



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



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Key dates:

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November – Parents' evening (3:45 – 6:30pm)

Sunday 20th November - Feast of Christ the King (Special invite for Y4/6, Oratory Church)

Tuesday 22nd November – Movie afternoon (3:30pm-5:30pm, £3 per child)

Wednesday 23rd November – World Cup lunch!

Wednesday 23rd November - £1 donation for non-uniform day (football kits/sporting attire)

28th November – 'Healthy Body, Healthy Minds' week

Thursday 1st December – Y6 SATs workshop

Friday 2nd December – Y2 SATs workshop

Monday 5th December – Y5 parent/carer workshop

Tuesday 6th December – Y4 parent/carer workshop

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas lunch and children to wear suitable party clothes

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Fayre (organised by the PTA) 3:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday 8th December – Mass at Oratory Church (Reception – Year 6) 9:30am

Friday 9th December – Nativity at Oratory Church, 12:45 start (parents/carers welcome from 12:30 in Upper Cloister Hall)

Monday 12th December – Y1 parent/carer workshop

Tuesday 13th December – Y3 parent/carer workshop

Thursday 15th December – Professor McGinty History workshops (Year 3 – 6)

Friday 16th December – Mass at Oratory Church (Reception – Year 6) 9:30

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)

Friday 4th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

On Tuesday we started off the new half-term by having Mass in the school Hall to celebrate All Saints Day. The Mass was led by Father Anton and Father David came along to play the piano to accompany the hymns. Both Fathers and staff commented on the reverence of the children and their beautiful singing throughout.

Faith-Filled and Hopeful

In today's celebration assembly, Year 3 introduced our Catholic Virtues for this half-term: **Faith-filled & Hopeful**. Thank you, Year 3! Children who received these certificates will have them displayed in school for a WHOLE WEEK, before bringing them home. This is so that every child, member of staff and visitor can see these certificates proudly on display. The children who receive them will still be named in the newsletter and will still come out in assembly to receive the round of applause they deserve.

School Developments

This week I met with School Council to see how the development of the reading areas is coming along. I have set them to challenge to complete them by next Friday and then the class with the best reading corner will have 10 minutes of extra playtime as a reward!

The School Councilors had also been speaking to their class about some of the things that are going well and some things that they feel need to be improved in school. Here are some things they fed back to me:

"We like that school fences are covered to keep us safe" – Y2

"We would like more parent and carer activities" – Y2

"There is no bullying" – Y6

"We need to keep our book corners tidy" – Y5

We will be working together to address some of the children's views about school improvements.

In addition to this, I have asked the School Councilors to conduct pupil questionnaires.

Parents questionnaires will be given out at parents' evening next week.

Reading Challenge!

We challenged you to read in the most unusual place during half-term. Don't forget to send these pictures in to your Teachers to be displayed in school and on our Twitter feed. The most unusual (but safe!!!) location sent in will win a prize! Thank you to those who have sent them in already 😊

Book Fair

Next week the book fair will be in school. Please click on the link to see the books that will be available to purchase: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>. You can also look at the books on parents' evening. If children bring money in next week for the book fair, it must be in a sealed, named envelope and handed to their class teacher to store safely. If any change is needed, the school office will send that home in a sealed, named envelope. *School do not accept any responsibility for loose money or envelopes which have not been handed to the class teacher.*

'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind'

–physical health, mental health and healthy eating awareness

During the week of 28th November, Kieran McLoughlin - our PE and Health Mentor, has planned a range of fun and exciting activities during PE lessons to promote having a healthy body and healthy mind. We look forward to raising awareness across school in order to become healthier!

If you are a parent/carers and feel that you may have something to offer during this week during school time (e.g. an exercise/sports session, a dance class, a talk about mental health for children, a healthy eating workshop etc...) then please get in touch and let us know. We'd love to utilise your talents to help us spread awareness too! Please email: communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk

4th November

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Faith-filled & Hopeful

Living our Catholic Virtues of **Faith-Filled & Hopeful** this week are:

Nursery	Myles	Mia
Reception	Jasper	Blu
Year 1	Elliana	Malachi
Year 2	Sandara	Tommy Lee
Year 3	Simon	Mya
Year 4	Leyla	Nikolay
Year 5	Aryan	Hannah
Year 6	Momoreoluwa	Shamma

Following our school rules: **Ready-Respectful-Safe** this week are:

Nursery	Srihan	Rose
Reception	Leo	Oliwia
Year 1	Abigail	Brayden
Year 2	Antoni	Marina
Year 3	Amanadab	Tiwatope
Year 4	Rubeigh	Tomas
Year 5	Richie	Preciosa
Year 6	Kelsey	Lawi

Well done to all of these children!

Just to note, at the bottom of this newsletter are the menus for our World Cup lunch and Christmas lunch.

Please order your Christmas lunch by 18th November (a letter will be sent out to you soon).

Have a lovely weekend!

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson.

Nursery places

We currently have a few places left in our Nursery. Hours are 8:40 – 12pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a Nursery place for your child. Please do share this information with your friends and neighbors too.

Breakfast club

A reminder that we operate a breakfast club every morning from 8am (£2.50 per session). It is run by two of our own staff. Please let Mrs Yaman in the office know if you would like a place.

Sacramental preparation

It is very important that children are prepared for these significant events in their life. The teaching that goes on in school is only part of what the children need in preparation for making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation – there is an expectation that parents/carers take children to Mass every week to further prepare them. Remember to take Mass attendance cards with you to have them signed at the end of Mass.

Link for Mass times at the Oratory Church: <https://www.birminghamoratory.org.uk/mass-times/>

On Sunday 20th November, Y4 and Y6 are invited to Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, Y4 and Y6 will meet in the Shrine of Saint John Henry Newman to be enrolled for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, which they will undertake in the summer term.

Labelling clothing

Please label all jumpers, cardigans and coats!

PE days: (PLEASE NOTE CHANGES made on 4th November)

Nursery - Friday

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Thursday (*Thursday = swimming)

Year 6 – Monday & Tuesday

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

Plain white t-shirt (no football tops or t-shirts with logos)

Black shorts

Black pumps

Tracksuit - black or dark blue for colder weather (no logos)

Trainers (to be worn for outdoor PE only)

Children in Y5/6 may also bring a small towel and roll-on deodorant on their PE day.

Send your children to school with their own **water bottle, a coat and their reading book and reading record every day.**

Encourage healthy eating through the snacks / lunches you send to school.

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

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.



YOUR MENU

🌐 World Cup 🌐

**All Day Breakfast Lunch 23rd November
2022**

Baked Sausage or Vegan Sausage

Hash Brown Potatoes

Omelette

Baked Beans

Toast

Cookie, Yoghurts

Fresh Fruit

MADE FRESH

7th December Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey

or

Vegan Quorn Sausage (v)

Roast Potatoes

Stuffing Ball, Yorkshire Pudding & Pigs in Blankets

Roast Vegetables, (Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots)

Festive Ice Cream roll,

Chocolate Cracknell Puddings

Orders must be in by 18th November

To avoid disappointment.

