

# Newsletter



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

## Forthcoming dates

**13-17 May** Y6 SATS  
**20/21 May** Year 2 SATs continues  
**21 May** coffee morning  
**22 May** Parent/child bookshare 3.45  
**22 May** School Journey Meeting Y6 parents 3.45  
**27 May** ½ term holiday  
**3 June** RSE meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents  
**8 June** First Holy Communion  
**10 June** First Holy Communion Assembly  
**10-14 June** Phonics screening tests Year 1  
**14 June** Spirituality Day  
**17 June** Junior Sports  
**21 June** Reception Class Assembly  
**22 June** Oratory Church Garden party  
**24 June** Infant Sports  
**25 June** Coffee morning  
**28 June** Y1 cake sale  
**1 July** Y6 school journey  
**9/10 July** Parents' Evenings  
**10 July** Music Hub Concert 2.30  
**12 July** House of Year Party  
**17 July** Year 6 Play 6.30  
**18 July** Leavers' Mass (for parents of Y5 & 6) 2.00  
**19 July** 1.30 break up  
*Please note that class trips are not added here, please check your child's bag daily for letters from the teacher.*

## Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Quiz night last week, and special thanks to Mr and Mrs Birkert, Mrs Yates and Mrs Harris for all they did to make the event a success.

Please help us to promote good manners and behaviour among the children. While it is important that our children are confident, articulate and happy, they must never forget the importance of saying please and thank you, being kind to their friends, talking to adults politely, and listening and following instructions. It is important that they are reminded of this at home as well as at school.

Finally- we wish our Year 6 children the best of luck next week when they complete their SATs tests. You are wonderful and we are so proud of you- just do your best!

**Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher**

## Support for Pupils' Mental Health and Wellbeing

Oratory Primary has entered into the Trailblazer programme as part of a nation-wide government initiative to transform children and young people's mental health provision. This programme will be facilitated through Hammersmith and Fulham Mind and will enable the school to receive additional mental health support.

We are very excited about what the Trailblazers program will offer our children. Oratory's Designated Senior Lead for Mental Health will be Mr. Alton and he will be liaising with our Education Mental Health Practitioner, Ms. Jessie Au, who will facilitate a variety of targeted and evidenced based support for the children at our school experiencing mild to moderate well-being difficulties. She will also deliver more universal workshops to larger groups of children on emotional well-being issues relevant to that cohort.

Ms. Au will be joining Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. Alton for the 21st May Parents Coffee Morning where she will further introduce the programme and answer any questions that may be asked. We hope to see many of you there.

## Housekeeping

Please remember to inform the office if any of your contact details change. It is important that we have up to date contact details, especially mobile phone numbers, in case we need to contact you in an emergency and we also need to know if your address changes. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Concert

The date for July's instrumental concert is being rescheduled. We will let you know when a new date has been set. Thanks for your patience.

## Get thinking!

What is happiness?

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.

## Holiday dates

It is nearing the time when you may be thinking about booking a summer holiday. Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.**

Families **should not** book holidays before this date. **All holidays taken early will be reported to the local Authority, and parents may receive a penalty notice.** Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate. The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few days are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. Not only this, low attendance figures reflect badly on the school and cause significantly more administrative work for the school's leaders and office staff. Thank you.

## Parents' Association News

We've had a busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter, beginning with the Year 2 cake sale. Thank you Year 2 for baking all those delicious cakes and biscuits and raising valuable funds for the PA. We're hoping to raise money for each class to enjoy an extra trip or visiting workshop and every slice of cake you buy at these sales really helps.

Last week we enjoyed our annual Quiz Night. As ever, a huge amount of fun was had by all and a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Birkert for challenging us with their inspired questions and hosting with such warmth and humour. Congratulations to the winners, the Year 6 Leavers team, and we look forward to seeing you back next year as Quiz masters!

We ended Quiz Night with a small auction. Thank you to Mrs Suave, Mrs O'Callaghan and Mrs Arquero for generously donating the fabulous lots and congratulations and thank you to our winners. We raised almost £1000 for the PA that evening.

On the subject of much needed funds, if you haven't already contributed to the annual Governors' Fund and you are able, please do give the school a cheque. There are much needed repairs to the building which the Governors' Fund pays for and these works would really enhance the school experience for our children. A £30 donation is suggested for each family and you can write a cheque to The Oratory Primary School and drop it in the office letterbox.

I now have the keys for the letterbox in the hall, just inside the door. Thank you Mrs Mann for locating those! If you have any correspondence for the PA you can post it in there.

Finally we are about to launch Classlist, a new communications app, to facilitate the cascading of information at school. Mrs Griffiths, Mrs de Soldati and I are still finalising the details but watch out for more information soon, as we begin to roll it out.

That's all from me. Have a lovely weekend

Alex Yates  
PA Chair



We have noticed that some parents are sending in nuts as snacks for their children at after school clubs. Some cakes have also been sent in for cake sales that contain nuts.

Our school is a nut free at all times, due to children who have severe allergies.

There is no exception: please be more mindful of children with medical needs.

## Uniform

All school uniform should be clearly named- including socks, shoes and ties. This is so that lost items can be returned to their owner. Please remember that if you have bought items at the second uniform sale, they must be renamed with their current owners' details. Thank you.

## Hampton Court Palace



Our Year 5 class took part in a very interesting trip to Hampton Court Palace last week as part of their Tudor London topic. They learned a lot about symbols in Tudor times, how life was different 500 years ago and even bumped in to a very important looking person! Can you guess which King this man was impersonating?

The children were beautifully behaved and members of the public commented on their good manners when they offered their seats on the tube to others.

Well done Year 5!

## Time travelling Year 4!



It looks as though some Anglo Saxon children visited our school last week. It is in fact two children from Year 4 who have been examining replica objects and dressing up as children from long ago. The class are thoroughly enjoying learning more about this important period in British history and will soon be visiting the British Museum to find out even more. Watch this space for more of their learning...

## Next academic year

If your child will be leaving 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.