

Newsletter



Autumn Term: Issue 2
11th September 2015

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Forthcoming dates

15th September:

Coffee morning and second hand uniform sale

17th September:

Parents' information evening

8th October:

National Poetry Day

26th October:

Half term week

2nd November:

back to school (no INSET day)

11th November:

Year 6 assembly

25th and 26th

November: Parent teacher meetings

Dear Parents,

The children have settled into their classes very well, and are already learning a lot of new concepts. I think they are definitely ready for a rest this weekend. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr O'Callaghan, our Parent Governor, who will most certainly not be having a rest this weekend. He is cycling to Walsingham to raise funds for the school on Sunday, which you can read about below. Good luck!

Best wishes,
Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

Mr O'Callaghan's pilgrimage

This Sunday, Parent Governor Tim O'Callaghan will be cycling to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham to raise funds for the School's Parents Association. The Pilgrimage will start with a blessing by Fr Edward after the 8:00am Mass. If you wish and are able to, please sponsor Mr O'Callaghan for the 150 mile pilgrimage. You can sponsor amounts of £10 at a time by sending a text to 70070 and in the message section typing CYCL29 and then £10 (the texts are free and you can send more than one if you wish). You can also sponsor through just giving at:

<http://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/oratoryprimary-parentsfriends/walsinghamcyclepilgrimage>

Well done to...

(R), Martina
(Yr1), Joanne
(Yr2), Caspian
(Yr3), Madalena
(Yr4), Lucy
(Yr5), Alice
(Yr6), William

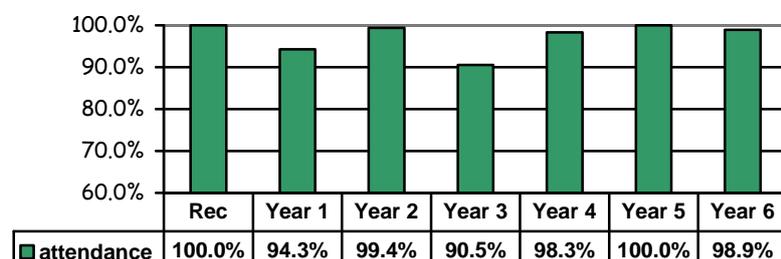
Fisher class and Yellow House for achieving certificates this week.

Congratulations everyone!

Reminder: Information Evening

Our annual information evening for parents is being held on Thursday September 17th, from 6.30pm. The evening will begin in the hall, where Mrs Griffiths will inform parents of the school's priorities for the year. Afterwards, the teachers will welcome you to their classrooms, where they will explain their routines and expectations for the class. The evening should be finished by 8pm. If you are unable to come, the teachers will send home all information given with your child the next day. We look forward to seeing you!

Congratulations to Years R + 5 with 100% attendance last week!



School rules

Our school's Catholic values support our mission to promote self esteem in children and develop their compassion and kindness. Good behaviour creates a calm and happy environment in which to learn. As part of our new start to school we have been exploring our school rules and how we can use them to make our school a safe and happy place to learn. Here they are:

Listen: focus and follow instructions.

Endeavour: try your best, always.

Appreciate: treat our school with care.

Respect: be kind and polite.

Nurture: look after yourself and others.

Keep Clear Markings

Our school has keep clear 'zig zag' markings outside the Cale Street entrance. By using these, we can create a safer, less congested environment for our children. The area provides a safer point to cross the road.

Children can see oncoming vehicles and in turn, drivers will be able to see them. If you do have to drive your child to school, we kindly request that you park or stop your vehicle in a marked parking bay. **Please do not stop on the school keep clear marking, it is not intended to be a 'drop off zone'**. Please be aware that if you do choose to stop your vehicle on the keep clear marking, traffic enforcement officers will have the authority to issue you with an **instant penalty charge notice**. There are plenty of pay and display and residents parking bays within just a few minutes' walk of the school.

The start of the school day

Please remember that school starts at 8.55 am. We appreciate that mornings are an extremely busy time of the day, with lots to organise. However, it is very important for the children to be on time for school. Being late for school can cause children stress and anxiety. They miss out on routines, and essential learning, and feel different to their peers. There are lots of ways that the children can help you make mornings less rushed. Perhaps they can help to set the breakfast table the night before, or make sure their bags and everything they need for the next day are ready by the front door before they go to bed. They can even lay out their clothes as well! Setting the alarm just ten minutes earlier can make a real difference as well and don't forget that we are open from 8.30 am every morning.

Coffee Morning and 2nd Hand uniform Sale

On Tuesday morning, from 8.30am-10am, the Parents Association will be holding a coffee morning and second hand uniform sale in the school hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, and hopefully pick up a few bargains! We hope you can join us.

Children's Mass

All families are warmly invited to the children's Mass in the Little Oratory this Sunday 13th September at 11.15.

Road safety calendar competition

A message from Felix and Victoire, our Year 6 pupil wellbeing prefects:

The borough is creating another road safety and school travel calendar- and you could have the chance to feature in it! If you're interested then you need to create your poster, put your name, school name, and year group on the back and give it to one of us. The entries should promote or illustrate one of the following: road safety, active travel to school, travel on public transport, your ideal journey to school or school travel in the past or future. The more creative and eye catching your designs are the better, but no larger than A3 please. We have to send all the entries in by October 1st, so you need to get your posters to us by Friday 25th September please. There will be a poster on the notice board outside Mrs Griffiths' office with all the details.
Thank you, and Good luck!

Welcome to Oratory!

Mrs Phillipa Bryan will be joining us as a second music teacher in addition to Mr Worsey. Mrs Bryan comes to us from the Tri Borough music hub and will be working on Fridays. As well as teaching classes, she will be setting up a school orchestra. Mr Worsey will continue to work at Oratory on Thursdays and will be running chamber choir again this year. We also welcome Mrs Emma Fyers who works as a lunchtime supervisor each day. We hope they will enjoy their time at Oratory Primary!