

Newsletter

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

Forthcoming dates

25 Apr: Class Mass for Reception and Year 1
2.15pm
27 Apr: Quiz night 7pm
1 May: Bank holiday
2 May: Coffee morning
5 May: Year 1 assembly
9.15
5 May: Year 2 cake sale
8-12 May: Year 6 statutory assessments
15-18 May: Year 2 statutory assessments
29 May: half term
8 June: infants sports 2pm
St Luke's pitches
10 June: First Holy Communion
15 June: Junior sports @ Battersea
Please note that class trips are not added here. Please check your child's bag daily for further communication.

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter, I hope you had a relaxing holiday. Although it was unusual to come back to school so soon after Easter Sunday, we have enjoyed the week together by celebrating through art and music. Chamber choir sang beautifully for us in assembly, and the children have been creating themed artwork entitled 'Jesus is Risen' which will soon be on display. We are looking forward to the term ahead- it is always exceptionally busy, but full to the brim with learning and community events. We hope you enjoy the journey alongside us.

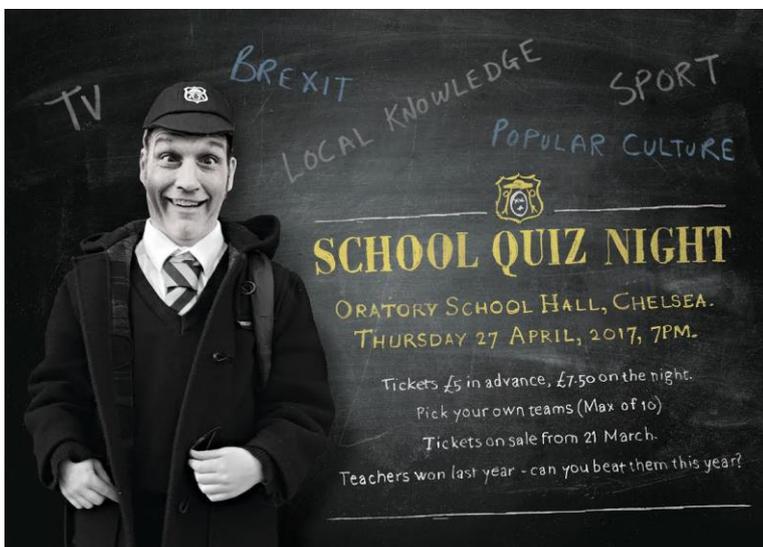
Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths

Beginning of the day

We are all delighted to have the side playground open for use once again. In the morning, children are admitted from 8.30 am. Mrs Miller, Mr Toro, Miss Betts or Mrs Tomlinson are on duty at that time. Their role is to supervise the children and to make sure that the building is kept secure from the public. Parents may fix scooters to the rack if necessary but otherwise should say goodbye to children at the gate. We ask that this rule is adhered to in order to promote independence among the children and to enable staff to ensure security. If parents need to enter the school during this time, to deliver a letter or to sign up for parents evening for example, they are asked to do this by pressing the buzzer on the door in Bury Walk. The office staff will speak to them over the intercom, before letting them in.
Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Quiz night 27th April

The quiz night is always a fun evening, with a great sense of friendly competition. Tickets are still available- we hope to see you there!



If your child will be leaving Oratory at the end of the academic year, please let the school know in writing as soon as possible, so that the place can be offered to a child on our waiting list.

School Uniform

It is good to see so many children looking smart in their summer uniforms. While the weather is still changeable, girls may wear white tights and boys may wear long socks. All boys must be wearing short trousers and girls should be wearing boaters instead of berets now.

Please can we remind you that jewellery is not allowed, and hair should either be tied back or cut short, otherwise it falls in the children's faces while they are working and also encourages the spread of head lice.

Please make sure any remaining items of summer uniform needed for your child are obtained this weekend. Our uniform is an important part of the school's identity and one of the reasons you will have chosen our school for your child. Thank you.

Lenten Boxes

Thank you for collecting money for the Catholic Children's Society during Lent. The money will be gratefully received. Please return your boxes to the school office as soon as you can, and by Friday 28th April at the latest.

Parent Forum

Our first parent forum meeting is this Monday, 24th April. The Parent Forum's membership is made up of the two representatives from each year group, Mrs Griffiths and members of the school's senior leadership team as appropriate.

What are the main aims of the Parent Forum?

- To enhance communication between parents/carers and the school
- To help the school find out what parents think about important issues
- To support and promote children's learning

How can I raise something for discussion at the forum?

- By emailing your class rep before the meeting
- By sending a letter to the school, marked 'Parent Forum' and placed in the green suggestion box on the wall as you enter the hall from Cale Street
- By writing your query and posting it in a Parent Forum box available at coffee mornings

How will I find out what was discussed?

The questions and suggestions raised at the meeting, along with the school's response and any actions taken will be recorded in the school's newsletter, and uploaded on the school website.

What sort of things might be raised at the forum?

The forum will be a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. Possible topics might include after school clubs, school routines, school lunches, school events, fundraising, school uniform and general curriculum questions.

What sort of things should not be raised at the forum?

The forum is not in place to address specific concerns about an individual child or issues relating to individual members of staff. Parents who need to discuss these issues should approach their class teacher or the Deputy/Headteacher. The school's complaints policy can be found on the website.

Art appreciation day

This Wednesday, each class took one piece of artwork and used it as a starting point for their own art; artists ranging not quite from A-Z but from Arcimboldo to Warhol! The children were given an opportunity to discuss their own ideas and opinions on the piece, and devoted time to practicing techniques and developing skills. Here are some of the examples of the finished art.



The work will soon be displayed around the school. Take a look!