

Newsletter



Summer Term: Issue 3
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We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Forthcoming dates

22 May: Year 3 First Confession
22 May: Y6 school journey meeting
29 May: half term
5-16 June: Map Quest
8 June: infants sports 2pm St Luke's pitches
7/9 June: Class photos
10 June: First Holy Communion
12 June: First Communion Assembly (Y3 Parents)
15 June: Junior sports @ Battersea 1pm-4pm
30 June: Reception Class assembly
12/13 July: Parents' eve
17 July: Year 6 play 6.30pm
18 July: leavers' Mass Year 5 and 6 (parents welcome)
Please note that class trips are not added here. Please check your child's bag daily for further communication.

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to Year 2 parents for raising £257 for the PA funds at the last cake sale- your help with fundraising is always greatly appreciated.

We need to create some more space in our downstairs playground in order to store the scooters safely and need to dispose of one of the benches. If anyone would like it, please contact Mr Toro. It's free to a good home!

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths

Year 2 parents- help needed please!

Please could we ask for more parents to offer their help in preparing the First Communion breakfast on 10th June and help serve teas and coffees on the day. It is tradition for Year 2 parents to help in order to give them an idea of how arrangements work, so that they will be well informed when it is their own class's turn the following year. There have only been a few helpers so far, and others are needed- please contact your class reps. Thank you so much for your time and support.



It is almost time for Oratory's Map Quest. Map Quest is now in its second year and is a whole school-home learning project which takes place in the summer term and lasts for two weeks. This year, map Quest will run from 5th-16th June. Each year group will encounter a different region of the world.

By the time the children leave the Oratory, they will have an impressive locational knowledge of the UK, Europe and beyond.

Every day the children will be involved in a range of short activities and will be given some homework with a Map Quest focus. On the final day each child completes a quiz and depending how many places they can correctly locate, they will be rewarded with a gold, silver or bronze certificate. We hope that you will enjoy Map Quest as much as you did last year.

Oratory Church Garden Party

This year, the Oratory Church Garden Party will take place on 24th June from 12-5pm. If anyone is interested in helping out on the 'Children's Stall', or donating any 'new' toys, to raise funds for the Oratory Fathers, please could they contact Katherine Brown (katherinexbrown@gmail.com).

Head lice

We have received reports of head lice in both the infant and junior classes. This persistent problem can only be successfully eradicated if all families cooperate, so, please check all family members this weekend and treat if necessary. Using a nit comb through hair with conditioner has proved to be the most effective method. Repeat the procedure after a week to ensure any missed lice are found. Please ensure hair is either cut short at the back and sides, or tied up. Thank you.

School journey

There will be a meeting for parents and children in Year 6 who are going on School Journey on **Monday 22nd May at 3:45pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out a little bit more about the week and what the children will be required to bring with them. The school can now confirm that Mrs Kaczmarek, Miss Miller, Miss Coy and Miss Betts will be accompanying the children to Devon. Other staff will cover the responsibilities of Miss Miller, Miss Coy and Miss Betts while they are away.

Vaughan Centre for Young Musicians

Cardinal Vaughan School offers primary school boys aged 7-11 the chance to study music at the school each Monday in term time from 4.30-6.30pm at a cost of £280 per term.

This is a wonderful opportunity for boys to study general musicianship, learn a musical instrument and explore keyboard and choral work. Application forms are available near the parents' notice board in the school hall and if you require further details please visit cvms.co.uk. The closing date for applications is Friday 23rd June and auditions will be held in July. Good luck!

Important Notice to all families

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.

Reminder: PE uniform



Please remember that P.E. shoes should be predominantly white.



As mentioned in previous newsletters, all children will be expected to wear the new style tracksuits from September this year.

Year 4 tennis stars

Congratulations to Year 4 for winning the borough's tennis tournament this Wednesday. Not only were the children excellent tennis players, they were also beautifully behaved.

Congratulations to you all!

