

Newsletter



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

Forthcoming dates

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

Please note that dates for school trips will not be included here. Please check letters sent home by your children for these dates.

Football for dads

If any fathers would be interested in joining a five-a-side football team that plays at St Luke's on Mondays from 6.50-8pm, please contact Mr Murphy at lee.murphy@oratory.rbkc.sch.uk. It's good fun, and a great way to keep fit!

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see you all after the long holiday. A very warm welcome back to you all, and especially to our new families. We hope that you will settle into the way of things quickly, and enjoy being part of our school family. Mrs Steinart and I can be found by the door most afternoons, so please do approach us with any questions or concerns. We hope to have a date for our first coffee morning soon.

Best wishes,
Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

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!

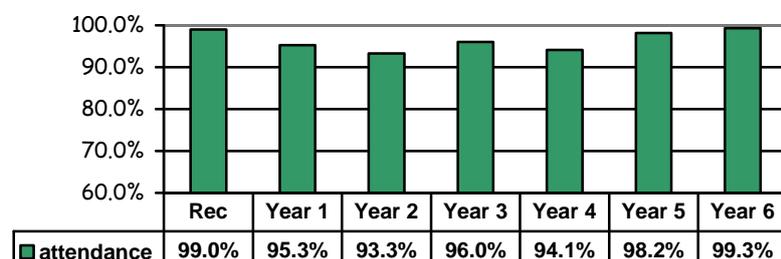
Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform, and the children have returned to school looking incredibly smart. Please remember that P.E. t-shirts should be plain white, without any logos. Trainers should also be predominately white. Don't forget to label each item to ensure it doesn't get lost. Missing items of uniform are costly to replace, so do take the time now to label new items.

Clubs

A club timetable will be sent home with this letter. Some clubs and lessons are ready to begin next week, others are new and will take time to set up. Please bear with us!

Congratulations to Year 6 with 99.3% attendance last week of term!



Routines at the beginning and end of the day

At the beginning of the day

Children are admitted from 8.30 am to the side playground. Mrs Miller, Mrs Tomlinson and Mr Toro 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 are asked to drop children off at the door, however, scooters may be fixed to the rack if necessary. If parents need to enter the school during this time, to deliver a letter, give a message to a teacher 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.

At 3.30 pm

The door will be opened to parents at 3.30. Benches are placed across the middle of the hall and parents should remain on the side of the benches nearest the double door. The children sit in their lines with their teacher on the other side of the benches. Children will wait with their class until the teacher has seen the parent, and then they will be dismissed. This is to ensure that children leave safely with their parent or carer. We would ask that parents wait until all children have been safely dismissed before approaching the teacher to ask a question or provide information.

Other security reminders

- Mrs De Meyer or Mrs Watkins are on duty from 3.45 to monitor the door. They will ask parents which child they are collecting and from which club, before they are admitted.
- If someone different is collecting a child, we must have parental permission. The school office is to be contacted by phone, or in writing **by 3pm** on the day in question, so that a memo can be passed to the teacher before bedtime.
- If older children are allowed to leave school on their own, we must have parents' written permission.
- At 3.30pm, parents are asked to leave the hall as quickly as possible after collecting their child so that space can be freed up for other families.
- Parents are asked to share this information with whoever collects their child from school. The school should be introduced to new childminders so that we can recognise them.
- If parents enter or leave through the door in Bury Walk, they should make sure no-one enters behind them before closing the door securely.

Year 6 Owls and Reception Class Owlets



This year, Mrs Steinart has introduced a new initiative for supporting our new Reception pupils. Year 6 Owls will be looking after their Reception Owlet all year – guiding and welcoming them into our Oratory family. Year 6 all created their own wonderful logo (which can be viewed on display in the school). Special congratulations to Miriam who created the winning logo! So far, Year 6 has done a superb job, and will continue to do so, as our Reception pupils continue to join us next week.

Well done Newman Class!

Accountancy

The PTA have asked that if any parents have any expertise in producing basic accounts and would like to assist in the preparation of the PTA's annual accounts please could they make themselves known to the office.

Fundraising

On the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary (12th September) 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). A JustGiving webpage is also being set up to enable online sponsorship - details to follow in next week's newsletter.