

## IMPORTANT DATES 2019 - 2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Term starts: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Half Term: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1st November

Term ends: Friday 20th December, 1.30pm

### Spring Term 2020

Term starts: Tuesday 7th January

Half Term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 21st Feb

Term Ends: Friday 3rd April, 1.30pm

### Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Tuesday 21st April

Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Term Ends: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm

### Teacher Training Days

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 13th September

Monday 6th January

Friday 10th July

### Learning Together Meetings Autumn Term, 9 - 6pm

Nursery and Reception: Monday 21st October

Y2 and Y6: Tuesday 22nd October

Y3 and Y4: Wednesday 23rd October

Y1 and Y5: Thursday 23th October

### VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery  
Y1 Standards and Expectations in all areas  
of Oratory School Life  
September 2019 - July 2020



**At the Oratory, we all try to follow in the footsteps of  
Saint John Henry Newman by  
"Shining as to be a light to others"**



### My Vocation

**Saint John Henry Newman**

*God has created me to do him  
some definite service;*

*he has committed some work  
to me*

*which he has not committed  
to another.*

*I have my mission.*

*I am a link in a chain,  
a bond of connections between  
persons. He has not  
created me for nothing*

*I shall do good. I shall do his work.*

**Information inside this booklet explains how  
together, we can do His work through our school  
standards and expectations!**

**Home, School and Parish working in partnership!**

## SUPPORTING CATHOLIC LIFE

Every child is a unique person created in the image and likeness of God, with a God-given potential for growth and an eternal destiny in heaven.

Adults within the Oratory school family have a special vocation to ensure our children receive the best educational experience in order to grow in love and knowledge of God, their neighbour, themselves and the created world.

***Our faith is central to everything that we do!***



**We expect parents and carers to work in partnership with the school and parish; continually supporting our Catholic Life. For example:**

✚ Attendance at your child's class Mass, whole school



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| Weds 27 <sup>th</sup><br>Nov<br>13               | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Promoting a love of reading for pleasure in Y4, Y5 and Y6 led by Mrs Galloway and Mrs Dickinson, 9-10am in the hall.                                                                                                 |
| Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov                        | KS2 Benediction, 1.45 pm at the Oratory Church.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec                          | First Sunday of Advent. Children to begin to collect for Reverse Advent Box.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Assessment Week for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6: Mathematics, Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation. Please ensure your child is on time and in school each day.                                                                                       |
| Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | Promoting a love of reading for pleasure in EYFS led by Mrs Lloyd, 9 – 10am in the hall.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec                          | Y1 + Y2 Class Mass in the school hall, 2.15pm. All welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec                          | Mass (12 noon) at the Oratory Church for pupils who will be making their First Holy Communion followed by a meeting for pupils, parents and carers led by Fr Anton, Mrs Dickinson and Mr Venencia. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Reverse Advent Box. |
| Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                          | Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Whole School Mass, hall, 2.15pm. Everyone welcome!                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | Whole School Christmas Dinner                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Weds 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec                     | Parent and Carer Christmas Coffee Morning: Feedback and reflection on the term's workshops. Bring cake!                                                                                                                                                   |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | Caritas Christi Carol Service, 1.15pm St Chads Cathedral. Christmas Jumper Day! Bring in £1 for Crisis at Christmas.                                                                                                                                      |
| Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Reverse Advent Box.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec                        | KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity 9.30am in the school hall<br>Y5 performing A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2pm. All welcome!                                                                                                                                          |
| Weds 18 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec                     | EYFS Christmas Extravaganza, 10.30am in the Foundation Unit.<br>School Learning and Improvement Update Meeting for Parents, Carers and Governors, hall: 2.30 – 3.10pm + 5.30pm – 6.10pm.                                                                  |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec                    | EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties and a visit from Fr Christmas!<br>KS2 - Pantomime in school TBC                                                                                                                                                            |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec                         | Whole School Mass 9.15am in hall followed by Carols and Mince Pies.<br><b>Reverse Advent Boxes – last day to bring into school.</b><br>Break up for the Christmas Holidays, 1.30pm.                                                                       |

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| Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> -<br>Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br><br>12 | <b>Learning Together Meetings Week, 9-6pm:</b><br>Nursery and Reception: Monday 21st October<br>Y2 and Y6: Tuesday 22nd October<br>Y3 and Y4: Wednesday 23rd October<br>Y1 and Y5: Thursday 23th October |
| Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>October                             | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Mathematics in Nursery and Reception led by Mrs Lloyd, 9 – 10am in the hall.                                                                                        |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct                                | School Learning and Improvement Update Meeting for Parents, Carers and Governors in the hall: 2.30 – 3.10pm and 5.30pm – 6.10pm                                                                          |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>Oct                               | Whole School Mass and Harvest Festival, 2.15pm in the school.<br>Break up for Half Term                                                                                                                  |

