

Attendance

Over the next two weeks, we will be auditing our school attendance and will be writing to you if your child's attendance is below the acceptable target. This happens every November in order to inform parents if their child's attendance is having a negative impact on their learning, and to invite parents to let us know if there is any way that the school can support them in improving this.

Headlice

We have received reports of head lice in two classes. This persistent problem can only be successfully eradicated if all families cooperate, so, please check all family members over the weekend and treat if necessary. Using a nit comb through hair with conditioner has proven to be the most effective method. Repeat the procedure after a week to ensure any missed lice are found. Please ensure hair is either cut short at the back and sides, or tied up.

New date for Class Mass

The Year 6 and Reception Class Mass has been rescheduled for December 2nd at 2.15. Thank you.

Reminder: Parent Workshop

Would you like to find out how to support your child with reading and writing at home? Do you want to learn more about phonics? Then please come to join our parent workshop on 29th November between 9 and 10am. Miss Creer and Mrs Griffiths will be there to support you and to answer any questions you may have.

Parents' Association News

Dear Parents,

We have two weeks left on our fabulous auction: do have a look, even if you have done so already- more items are being added all the time. We have a two nights in St. Mauritz, we have a photograph session, we have a beautiful watch, stunning earrings, a round of golf.. not to mention two Oratory dolls, dinners, theatre trips, hampers, rugs and loads more.. Every single item has been generously donated and so every penny goes to the school. We hope to raise at least the £6000 the school needs to redo the reading scheme and buy some more maths books as well as all the other things the PA pays for during the year.

Here's the link:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/2019TheOratoryPrimaryPA>

I have three requests please: firstly if anyone has any spare fairy lights they're willing to donate to the school for us to decorate the hall for the Christmas party, please send me a message.

Secondly I need a photographer for the day on the 19th December to take pictures at the children's party and the discos afterwards. If you're reasonably good with a camera and are free for the day (approx 12-3.30) please let me know.

Finally we have been kindly given some fabulous Christmas trousers but we need a few people who could help with sewing on a small piece of Velcro on to each pair. If you are able to help please let me or your Rep know.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend

Alex Yates

Kindness and Anti-bullying week: Correct Definitions

After last week's kindness and anti-bullying week, we would like to share with you the definitions that we have been teaching the children in order that they can talk about friendships respectfully and accurately.

Conflict is: *A disagreement between two people- verbal or physical.*

Rudeness is: *saying or doing something that hurts someone else without meaning to be unkind*

Meanness is: *purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice).*

Bullying is: *Intentionally harmful behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. It can take the form of physical or verbal action, it can be relational (threat of taking friendship away) or carried out via technology.*

All these issues need to be addressed as they can wound deeply. Upstanders can make a huge difference in the lives of others when they hold people accountable for unkind behaviour. Yet, these four behaviours are distinct in important ways that should be understood and differentiated when it comes to intervention. Please ask the school if you would like more information.

Rooftop Playground Pals



When visitors come to our school they always ask "Can I see your roof playground?" It truly surprises them to see that our children have such a good opportunity to be active and play together in such a small space! Here you can see some of our junior classes at morning break.

They enjoy playing with the equipment, such as skipping ropes, sponge balls, and even practising circus skills such as spinning plates! Fresh air, and a fruit snack make playtime a welcome break from concentration at their desks! As you can imagine, there's also a pretty good view of the local rooftops!