



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



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Key dates:

Tuesday 13th September – expectations meeting for Y6 parents and carers

Wednesday 14th September – expectations meeting for Y5 parents and carers

Thursday 15th September – expectations meeting for Y4 parents and carers

Tuesday 20th September – expectations meeting for Y3 parents and carers

Wednesday 21st September – expectations meeting for Y2 parents and carers

Thursday 22nd September – expectations meeting for Y1 parents and carers

Tuesday 11th October - School photos (individual and siblings at school)

Friday 21st October - Break up for half-term

Monday 31st October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 1st November – school reopens for pupils

Friday 16th December – school closes for pupils at 1:20pm (3:15pm for those who stay)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you have all had a happy and restful summer break and are returning to school all refreshed and ready for an exciting new year ahead.

Here at the Oratory, we are welcoming back faces old and new! Hopefully you have had the opportunity to say hello to our new staff who you will have seen around in the mornings and at the end of the day. We welcome all of our new starters – children and staff included – to our Oratory family! I especially hope that our new Reception children have settled in well into their new classroom environment with Miss Phelps and Mrs Hasific-Krid.

This week Years 1 – 6 visited the Oratory Church to attend a Mass led by Father Anton in celebration of Our Lady's birthday. Each class made a special birthday card for Our Lady together and placed it on her shrine. Classes had the opportunity to look at the special shrine for Our Lady and have their questions answered by Father Anton. Throughout Mass, the children sang beautifully and sat reverently – well done all.



We will be holding a number of expectation meetings for parents / carers of pupils in Years 1-6 from 9:00 – 9:45am, please see dates below:

- Tuesday 13th September – Y6
- Wednesday 14th September – Y5
- Thursday 15th September – Y4
- Tuesday 20th September – Y3
- Wednesday 21st September – Y2
- Thursday 22nd September – Y1

During these meetings we will ask you to sign a home learning agreement, which will be signed by myself, your child and you. If you have children in different year groups, you need only attend one meeting. Part of the meeting will cover our new behaviour policy, which will also be emailed to you. This week we have introduced our new school rules to our children:

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Mrs Pickup, our new Assistant Headteacher, will be leading on behaviour, but all staff will be encouraging the children to follow these rules throughout the school day. Two children from each class will have the opportunity to be rewarded with a certificate in our celebration assembly for demonstrating they are following our school rules.

Finally, with great sadness, we all heard that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, passed away yesterday afternoon. In our assembly today, we paid our respects with 1 minute of silence. We keep the Royal family in our prayers at this difficult time.

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

May she rest in peace.

Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson



Reminders

Any child who has asthma or requires medication must have their medicines and inhalers in school at all times.

Please update the office with any changes of phone numbers or contact details over the summer holiday so that we can ensure that you receive important calls or communications from school, and our newsletter which is sent out electronically.

Send your children to school with their own water bottle, which they can fill up throughout the day if needed. We encourage children to take them home daily for cleaning. Cups will not be available in classes.

With the unpredictable weather, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day.

Next week we will be on Week 3 of the school dinner menu (emailed out earlier this week). If your child is in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Breaktime snacks should be healthy. Fruit and vegetables are encouraged. We are a nut-free school due to having some children with severe allergies.

Park safely, considerately and responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children.

There are still some raffle prizes to be collected from the school office. See below for a reminder of the ticket numbers.

On **Friday**, school finishes at **1:20pm**. For those who stay on a Friday, they need collecting at **15:15pm**.

Please be prompt in collecting your children.

Sunday Mass

Father Anton has informed me that the 10:30 Mass on Sunday will be a solemn requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II. The 12:15 Mass will also be a requiem Mass.

All members of the school and parish community are welcome to come and pay their respects to this special lady and pray for the repose of her soul.

Winning tickets:

| White | Pink | Green |
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| 366-370 | 26-30 | 16-20 |
| 376-380 | 71-75 | 41-45 |
| 386-390 | 106-110 | 51-55 |
| 371-375 | 166-170 | 111-115 |
| | 201-205 | 121-125 |
| | 246-250 | 131-135 |
| | 256-260 | 136-140 |
| | 366-370 | 181-185 |
| | 401-405 | 146-150 |
| | 416-420 | 151-155 |
| | 531-535 | 211-215 |

Thank you to the PTA for organising the raffle and to those of you who bought tickets.