

Vital End of Term Reminder

It is nearing the time when you may be thinking about booking a summer holiday. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Wednesday 19th July**. Even though term finishes on a Wednesday, families **should not** book holidays before this date, perhaps thinking that it will be acceptable for their child's holiday to begin on the previous Friday. **All holidays taken early will be reported to the local Authority, and parents may receive a penalty notice.** Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate.

The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few days are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. Not only this, low attendance figures reflect badly on the school and cause significantly more administrative work for the school's leaders and office staff. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Hello and Goodbye

As each year goes by, we say a sad goodbye to those members of staff who are moving on to pastures new, and we give a huge Oratory welcome to those joining us.

Goodbye:

Miss Montgomery our Year 2 teacher will be returning to her previous school in September as Assistant Headteacher, we wish her all the very best in her new role. Miss Miller, our Year 4 teacher, will be leaving at the end of this year to travel abroad, we wish her a safe and happy journey. Mrs Byun, our Year 2 Teaching Assistant will be leaving the school after five years here- we hope you will visit often! Mrs De Meyer, one of our Learning Support Assistants will be training to be a teacher in September; good luck Mrs De Meyer, your future pupils are very lucky. Finally, Mrs Miller, our Year 6 Teaching Assistant will be retiring at the end of the summer term after 23 happy years at Oratory. Mrs Miller has many roles at the school. She will be much missed by pupils, staff and parents alike, and we wish her every happiness.

Hello:

We are very pleased that Mr Challens is returning to Oratory after a year teaching in Sri Lanka; welcome back! Mr Patrick Alton is also joining us in September. Trained in Canada, Mr Alton comes to us from a school in Battersea, and has already spent some time visiting our school and getting to know his new class.

Classes Next Year

Teachers for classes next year are as follows:

Rec: Ms Nuttall & Mrs Golding
Year 1: Miss Cowen
Year 2: Mr Challens
Year 3: Mr Alton
Year 4: Mrs Wright
Year 5: Mr Murphy
Year 6: Mrs Kaczmarek

Thank you Miss Coy!

Mrs Pavia will be returning from maternity leave next week, which means we must say goodbye to Miss Coy on Friday. Not only has Miss Coy been supporting Year 4, she has also helped code club, football club, and been on the Year 6 school journey. What a busy 7 months! We wish you all the very best.

Parents' Evenings

End of year reports will be sent home next Monday, so parents can read them in advance of parent/teacher meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments need to be kept to ten minutes only; if you require further time, please do make a separate appointment, otherwise other families will be kept waiting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Well done everyone!



Congratulations to all those who took part in our infant and junior sports days. You worked wonderfully together.