**HALF TERM: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

| DATE                           | EVENTS: AUTUMN TERM 2019                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Tue 5th Nov                    | Y5 Dress Rehearsal of A Midsummer Night's Dream 1.30pm – 5pm.<br>Y5's performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare in Schools Festival, The Old Rep Theatre, 7pm                 |
| Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: 'First Steps' course around communication and behaviour in the EYFS 9 – 10am in the hall.                                                            |
| Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | Y4 Class Mass in the school chapel, 2.15pm. All welcome!                                                                                                                                  |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | Mass (12 noon) at the Oratory Church for pupils who will be making their Confirmation followed by a meeting for pupils, parents and carers led by Fr Anton, Mrs Dickinson and Miss Corns. |
| Weds 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Nov   | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Keeping your child safe online led by Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Herrera and Ms Sall, 9 – 10am in the hall.                                                  |
| Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | World Diabetes Day – Wear blue and bring in £1 for Diabetes UK.                                                                                                                           |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Nov | Y3 Class Mass in the school chapel, 2.15pm. All Welcome!<br>Pyjama Day – everyone to wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime book to share with their class.              |
| Weds 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Nov   | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Promoting a love of reading for pleasure in Y1, Y2 and Y3, led by Mrs Galloway and Mrs Dickinson, 9-10am in the hall.                                |
| Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov       | Reception Class Mass with Y5 Guardian Angels, 2.15pm in the school. Parents and carers welcome.                                                                                           |

- ✦ Mass and Spiritual Inspire.
- ✦ Supporting sacramental preparation: First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation through attendance at the Parish Enrolment Mass, parent/ carer meetings and Sunday Mass.
- ✦ Participation in key annual Parish / School celebrations and public acts of devotion including: The Crowning of Mary (May), Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction in our school grounds (June).
- ✦ Your child will take home a prayer bag on a rota basis. We encourage each family to come together, at home, to pray and know that Jesus Christ is always with us.
- ✦ Ensure your child is able to recite the prayers expected within their year group. Our school prayer booklet can be found on the website at the bottom of the page entitled, 'Living Our Faith'.





# SAFEGUARDING

## Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality at school are vital for:

- ◆ your child's learning
- ◆ your child's confidence
- ◆ good progress and attainment
- ◆ establishing in your child a positive attitude towards the world of work.
- ◆ your child's social skills



### What is good attendance?

In order to give a guide to your child's attendance it might be useful to consider government guidance on attendance:

**99%-100% Outstanding**

**96%-98% Good**

**95% Satisfactory**

**Under 95% Cause for concern**

**Your child's attendance should be at least 95%.**

**This is the legal minimum requirement.**

Any child whose attendance falls below this will be contacted by Mrs Dickinson (HT), Mrs Herrera (Inclusion Lead) or Ms Sall (School Based Social Worker).

### **School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

| DATE                                                         | EVENTS: AUTUMN TERM 2019                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Thur 12 <sup>th</sup><br>Sept 11                             | KS2 Benediction, 1.45 pm at the Oratory Church. All welcome!<br>Y1 – Y6 Parent and Carer meetings with child's class teacher re: standards and expectations in Learning.                                                                                                         |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>                               | <b>School Closed, Staff 'Building the Kingdom' Curriculum Training with Caritas Christi.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                    | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities led by Inclusion Lead Mrs Herrera, 9 – 10am, hall.                                                                                                                                               |
| Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep                                     | Y6 Class Mass in the school chapel, 2.15pm. All welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                    | Y5 The Old Rep, Cast Workshop for A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare in Schools, 1.30 – 4pm. Children back 4.30pm.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                    | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Phonics EYFS, 9 – 10am, hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept                                    | Y5 Class Mass, school chapel, 2.15pm. Launch of Mini Vinnies! All Welcome!<br>Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in hall, 3.15 – 4.30pm. Everyone is Welcome! We ask that children bring cakes and biscuits in the morning. <b>NB: We are a NUT free School.</b>                         |
| Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> -<br>Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct           | October Devotions: Praying the Rosary at 8.40am on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Rosary led by Y6 + Y5 pupils, school chapel.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct                                     | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Calculation methods in Mathematics for Y3 and Y4 led by Miss Corns, 9 – 10am in the hall.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October                               | Whole School Blessing of our outside prayer garden, 'Laudato Si' - Care for our common home, 2.15pm. Led by Fr Anton.                                                                                                                                                            |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Calculation methods in Mathematics for Y5 and Y6 led by Miss Corns, 9-10am in the hall.<br><b>Blessed John Henry Newman Feast Day - School Patron.</b><br>Whole school afternoon live link with Archbishop Bernard Longley                  |
| Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> October<br>(Please note re-vised date) | <b>1.30pm Whole School Outdoor Mass (weather dependent!) followed by celebrations to commemorate the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman, our school patron, in Rome on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October!</b><br><b>Everyone to wear their best party clothes to school.</b> |
| Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> October                                | Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Calculation methods in Mathematics for Y1 and Y2 led by Miss Corns, 9 -10am in the hall.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                    | KS2 Benediction, 1.45 pm at the Oratory Church. October Devotions to Our Lady of the Oratory where everyone is welcome!                                                                                                                                                          |

