

Newsletter

Spring Term: Issue 3
14th February 2020

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

Forthcoming dates

17-21 Feb Half term week
24 Feb Back to school
25 Feb Y3 pancake sale
26 Feb Ash Wednesday
2-5 Mar Book fair in school
5 Mar World Book Day
9/10 Mar Individual photos
19 Mar Y3 Assembly 9.15
(date change)
16-20 Mar Art Week
25 Mar Y1 & 2 music hub performance 2.30
25/26 Mar Parent Evening
31 Mar Y4 Easter Assembly 9.15
1 Apr Y5 Easter Assembly 9.15
2 Apr Y6 Easter Assembly 9.15
3 Apr Break up 1.30
6-10 Apr Easter holiday
20 Apr Back to school
24 Apr House of term mufti
24 Apr Y2 cake sale
30 Apr Y1 Assembly
30 Apr Quiz night
8 May Bank Holiday
4 May Y2 SATS
11 May Y6 SATs week
18 May Y2 SATs ctd
21 May Ascension Day
22 May Spirituality Day
25-29 May Half term week
1-5 Jun Y6 Y6 School Journey
6 June First Holy Communion Mass 11am

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

Dear Parents,

Happy St Valentine's Day to you! Year 4's lovely Assembly last week taught us about the unconditional love that parents have for their children as they performed the parable of the Prodigal Son, so I hope you have a wonderful half term break with your children this coming week and look forward to seeing you all again on the 24th.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

Help still needed please...

If anyone has time to sew the felt heritage squares we made during International week onto a large piece of fabric to make a simple wall hanging, we would be very grateful. Materials provided.



Year 3 Assembly Date Change

We need to change the date of the Year 3 class assembly from the 12th March to the 19th March. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Internet Safety Day

Our Y6 ICT prefects: Achille, Caspian and Kristian, have organised a poster competition for the Juniors based around the theme of this year's internet safety message - Together For a Better Internet. Entries need to be in by Tuesday 25th February and the winners will be announced in assembly that week. If parents wish to find out more about how to support their children at home, then take a look at www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020 for advice and ideas.



Safer
Internet
Day 2020

Get thinking!

Would you rather live underground or in the sea?

What do you think? Take a moment to discuss this at home, or with your friends.

Scooters

Due to special circumstances, on Monday 24th February, scooters must be collected from the playground by 3.30pm as the playground doors need to be locked and bolted earlier than usual.

Lost property

Year 6 prefects conduct twice weekly checks of the lost property area and return named items to their owners. Parents and carers may only go down to the lost property area after 3.30pm. Please do not ask staff to admit you before school starts or during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken shortly after half term, on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March. Please ensure that hair is tidy and children are wearing clean white shirts and jumpers/cardigans on both days. If PE is scheduled, kits must be brought into school to change into. Pupils can bring their own combs or brushes to school that day if they use them sensibly.

We are supporting the Catholic Children's Society during Lent

Each year we support their Lenten appeal, in which we participate every year. The theme of the 2019 Lenten Appeal ties in with the Year of the Word: Light you Lenten Path; your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Pupils will think about how the Bible can help us find our way to sharing love and kindness with others through alms giving. Lenten boxes will be given to each child by our R.E. monitors after half term.

The Lenten appeal will raise money to support children in our diocese who are in need.

Catholic Children's Society

Making A Difference



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day. Each class will be focusing on a book by the key children's author Oliver Jeffers.

OLIVER JEFFERS

As usual, we would like the children to come in to school dressed as a character from a book to take part in our costume parade. From the 2nd-5th March, there will be a book fair before and after school each day. We look forward to bringing our favourite books alive.



Year 6 against Climate Change

As part of their research for their Children's Parliament project on Climate Change and Plastic, Year 6 had a great day out at the Western Riverside Waste Authority yesterday (even if a little whiffy at times!). They saw all of our rubbish 'in action'; learnt about the three important Rs: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle; shredded their plastic bottle tops on the 'shredder bike' which can now be made into paddle boards; and even made their own recycled paper. Lots learnt for our young environmental activists to put into action!



Year 1 at Fulham Palace



Year 1 enjoyed their materials trip at Fulham Palace, and exploring the grounds afterwards. They were very well behaved on the bus there and back, too. Well done everyone!



Pyjama Day

A big thank you to our entire school community for joining in so wholeheartedly in our pyjama day to raise money for those who aren't as fortunate as we are. We know that having a warm bed, a chance to clean ourselves and brush our teeth, and having a hot meal at the end of the day are things to be treasured.

Well done to our school council for coming up with the suggestion- it made us realise the need to be grateful for small things that we take for granted each day.

A very special thank you to all the wonderful parents who came in to serve hot chocolate for the children. It was a very special treat. We were all very cosy on this chilly February day!

GLASS DOOR

Uniform

Please ensure missing items of uniform are purchased from Sogan's over half term.

- Now that the weather is colder, children may come to school wearing scarves and gloves. Gloves should be bottle green and scarves green and yellow striped. Earmuffs are not part of school uniform but can be worn to and from school in very cold weather, and should be bottle green only.
- Our 'beanie' hats are an optional item of uniform. They can be worn only at breaktime or when children return from swimming lessons with wet hair. Caps and berets are to be worn at all other times.
- Please ensure that children are wearing the correct footwear too: lace up/velcro shoes only, no slip-ons. For P.E., trainers must be predominantly white.
- Jewellery, apart from a simple watch (no health trackers) is not allowed.
- Hair should be tied up or short at the back and sides.
- All items of uniform must be named clearly.
- If you have purchased uniform from the second hand sale, please ensure that the name tags are replaced with your own child's names so missing items can be returned to the right owner.



Coronavirus

You're likely aware of the outbreak of the coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At Oratory Primary, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing guidance from public health England on steps you should be taking. There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments.

HM Government

NHS

CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

If you have arrived back from China or specified countries within the last 14 days, follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of countries and find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)