

Parents' Association News

The PA has had an exciting couple of weeks. The tea morning was a huge success- we raised over £344 from uniform sales and advance tea orders. Shortly, both the Oratory Chelsea Blend and the Oratory Breakfast Blend will be available to buy. Your reps will be in touch with more details.

We had a wonderful evening at the Hoop & Toy on Wednesday for our Valentine's party. Both Démodé and Hot Property sounded amazing. Démodé's jazzy swing set started the entertainment off before Hot Property rocked us for the rest of the evening. Mr Corcoran laid on a fabulous spread to absorb some of the alcohol. I didn't try all 22 varieties of gin on offer but I certainly had a few! There was a fun, cosy atmosphere in the pub and we all had a brilliant evening. The bands' time, sound engineer and food were all donated so nearly all of the £1499 we raised will go to the school. We've already agreed to buy a water pumping station for the Reception children to play with. Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely half term
Alex Yates
PA Chair



Reminder

The Year 3 class Mass is on Tuesday 20th February at 2.15pm. It will be followed by a meeting for parents about the preparation. Parents of older children in other classes who are making their First Communion this year may also attend.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of missing uniform are purchased over the holidays. Shoes should be velcro, or tied with laces- slip on shoes are not allowed. Trainers must be predominately white. Many thanks.

IXL

Thank you to those parents who kindly contacted us to let us know that the children's IXL maths logins were not working after our membership had been renewed. The situation has now been resolved and the logins are live again.

Social Media

Social media sites, including Whatsapp, are a wonderful way for parents to communicate with each other. Class groups on Whatsapp are a good tool for sharing information. However, if any parent has a question, concern or suggestion about the school, this should be raised through the correct channel of communication.

Non-urgent suggestions and questions should be brought, in confidence, to parent forum via class reps, but queries or complaints concerning individual children or members of staff should be raised with the teacher, or with Mrs Griffiths. The school's complaints policy can be found on the website if parents are unsure. The school will always listen to parents' concerns and try its best to resolve any problems, or alleviate any worries.

Using social media as a platform for discussing complaints is counterproductive, and can make other parents feel awkward. Effective communication following principles of mutual respect sets a good example to the children, and is the correct route to ensuring the best learning experiences for them.

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Who are they with?

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