



# Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School Newsletter 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020



“Shine as to be a light to others”

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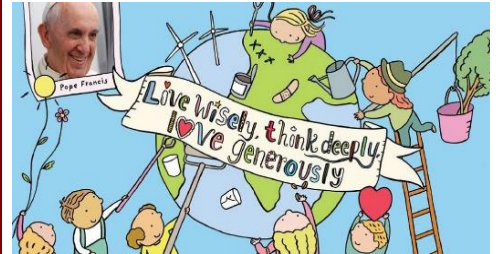
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**Family Mass at the  
Oratory of St Philip Neri  
Sunday 12 noon  
Everyone is welcome!**



**“Be kind and compassionate to one another...” Ephesians 4:32**

## Catholic Life of the Oratory

### **New Catholic Pupil Profile Certificates**



Year 6 members of our Worship Team having been extremely busy during their lunchtime this week; designing and creating new certificates to congratulate our children when they have been demonstrating virtues from the Catholic Pupil Profile, on a regular basis.

The winning design for this half term will be revealed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January when the certificates for ‘Compassionate and Loving’ will be handed out!

### **Benediction**

KS2 were blessed to be able to enjoy Benediction on Thursday afternoon. Time with the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, litanies and hymns is a half termly occasion for our children. They really seem to appreciate this special devotion which shows in their reverent behaviour and manner at church.



## Spanish Links

This is the third year in which we welcome students from the University of Vic, Spain. Miss Bosch is working with Year 5 and Miss Company is working with Year 4. We are delighted that they will be staying with us until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

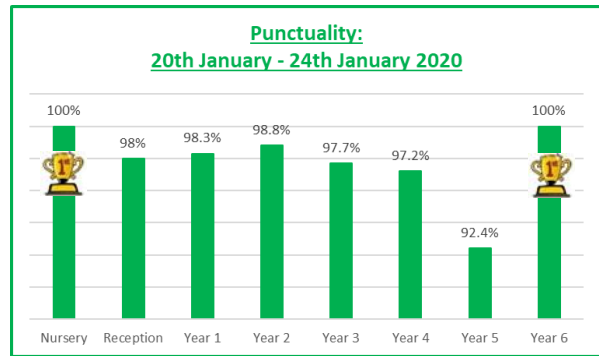
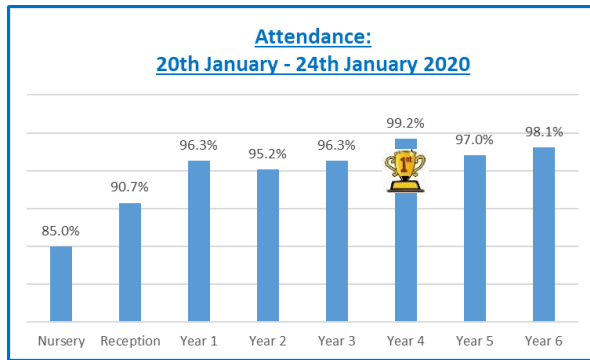
Miss Bosh and Miss Company will be running a Spanish Club, every Tuesday, for five weeks starting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, from 15:15 – 16:00. **The club is open to Year 3 and Year 4 only. There are ten places available.**

Please email [c.dickinson@oratory.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.dickinson@oratory.bham.sch.uk) as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Attendance and Punctuality Matters!

### Whole school attendance : 20<sup>th</sup> January to 24<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 at the Oratory

Reading is one of our key school improvement priorities this year.

All of our children have been given a username and password to access Bug Club. This website has a number of e-books which have been allocated to your child according to their reading level. Please ask your child about this and encourage them to access this amazing resource to further support their reading at home.



Also, there is an excellent website where our children can read all about national and international events. Everything is age appropriate and it is a great website to develop our children's understanding of world wide events! Check it out at

[www.live.firstnews.co.uk](http://www.live.firstnews.co.uk)

Furthermore, all children have books and Reading records. We would love to see your comments in their Reading records, so please feel free to write on their record so we know when and how they have read at home with you. Many thanks and happy reading!

