Newsletter



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

Forthcoming dates

7 May Bank Holiday
11 May Y1 assembly 9.15
14-17 May Y6 SATs week
21-25 May Y2 SATs week
28 May-1 Jun Half term
7 Jun Infant Sports 2pm
9 Jun Y3 First Communion
11 Jun Y3 First
Communion Assembly 9.30
12/13 Jun: Class photos
14 Jun: Reception Class
Assembly 9.15 Please
note the change of date
for this

18 Jun: Junior Sports Day Please note that class trips are not added here, please check your child's bag daily for letters from the teacher.

Get thinking!

What makes something beautiful?

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.

Please ensure your child has a cap or boater. We will be doing hat checks next week.

Dear Parents,

We all really enjoyed our quiz night last night. I would like to extend my thanks to those parents who organised the raffle and served the refreshments, and especially to Mr and Mrs Birkert, our quizmasters for the evening; great fun was had by all! I wish you all a happy and sunny bank holiday weekend. (Parents of Year 2 and 6 pupils- please note the important information about SATs on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

PA news

What a fantastic evening we had last night at Quiz Night! Thank you to everyone who made it the success it was. A huge thank you to Sophie and Tom Birkert who did an incredible job compiling the questions and hosting the evening. I haven't tallied up how much money we raised at time of writing this, but we sold all the raffle tickets outside school and last night, people were tempted by the fabulous range of prizes on offer. Thank you to the generosity of those who donated and sourced the prizes, they all went to very happy winners.

Thank you to Year 2 for the cake sale last week - you raised £227, and the Silent Auction raised £1343. Thank you to all the bidders: the winners have been notified, condolences to those who missed out this time.

I think we're well on the way to help the school buy the 30 iPads they'd like for the children to use in computing lessons. Thank you to everyone who has helped in achieving this.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Alex Yates



We have had to change the date of the Reception Class Assembly to Thursday 14th June. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Friends at the Forest







Reception Class have begun their weekly visits to the forest school at Holland Park Ecology Centre, and the children have enjoyed their experiences of learning through nature. Forest School encourages the development of the children's emotional and physical development through outdoor play, activities and exploration in a woodland classroom. Spending time in a wood on a regular basis is a wonderful chance for children to connect with nature. All the activities take into account learning styles and schemas. The programme helps to build self-esteem, communication skills, independence and self-confidence. Well done for joining in so enthusiastically Reception Class! We would also like to thank all of the parents that give their time to assist us.

Hour of Code

One of our parents has recommended the following website to support technology: https://uk.code.org/.

There is a large variety of themes which support real coding techniques. As always, children should be supervised while using the internet.

SATs weeks

During the week of May 14th our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs. We are all so proud of you already for your hard work, each one of you has given your personal best. We cannot stress how important it is for them to get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast; attendance and punctuality will be particularly vital. We will also remind the other classes to be extra quiet, to allow Year 6 to concentrate well.

Year 2 SATs week will follow during the week of 21st May. Although still statutory tests, which must follow particular procedures and regulations, these are far less formal, and will be completed in small groups. A supply teacher will support the class so that Mr Challens can undertake the assessments.

Although the class teachers have already provided information for you, the DfE have created the following videos for parents to explain more, which you may like to watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuXJidYP7-0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBVHIF1SvNk

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.

Appeal for house plants. Would you be able to help?

As well as looking good, houseplants are known to support human health in homes, offices, schools and hospitals. They improve air quality by trapping and capturing pollutants, helping us to breathe more easily. Likewise, they provide a wide range of mental and physical health benefits.

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, and we will find them a suitable home.





