



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



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Key dates:

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)

Future dates for your diary:

Sunday 11th June – First Holy Communion (Year 4)

Sunday 18th June – Blessed Sacrament procession (Year 4)

Wednesday 12th July – Confirmation at 7pm (Year 6) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO AVAILABILITY

Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents/Carers

Thank you to those of you who were able to make the expectation meetings held this week. It is so important for us as a new team to develop positive relationships with you all as we work in partnership for the children. If you were unable to make the expectation meeting, there is a summary of items discussed, which will be sent out to you with this newsletter. As well as this, a copy of the Home School Agreement will be sent out for you to read. These agreements will be sent home with the children next week for all to sign. Should you have any questions or queries please do speak with us, or email us at

communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk.

Mr Morris

Today we said farewell and thank you to Mr Morris. We wish him all the best and we are grateful for his time spent here at the Oratory and the support he has given to the children over the years.

This week, we pray for Mr Morris as he embarks on new adventures.



School Lunches

Thank you to all those who responded to our survey about lunches. Most of those who responded said they would like to choose a hot dinner *or* a packed lunch for each day of the 3-week rotation.

If your child is in Reception – Year 6, please complete this survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/NDBKYnt9Rj> for each of the children you have here at school. The survey will close on Wednesday 28th September. **Please ensure that you all complete the survey** as this will enable us to order the correct amount of food items per week and minimise any wastage.

School Developments

This week we have given all the children a reading book that they should have either brought home or will be bringing home today. We are working in school to reorganise the book selections for the children to ensure they are able to read the books they bring home. For our younger children they have to have been taught all of the phonic sounds in the book to be able to bring it home. It may seem that the book is too easy, but it is important that the children feel successful and read the text fluently. Please do share other books with them at home and read to them daily. They should progress steadily through the book band colours as they make progress through the different phonic phases. For the older children, their book choices are made relevant to their reading age. Again, as their reading age increases this will enable them to choose from different selections of books. For the younger children please could an adult record each time they read with the child, and for KS2 children they can record each time they read during the week. The children should bring their reading book and their reading record with them to school every day. Staff will be hearing the children read during the week. The children having their books every day means we can hear them read should additional time become available during the day. Thank you for your help fostering a love of reading in the children!

In school

This week, Mrs Welsh, Mrs Pickup and I have been visiting classrooms to see what the children have been learning. It has been fantastic to see the children working so hard, particularly in geography where they have been developing their skills at using an atlas and sharing what they have learnt with us.

Our school councillors have met with Mrs Welsh this week and have been assigned their first task which is to develop their reading corners and become class librarians. They are all very excited by this! We look forward to seeing their ideas for their reading corners come to life.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,
Mrs Wilson

Reminders

Please label all jumpers and cardigans!

Send your children to school with their own water bottle.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day.

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

Park safely, considerately and responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children. Please do not pull up or wait in the middle of the road or on the zigzag lines.

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.

Winning tickets:

White	Pink	Green
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.