

Newsletter



Autumn Term: Issue 8
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We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Forthcoming dates

- 7 Jan** Inset day
- 8 Jan** Back to school
- 15 Jan** Year 4 and 1 Class Mass
- 18 Jan** Year 5 assembly
- 21 Jan** STEM week
- 30 Jan** Parent/Child Bookshare
- 1 Feb** Year 4 cake sale
- 8 Feb** Year 4 Assembly
- 12 Feb** Year 3 Class Mass and First Holy Communion Meeting
- 15 Feb** Break up for half term at 3.30pm
- 5 Mar** Pancake sale Y3 parents
- 6 Mar** Ash Wednesday
- 11 Mar** Parent Forum

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

Get thinking!

Is it better to do a good deed or to receive a good deed?

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,

As our Autumn term finally reaches its close, I would like to thank you for all of the support you have offered us this month in organising our Advent and Christmas celebrations. Our Christmas events take so much time, effort and coordination, and they would not run as smoothly if it were not for your kindness and the gift of your precious time.

We were incredibly impressed with all the children in the infant classes for their lovely Nativity play last week. Their performance highlighted that the message of Jesus' birth is always the most important thing to remember at this busy time of year. Thank you very much to the staff for working together to coordinate such a wonderful play, and to the parents who helped with the costumes and refreshments.

We were also very proud of all the children and staff who participated in the beautiful Carol Service on Wednesday evening. I received so many wonderful comments about how beautifully the children sang and read. Thank you to all those who helped to make the service such a success: Mr Graham Thorpe for playing the organ, Mr Paul Clarke for helping to set up the church for us, and the staff members who helped to prepare the children so well for their special responsibilities. Thank you to Mr Worsley for his work with Year 4, Year 6 and the chamber choir- their performances were wonderful. Very special congratulations must go to Mrs Steinart for directing the service so beautifully, simply and without fanfare- it was perfect!

Our Children's Day yesterday was great fun and enjoyed by us all! Huge thanks to all those parents who helped to make the day so much fun for the children. There are so many things to organise and coordinate, and the whole day will be remembered for years to come by each one of the children. Special thanks to our Parent Reps, and of course, to Mrs Yates, the chair of the PA, and Mrs Harris, the vice chair, who support the school selflessly throughout the year- we cannot express our gratitude enough!

I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking each one of the staff and governors for their hard work over the past term. In all of their differing roles and responsibilities their care, forethought and the way in which they strive to put the children at the heart of their work is commendable.

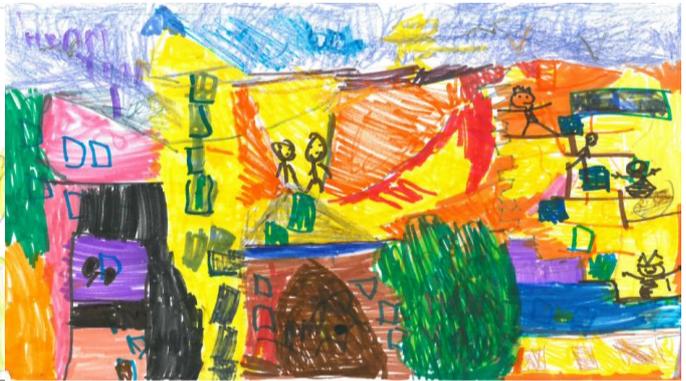
The staff and I would like to thank you all for your very generous cards, gifts and good wishes; we wish you all a peaceful Christmas, and good health, love and happiness throughout the New Year.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

Staffing News

We warmly welcome Mrs Kaczmarek back to school after her maternity leave. She will return to teach Year 4 in January. Many thanks to Miss Mardling for her hard work in teaching the class this past term; she will be much missed by staff and children alike.

Mrs Golding will be spending more time on her Deputy Head role from January, and so Reception Class will be being taught by a new teacher, Ms Stefanie Ross, on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. Ms Nuttall will remain the teacher on Mondays and Tuesdays. Ms Ross comes to us with a wealth of experience teaching children in the Reception age group. I'm sure you will join us in making her feel welcome at Oratory Primary.



Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas, from all of us at Oratory Primary School.

