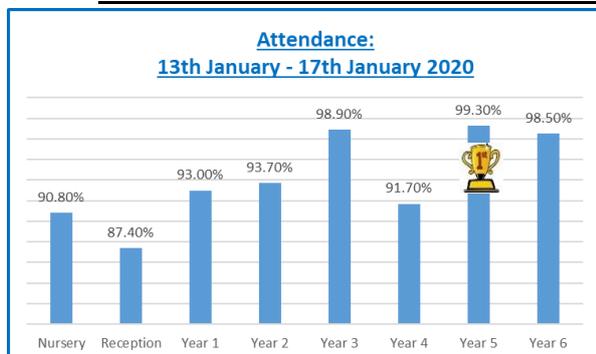


### **Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Compassionate and Loving**

Throughout this half term our children will be reflecting upon being **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** through their just actions and forgiving words.

### **Attendance and Punctuality Matters!**

#### **Whole school attendance : 13<sup>th</sup> January to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020:**



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



## Reading for pleasure

Reading is one of our school priorities. We want our pupils to develop a love for reading so we would be most grateful if you could support this by reading with your child frequently. We have recently purchased a number of books with high quality text, including classics and we really hope this will help your child further develop their love of reading.

Please make sure your child reads at home on a daily basis. Talk to your child about what they have read and if they enjoyed it or not.

# Benefits of reading for pleasure



based upon the findings reported in  
Literature Review: The Impact of Reading for  
Pleasure and Empowerment, The Reading  
Agency, 2013

### PERSONAL OUTCOMES

Escapism  
Enjoyment  
Focus and Flow  
Knowledge of self  
Creativity and imagination  
Relaxation  
Emotional Intelligence

### SOCIAL OUTCOMES

Empathy  
Relatedness  
Parent/child communication  
Reduced depressive symptoms  
Self expression  
Communication skills  
Social and cultural capital

### EXTERNAL OUTCOMES

Attainment (across curriculum)  
Knowledge of other cultures  
Motivation to learn

## Special Educational Needs at the Oratory

Children do not always make the progress that might be expected. This could be due to a range of reasons, at different times during their school career. At the Oratory, we monitor this very closely. If we have any concerns about your child's learning, we will invite you to meet with Mrs Herrera to discuss this further. Often activities to complete at home, a short intervention, a change in teaching methods or even working in a smaller group can solve the problem.



If you would like to discuss any specific issues about your child with Mrs Herrera, please phone email Mrs Herrera directly at [g.herrera@oratory.bham.sch.uk](mailto:g.herrera@oratory.bham.sch.uk).

For general information regarding Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at our school please visit [www.oratory.bham.sch.uk/send.htm](http://www.oratory.bham.sch.uk/send.htm).

## Thank you for your feedback



We always welcome your feedback. We always strive to work in partnership with our families. You can contact the Leadership Team with any comments or suggestions you may have at [communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk](mailto:communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk).

We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you!

## School Uniform

Some of our children are still wearing items of clothing which are not part of the Oratory school uniform.

Trainers can be brought into school to be worn at break times, however, these should not be worn as part of the uniform. If there is a specific reason why your child is

unable to wear the correct uniform, please send a note to your child's teacher to explain. All request will be monitored by the Head Teacher.



### **Winter uniform**

- Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with our school logo.
- White or yellow polo shirt.
- Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers (no alterations on any of these items of clothing).
- Grey, burgundy or black tights (no coloured or decorated tights).
- White/grey socks (no coloured or decorated socks).
- Black shoes or sensible flat black boots (no trainers).
- Hair - if girls have long hair it must be tied or pinned back. Hair bands and clips are allowed if they are burgundy and small.
- Earrings - small stud earrings only.

### **PE Kit**

- Plain white t-shirt. No football tops or t-shirts with logos.
- Black shorts or black jogging / tracksuit bottoms.
- Black pumps.
- Trainers to be worn outside, only for sports, athletics or daily mile.
- Children in Y5 and Y6 should bring a small towel and a roll on deodorant to keep at school.

**We would be most grateful for your co-operation as we believe that looking smart enables children to feel proud of our school community in addition to preparing them for Secondary School life.**

## Dates for your diary

- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Share a Green Heart Day ... Let's Talk About Climate Change!
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for Half Term.
- **17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Half Term Holiday
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February** - School Re-opens
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Week
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – School closes 1.30pm. Easter Holidays begin
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Teacher Training Day
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Back to School. See you all at 8.50am
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of term. School closes at 3.15pm
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Teacher Training Day

## Keep in your thoughts and prayers

Of your charity please pray for those who are ill or undergoing a personal difficulty at this time.



**Our Lady**  
*Pray for us*

**St Philip Neri**  
*Pray for us*

**St John Henry Newman**  
*Pray for us*



**A word from Pope Francis:**

*“Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our heart and a smile on our face”*



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