

Newsletter



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

Forthcoming dates

- 21-25 May** Y2 SATs week
- 24 May** Year 6 school journey meeting 3.45
- 28 May-1 Jun** Half term
- 7 Jun** Infant Sports 2pm
- 9 Jun** Y3 First Communion
- 11 Jun** Y3 First Communion Assembly 10am
- 11-22 Jun** Map Quest
- 11-15 Jun** Year 1 phonics tests
- 18-22 Jun** International Week
- 12/13 Jun** Class photos
- 14 Jun:** Reception Class Assembly 9.15
- 18 Jun** Junior Sports Day
- 26 Jun** Coffee Morning
- 2-6 Jul** Year 6 school journey
- 4 Jul** Parent workshop
- 11 & 12 Jul** Parents' evenings
- 16 Jul** Year 6 play 6.30
- 17 Jul** Leavers' Mass (Y5 & Y6) 2pm
- 18 Jul** 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

Get thinking!

Which colour is the happiest?

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.

Dear Parents,

It's been quite a challenge to fit everything into the newsletter this week; there are many new dates and events coming up, so please add them to your diary.

I would like to say a big congratulations to Year 6 for completing their SATs last week- each one of them showed maturity and tried their very best. Well done you marvellous bunch! Year 2 are currently undertaking their tests and are also managing superbly well.

The weeks are flying past; I hope you all have a wonderful half term, and return refreshed for the final (and busiest) half term of the academic year.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

PA news

Thank you Reception for the delicious chick themed treats at Friday's cake sale. It was raising money for the chicks which are already hatching in the Reception classroom. This is an annual event for the Reception children and this year the PA has stepped in to help fund it. Thank you for supporting this and all the cake sales as they are a valuable source of income for the PA.

Quiz night raised over £1780 which along with the money raised from the silent auction will go towards buying the iPads. I hope to have more news about this in the next newsletter.

I'm delighted to announce that Nathalie Goelz has agreed to come on board as Vice -Chair of the PA. She has already proved herself to be a fantastic rep and an invaluable support to me, and having run the PA on my own for the past year, I felt it was high time I enlisted someone to join me. In order to push forward with our fundraising, I have asked Karen Suave to join the Committee as a Fundraising Co-ordinator. Karen's talent for fundraising is legendary and I am looking forward to working with both Karen and Nathalie in developing and strengthening the PA as we move forward into the next school year.

Best wishes
Alex Yates
PA Chair

Year 6 School journey meeting

A meeting about the arrangements for school journey will take place on Thursday 24th May at 3.45pm. The meeting will inform parents of the details about travel, activities and accommodation, and what the children will need to take with them. Year 6 children should be present but we will arrange supervision for siblings in other year groups. The meeting should take between 30 and 45 minutes.

Parent Workshop

Following the suggestion brought from Parent Forum, the school has arranged for our Educational Psychologist to facilitate a workshop for parents based around emotional well-being and resilience for children. It will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 4th July from 9-10.30. We hope to see you there.

More plants please...

We have been given 6 houseplants so far, but ideally we would like 20 more (and a few big ones would be great for the hall)! We would be very grateful if you would consider buying or donating a potted houseplant to the school. Please drop off your plants in the hall at any time. Thank you so much.



Year 2 parents: help needed please!

Please could we ask for parents to offer their help in preparing the First Communion breakfast on 9th June and to help serve refreshments on the day. It is tradition for Year 2 parents to assist 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. Please contact your class reps if you can give your time. Thank you so much for your support.

Absence requests

A reminder that all requests for absence should be made well in advance to Mrs Griffiths in writing. Thank you.

Lunch Taster

On Tuesday 5th June 2.30- 3.15, Caterlink, who provide our school meals will be holding a tasting session for parents to sample the lunch menu. We would like to let them know approximate numbers, so please contact your class rep if you plan to attend.

Next Academic Year

If your child will be leaving Oratory at the end of the academic year, please let the school know in writing as soon as possible, so that the place can be offered to a child on our waiting list.

International week

Our biennial International Week will be taking place from the 18th-22nd June. The week is a wonderful celebration of the culture and heritage of all of our pupils, and also offers children the opportunity to learn about other countries. We always appreciate visits from parents during this week, perhaps with dance, cookery, stories or songs from your own countries. Mrs Griffiths is currently organising the events for the week, so please contact her directly if you would like to be involved.



Chirping Chicks



Reception Class have been having a visit from some feathered friends this week. After 9 chicks hatched in the incubator on Wednesday and Thursday, they have since moved to the brooder box and have been enjoying plenty of cuddles from everyone. Come and take a look in the Reception classroom.



It is almost time for Oratory's Map Quest. Map Quest is now in its third year and is a whole school-home learning project which lasts for two weeks. This year, Map Quest will run from 11th-22th June, tying in with International Week. Each year group will encounter a different region of the world. 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. By the time the children leave the Oratory, they will have an impressive locational knowledge of the UK, Europe and beyond. We hope that you will enjoy Map Quest as much as you did last year.