

Newsletter



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

Forthcoming dates

28 Feb: Shrove Tuesday
Pancake sale
3 Mar: Book day
6-9 Mar: travelling book fair
7 & 8 Mar: individual and sibling photographs (this is a changed to the previously published dates)
7 & 8 Mar: parent/teacher meetings
21 Mar: PA coffee morning
24 Mar: Year 2 class assembly, 9.15
28 Mar: Y4 Easter Assembly
29 Mar: Y5 Easter Assembly
30 Mar: Y6 Easter Assembly
31 Mar: Break up 3.30pm
3-17 Apr: Easter Holiday
18 Apr: INSET day
19 Apr: Children return to school
Please note that class trips are not added here. Please check your child's bag daily for further communication.

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a relaxing half term holiday. The children have certainly settled back to their learning very quickly and have begun the new half term very well. This is always a busy few weeks and we look forward to seeing you at parents' evening on 7th and 8th March. We will soon be asking you to complete a parent questionnaire, in order to learn more about what you think our school does well, and ways that we can improve things further for your children. Please do take the time to let us know our thoughts. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

PA news

Thank you for supporting the Valentine's evening. We had such a great time bidding, dancing and buying bikinis and we've raised £6509.50 for books! Don't forget next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday and Year 3 will be selling homemade pancakes at pickup. If you're able to make pancakes for it, please contact your rep as each year needs to provide 60 pancakes so the children can have two each.
Alex Yates

Oratory Book Day

Next week is World Book Day! This will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate books and reading. On Friday 3rd March, children may come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. The children may also bring a copy of the book with them to share with the class. Each year group will have a chance to show their costumes to the school in our usual morning assembly. The following week, there will also be the opportunity to buy books from the Travelling Book Fair which will be held in the school hall. The children will be able to browse the books during the day and you will be able to purchase the books every morning from 8.30 – 8.55am from Monday 6th to Friday 10th March. The housing of our current temporary boiler in the side playground prevents us from being able to sell books after school this year. The commission from the fair allows us to buy books for the classroom so every book you buy helps us to get new books for the school. There are hundreds of exciting books to choose from.

So get thinking! We look forward to seeing how you bring your favourite book characters to life!

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be undertaken on 7th and 8th of March. Please ensure that hair is tidy and children are wearing clean white shirts on both days. Pupils can bring their own combs or brushes to school that day if they use them sensibly.

Pick up at 3.30pm

If you have asked other parents, friends or relatives to collect your children at short notice, please make sure that you inform the school office by telephone of the change as soon as you can. Emails sent may not be read in time, and can lead to confusion.

Parent Teacher meetings

On 7th and 8th March there will be parents' meetings after school. These meetings are very important for you. Your child's class teacher will be able to let you know about the progress they have made in each core part of the curriculum. They will also share with you the next steps which are planned for your child's learning, what their targets are and how you might be able to help at home. In turn, it is a good opportunity for you to ask questions and let the teacher know of any concerns. Appointments need to be kept to ten minutes though, otherwise there can be a terrible backlog, and parents who have later appointments can end up waiting for a long time. Ten minutes is usually enough, but if you or your child's teacher needs further time, another appointment can always be made at a later date. Sign up sheets are on the moveable whiteboard in the hall.

Term time holiday reminder

As you plan for your Easter and Summer holidays, please note that our term dates are clearly published and we expect pupils to be in school every day, right up until the end of term. Pupils may not leave early on the last day of term, and registration will be taken at the end of the afternoon. We will ask for doctors' certificates if pupils are unwell either side of school holidays. Families who persistently take time off to catch early flights will be reported to the Local Authority and may be fined.

Early reading and writing workshops

If you were unable to attend the parents' curriculum workshop on Tuesday and would like a copy of the handouts, please let the school office know, and we will arrange for them to be sent home with your child.

A play in a day



Congratulations to our class of the week More Class, who took part in a 'play in a day' workshop on Tuesday to support their topic of 'Gods and Mortals'. They performed Medusa for their parents in the afternoon, and knew their lines, actions and stage directions so well, we couldn't believe they hadn't been practising for weeks!

Lent at Oratory Primary

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and will mark the beginning of Lent. Father Edward will be administering ashes to the whole school in the morning and the children will be making Lenten promises. Lenten boxes have already been given to each child by our R.E. monitors. The Lenten appeal will raise money for the Catholic Children's Society, supporting children in our diocese who are in need.

