

Newsletter



Spring Term: Issue
9th March 2018

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

Forthcoming dates

16 Mar Y2 Assembly 9.15
20 Mar coffee morning
and philosophy parent
workshop
20, 21, 22 Mar Parents'
evenings
26 Mar Parent forum 2pm
27 Mar Y4 Easter
Assembly 9.30
28 Mar Y5 Easter
Assembly 9.30
29 Mar Y6 Easter
Assembly 9.30
29 Mar Last day of term
(1.30 finish)

*Please note that class trips are
not added here, please check
your child's bag daily for letters
from the teacher.*

Get thinking!

Can a baby commit
a crime?

What do you think? Take a
moment to discuss this at
home, or with your friends.
Don't worry about whether
your answer is right or wrong.
It is the process of thinking,
and trying to explain your
ideas that is important.

Important Uniform Reminder

'Beanie hats' are for the
return journey from
swimming only. Caps
and berets must be
worn at all other times.

Dear Parents,

A huge 'thank you' from the pupils and staff to all those parents who have let us know whether they can commit to the Newman Fund this year. It is helping us with our planning for the next school budget. So far, 31 of our 147 families have replied – we need responses from ALL of our families so please send in your yellow form as soon as possible. Spare copies are in the office.

At the next coffee morning on 20th March, we will be having a visit from 'The Philosophy Man', who will offer ideas and support for parents in how to stimulate interesting and fruitful discussions at home with children. We hope to see you there.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

Parents Evening

In two weeks' time, there will be parent/teacher meetings after school. Reception and Year 1 will be holding their meetings on 20th and 22nd March and the other classes will be holding their meetings on the 21st and 22nd March. 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 can 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. Your child's class teacher may even have an alarm to remind them to finish talking on 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 available on the moveable whiteboard in the hall until the morning of 20th March, when they will be taken down in order to allow teachers to plan their meetings in advance. Please make a note of your child's time before then.

PA news

Do put the next second hand uniform sale in your diary: Tuesday 20th March from 8.30am in the hall. This will be a good opportunity to pick up any missing pieces of summer uniform. While you are browsing at the uniform you will be able to try (and buy) our new Oratory tea, which is now ready. We have the Oratory Breakfast Blend and the Oratory Chelsea Blend, both packaged in smart Oratory green bags exclusively branded and designed by a very talented parent. Furthermore, while sipping tea we can have our minds challenged by the Philosophy Man whom Mrs Griffiths has invited in to talk to us. So there are plenty of good reasons to come along and join us on the 20th.

If you have any summer uniform to donate, please bring it in as soon as possible. Please only donate clean, good quality clothing. We have no use for old, dirty uniform with holes in. During the 'maths through art' week each class produced a fantastic canvas inspired by the artist they were looking at. These unique canvases will be on display shortly and will be available to bid for in a silent auction. Your reps will have more information in due course.
Alex Yates, PA chair



**Remember that school will finish at 1.30pm on
Thursday 29th March. Please make sure your child
attends school on the last day of term.**



World Book Day 2018

Despite the snow, we all made a huge effort to get dressed up as a book character and enjoy the gift of reading last Thursday. As well as our book day parade, each class focused on a traditional tale, decorated their classroom door as their chosen story, took part in 'buddy reading' with a child from a different class, plus many more reading themed challenges. Unfortunately, the travelling book fair couldn't travel because of the snow! They have rescheduled the fair to April. Well done everyone for making it such a great day!