## Uniform reminder



Thank you to all the children who wear our school uniform in full. Thank you to all our families who are supporting us and ensuring that their children are wearing the correct uniform each and every day. Unfortunately, there are a small number of children who are still not wearing the correct uniform. All children should be wearing black school shoes or flat black boots with no adornments. Trainers can be brought into school to be worn at lunchtime to play football. **Children should not be wearing trainers to school as part of their uniform.**

If there is a reason why your child is not wearing the right uniform please speak to a member of staff so we are aware of your circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Closures

You will be notified (ideally before 7:00am) via text, Twitter, school website and radio stations if inclement weather affects the opening and closing of the school. **Please be assured that we will do our very best to keep school life as normal as possible.**



Any decision that affects school will consider the health and safety of children and staff, based upon their ability to travel to and from school, safely. As temperatures are predicted to fall over the coming weeks please ensure children remember to bring their coats, hats, scarves and gloves to school.

## Community News



### **LADYWOOD WARD FORUM MEETING:**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Ladywood Health and Community Centre, St Vincent Street West B16 8RP, 7.00pm.

Residents please come along and join in the discussion on local issues affecting the ward.

**Main issue for discussion at this meeting will be the Clean Air Zone (CAZ).**

**Contact Officer: Kay Thomas, Community Governance Team E-mail:**

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## Kung Hei Fat Choy!

We would like to wish the Chinese Community of the Oratory a Happy New Year. Enjoy the weekend celebrations!



## Please keep in your thoughts and prayers

Of your charity please pray for those who are ill, have just been diagnosed with an illness 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*



## Dates for your diary

- **Fri 31<sup>st</sup> January** – Year 4 St John Bosco Mass in school at 14:15. Everyone is welcome.
- **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 Class Saint - St Josephine Bakhita. Children can wear their own clothes to school.
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Share a Green Heart Day ... Let's Talk About Climate Change!
- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 St Valentine's Mass at 14:15. Everyone is welcome.
- **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
- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday Mass at the Oratory Church at 13:30. Everyone welcome.
- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Week Theme: Globalisation – Care for our common home.

- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Y2 and Y6 Learning Together Day. Parents and carers invited to meet with teachers. Times to be confirmed individually.
- **Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Y1 and Y4 Together Day. Parents and carers invited to meet with teachers. Times to be confirmed individually.
- **Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Y3 and Y5 Learning Together Day. Parents and carers invited to meet with teachers. Times to be confirmed individually.
- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** –Nursery and Reception Learning Together Day. Parents and carers invited to meet with teachers. Times to be confirmed individually.
- **Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day. More details to be confirmed.
- **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Y1 and Y2 Mass for Lent at 14:15 in school. Everyone is welcome.
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Stations of the Cross, Oratory Church. Everyone is welcome.
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March** – St Patrick’s Day Celebration. Children can wear green clothes / items of clothing.
- **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Y6 Confirmation at 19:00 at the Oratory Church.
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Nursery and Reception Class Saint - St Joseph. Children can wear their own clothes to school.
- **Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5 Retreat Day (Growing Chaplaincy), 10:30 – 14:30, St Paul’s for Girls School
- **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Stations of the Cross, Oratory Church at 14:00 for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- **Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Confessions, Oratory Church at 13:30 for Years 4, 5 and 6. Everyone welcome.
- **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Y2 and Y6 Fabulous Finish Showcase at 9:30. Parents and carers welcome.
- **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Y1 Fabulous Finish Showcase at 14:30. Parents and carers welcome.
- **Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Y4 Fabulous Finish Showcase at 14:30. Parents and carers welcome.
- **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Y3 Fabulous Finish Showcase at 11:00. Parents and carers welcome.
- **Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April** - Y5 Fabulous Finish Showcase at 14:30. Parents and carers welcome.
- **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – In School Retreat Day
- **Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Y3 and Y4 Passion Play at 14:30. Parents and carers welcome.
- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – End of Term Mass at 9:15, school. Everyone welcome.
- **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – School closes 13.30. Easter Holidays begin.
- **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Sunday.
- **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Teacher Training Day
- **Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April** – School reopens for all children. See you all at 8.50!

### **A word from Pope Francis:**



**“Jesus was sent to bring the Good News, to enter the heart of each one of us”**



**Remember you can follow us on Twitter @Oratory\_rc**