## Routines in Y1

### Home Reading

Books will be changed every Monday. All children are expected to read every day at home as this will support their development of phonetic knowledge in preparation for their Phonics Screening Test.

**Week Beginning: Monday 8th June 2020**



### Homework

Homework folders will be sent home on Friday. They must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday.

Lists of new spellings will go home every Thursday, children are responsible for practising them. The spelling test is on Thursday each week. The small green book must be brought in on this day in order for new spellings to be stuck in.

### Learning Logs

At least once every half term.

### Fabulous Finish

At the end of every term, each year group will put together a 'Fabulous Finish' where they will showcase what they have learnt over the term.

**Fabulous Finish will be on  
Friday 13th December 2019, 2.30pm in Y1**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ✓ Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan preferably with the Oratory School logo.
- ✓ White or yellow polo shirt.
- ✓ Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers.
- ✓ School shoes—black **(NO TRAINERS)**
- ✓ Grey / burgundy / black tights or white / grey socks
- ✓ If girls have long hair it must be tied or pinned back. Hair bands and clips are allowed if they are simple and small.
- ✓ **NO BIG BOWS.**
- ✓ Small stud earrings. **NO NAIL VARNISH.**
- ✓ Coat, hat, gloves and scarf during winter.



## Winter Uniform



## PE KIT

- ✓ A plain white T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps.  
**NO FOOTBALL TOPS OR T-SHIRTS WITH LOGOS.**
- ✓ Tracksuit - blue / black for colder weather.
- ✓ Trainers outside only for PE, outside sports or daily mile.
- ✓ Children in Year 5 and 6 should bring a small towel and a roll on deodorant to keep at school.



**Year 1 Has PE on Wednesday!**

## HEALTH FOR LIFE

### **Break Time Snack**

Children choose from a variety of healthy snacks:

- ◇ Breadsticks;
- ◇ A small box of raisins or sultanas;
- ◇ Rice cakes.

Our children will continue to have sugar free juice.

**Please ensure that your child brings in their £1 in an envelope, with their full name, class and amount written clearly on the front.**

**If your child brings in a break time snack please ensure it is a healthy option not chocolate or crisps.**

- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

**Please apply on line, using the Free School Meal Eligibility Checker below:**

**<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/>**

**This form takes less than 5 minutes to complete, the school will be sent an email confirmation if your child is eligible.**

## DINNER MONEY

**Dinner money must be paid in advance on a Monday.**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – free to all children.

Years 3, 4,5 and 6 - £2.30 per day.

**Don't get behind with payments – please contact the office if you need help checking to see if your child is entitled to a free school meal.**

**Office staff are happy to help with any questions or queries.**

You will soon have the option to pay online.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

In Reception, Y1 and Y2 your child is entitled to a Free School Meal.

However in order to bring additional funding into our school budget we

would ask that you read the information below to see if your child is eligible for free school meals.

If your child is entitled to free school meals the school will be sent an email confirmation. We will then be allocated additional money which will come into our annual school budget.

**If your child is in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 please check if your child is entitled to free school meals as this brings even more funding into the school.**

**If your child has moved into Y3 in September 2019 please remember your child's school dinner will have to be paid for unless your child is entitled to free school meals.**

If you require further assistance please talk to a member of the Office Team.

### **Re: Free School Meals Funding 2019 -2020**

You may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child, if you (or your child) get one of the following:

- Income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



## Daily Mile



The Daily Mile supports your child's fitness, stamina, health and mood. Recent research shows daily physical activity has a positive impact on children's behaviour and concentration levels. Further information can be found at

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>

It is simple yet effective, enabling every child in our school to be active .



**Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6)** will run on a **Monday, and Friday** at break time.

**Key Stage 1 ( Year 1 and 2)** will run on a **Wednesday.**

**Please make sure your child has trainers in school on these days and wears a waterproof if it is raining. We will run, jog, walk or skip in most weathers! Staff will also be joining in!**

## Keeping Active at Dinner Time



Our dinner time Sports Coach, Mr Mc Loughlin ensures that there are a variety of sporting activities for the children to access between 12-1pm.

He is ably supported by pupil Sports Leaders who work with smaller groups of children.