



# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

*"Shine as to be a light to others"*

Head Teacher: Mrs C. Wilson



## Key dates

### Next week:

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 parent/carer workshop
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 parent/carer workshop
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Children can wear party clothes (no charge)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Professor McGinty History workshops (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for pupils at 1:20pm (3:15pm for those who stay)

### Future Dates:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens for pupils
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion (Y4)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Blessed Sacrament procession (Y4)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

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## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent/carer workshops**

Thank you to those of you who attended the workshops this week. We hope that you have found them beneficial in how to support your child in some of their core areas of learning. Next week, we have workshops for Y1 and Y3 – we hope to see you there!

### **Christmas Fayre**

A huge well done and thank you to all involved in helping with the success of the Christmas Fayre, this includes the PTA who organised it and the many staff members who gave up their own time to help out. A massive £348.06 was raised which will go a long way to helping us purchase some much needed resources for the school. The children enjoyed the disco and the chance to socialise with their friends after school, in the company of their grown-ups. Santa and his grotto were also a huge hit with the children.

### **Mass**

On Thursday, Reception up to Y6 walked to the Oratory Church to celebrate Mass with Father Anton, as it was the Feast day of Our Lady of the Oratory. Mary is a model of discipleship because she said, “Yes” to God. Mary co-operated with God’s plan by becoming the Mother of Jesus. We honour Mary because she is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother as well. The children were reverent and sang beautifully and we were incredibly impressed with the way Reception walked all the way up to Church with their Y6 buddies.

### **Nativity**

We hope that those of you made it to watch our whole school Nativity enjoyed it! The children have been practising their beautiful singing all week with their teachers, Mrs Pickup and Father David. It was lovely having the opportunity to use the Upper Cloister Hall at the Oratory to perform the Nativity. The children did so well with their singing, narrating and acting and I am very, very proud of them. It was wonderful to be able to join together as a whole school. Again, the children walked to the Oratory so sensibly and Y6 and Y5 enjoyed being buddies with Reception and Year 1 on the way. Thank you to those parents/carers who came to watch the Nativity and thank you for your patience whilst we dismissed the entire school. The children did us all proud!

Due to the Nativity taking place, celebration assembly for this week will take place on Monday.

We have some exciting activities planned for next week – don’t forget to come in party clothes on Wednesday! Also on Thursday, Professor McGinty will deliver workshops to Y3/4 and Y5/6, the £4 donation can be made on Arbor for this, many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend!

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson.

### **Your Details!**

Please check Arbor to ensure that all personal details held about you and your child are up to date. It is so important that we are able to contact you, in case of an emergency.

### **Dietary requirements**

Please ensure your details are up to date. From January, we will no longer be offering pork products. Please also note, as a Catholic school we do not offer Halal meat.

*Intolerances—Mrs Yaman has contacted some parents/carers regarding intolerances. Any intolerances that you inform us about need to be backed up with a letter from your GP, so that we can record these on our system with accuracy.*

### **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 neighbours too.

### **Breakfast club**

A reminder that we operate a breakfast club every morning from 8am (£2.50 per session). It is run by 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/>

### **PE days:**

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.**