

Newsletter



Spring Term: Issue 1
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We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Forthcoming dates

- 17 Jan:** Year 3 and 2 class Mass, 2.15pm
20 Jan: Year 3 class assembly
20 Jan: Yellow house mufti day
24 Jan: Coffee morning
27 Jan: Music performance for Year 1 and 2, 9.15am
30 Jan: Parents/child book share 3.45pm
3 Feb: Year 4 class assembly
9 Feb: PA social, school hall 7-9pm
13-17 Feb: half term
21 Feb: Parent workshop (phonics/writing) 9-10am
28 Feb: Shrove Tuesday Pancake sale
3 Mar: Book day
6-9 Mar: travelling book fair
6 & 7 Mar: individual and sibling photographs
7 & 8 Mar: parent/teacher meetings

Please note that class trips are not added here. Please check your child's bag daily for further communication from class teachers.

Parent/Child Bookshare

On Monday 30th January, Parents are invited to come into classrooms with their children to look at exercise books. This is an excellent opportunity to talk to your child about what they are learning, what they enjoy and what they find challenging. Collect your children as usual at 3.30pm, then enter through the side playground from 3.45 onwards. Please only look at your own child's books. We regret that we will be unable to admit anyone arriving after 5pm.

Dear Parents,

I do hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Our return last week certainly didn't go to plan, as you know. I would like to thank you for your patience and kindness during our partial closure last week. I know it had an enormous impact on you all, especially working families finding alternative care for children. Our temporary boiler has been successfully fitted and we are beginning to source quotes and specifications for a new boiler to be installed. I would especially like to thank the school staff, who pulled together as one, making the most of what was an extremely difficult situation in order that we could open for as many classes as possible. Mr Toro deserves extra thanks from us all; he worked tirelessly throughout, to ensure the safety and comfort of the children, and continues to do so as we research our new boiler, in addition to his many usual duties. Let's move onwards and upwards for a successful term!

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

New Noticeboard

Outside the building, on the wall between the playground and hall doors, you will see a new noticeboard. This will show the latest newsletter, and any last minute reminders and new information. We hope that this will continue to improve communication with you.

Medical Appointments

Please do remember that routine appointments for the doctor, dentist and optician are expected to be made after school. We appreciate that with some hospital appointments, children may need to attend during the school day. In this case, please ensure that the school office has a copy of the medical card or appointment letter so that the absence can be marked as authorised in the register. It is important that siblings come to school when their brothers and sisters have appointments so that their education is disrupted as little as possible. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

PA News

Two dates for your attention: our next coffee morning and second hand uniform sale is on the 24th January and on the 9th February we have a fabulous early evening Valentine's Day themed party. This will be a fabulous occasion with live music from band Hot Property, and an exclusive Valentine sample sale from a luxury swimwear label. We will be holding an auction that evening too, including a beautiful piece of jewellery, and an item from a bespoke womenswear brand. Put the date in your diary! For more information contact your rep.

Baby Congratulations

We are delighted to be able to let you know that Mrs Ana Paiva, our Learning Support Assistant and Staff Governor gave birth to a baby boy, Sebastião, just before Christmas. Many congratulations to Mrs Paiva, her husband, and Sebastião's three older sisters.

Parent Workshop

On Tuesday 21st February, from 9-10am, Mrs Griffiths will be hosting a reading and early writing workshop for parents. This workshop will particularly benefit parents of children in Reception and Year 1, but all parents are very welcome to attend.

Spectacular Science Week

There has been a particular focus on Science this week at Oratory Primary school. We have explored what makes a scientist, discovered science stations in the hall, experienced workshops from the science museum, and presented our experiments at a show and tell assembly this morning. The week has nurtured the children's curiosity and allowed them to ask questions, investigate problems, learn how science works and discover why science matters in the world. Special thanks to Miss Cowen, our science subject leader, for organising the week.



Class Mass

On Tuesday 17th January, the parents of children in Year 2 and 3 are invited to join the classes at their Mass at 2pm in the school hall. The readings and bidding prayers will be prepared by the children. We hope you can join us.

House of the term

On Friday 20th January, children in Yellow House will be allowed to wear their own clothes as a reward for earning the most house points last term. There were fewer than 10 points separating the winning house from those in second place, so remember- every good action counts!