



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle A **Key Scripture: Matthew 18: 15-20**

Last Sunday we celebrated the 175th anniversary of Education Sunday – one of the oldest 'Days of Special Prayer' in the Church calendar. To celebrate this special anniversary children were quizzed with fun facts and learnt how our schools contribute to the mission of the Church.

'For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Matthew 18: 20

Celebration Assembly

This week we celebrated all those who have shown generosity and gratefulness throughout the week as well as recognising those who have been ready respectful and safe.

We also shared a fantastic piece of work from each class, which is on our proud presentation display at the front of school – so please take a look!

ACE WEEK

Thank you to those who have contacted school to volunteer for Aspiration week at the end of this half term. We would love for the children to hear from members of their community about the jobs that they do and how their learning and passions can be used in the world of work.

If you feel able to give some time to talk to the children (30mins – 1 hr) during this week please do contact the school office.

RE Homework – optional, for all

Next Thursday KS2 will celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew by attending Mass with Fr David.

What can you find out about St. Matthew? Can you create a poster of pictures or facts to share with Mrs Wilson!

School Developments

This week Mrs Lynch has visited school with some of her senior staff to begin to get to know our school. Mrs Pickup and I have completed learning walks focused on learning behaviours and school routines. Following these walks additional staff have been deployed around school to help the children establish routines and good learning behaviours.

The Governing Body met this week. We still have vacancies for parent governors. If you are interested in joining the governing body to help with the strategic improvements being made at the school please do come and speak to the school office.

Reminders

Children should wear their school uniform, except on PE days when they can come in their PE kits (remember to wear house colours). See our website for further details.

If you will need to use Friday Club, please make sure you have completed the form and provided the relevant information to the school office in order to secure your place.

Jewellery - only small studded earrings are allowed. No hooped/large earrings, bracelets, rings or necklaces. A number of children have been seen wearing necklaces this week. In future they will be asked to remove them and put them into their bags.

Please remind children not to bring things in from home, this includes pencil cases and fidget toys.

Bring healthy snacks for breaktime.

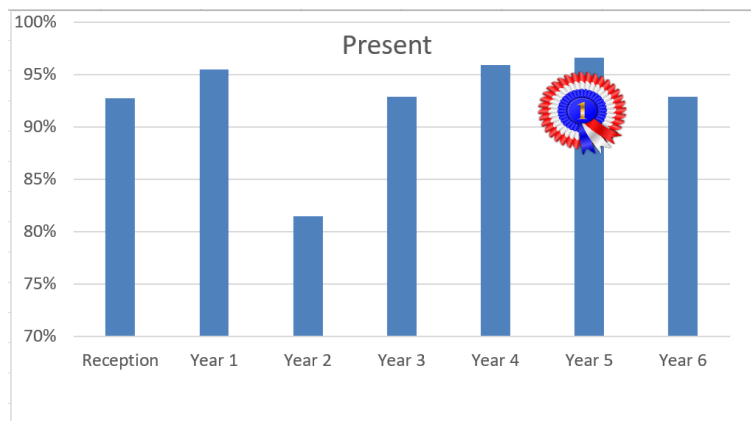
Remember to bring a water bottle every day. Only water can be consumed in class.

Attendance

Please bring your children to school every day! It is so important that they don't miss out on their learning. If they are under the weather slightly, you can still send them in and we will monitor them closely as long as they have not vomited/had diarrhoea or a temperature.

We are having a big focus on attendance and punctuality this year. This also applies to collecting at the end of the school day. All children should be collected at 3.30pm and by 3.40pm at the very latest. If you are going to be delayed beyond this point please do call school to advise us.

Congratulations to our Y5 class who won the attendance trophy this week with an attendance of 97%



Physical Education

Nursery - Friday

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday (*Thursday Swimming)

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- House coloured T shirt (no football tops or t-shirts with logos)
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- Tracksuit - black or dark blue for colder weather (no logos)
- Trainers (to be worn for outdoor PE only)

Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE kit. It is important that they are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for physical activity and that the kit is in line with school expectations. Speak with your child's class teacher if there are any problems with this. Reminders will be sent out to parents of children who do not have the correct kit.

Current Clubs: (See letters for details of start and end dates)

Monday 8.00am	Year 1,2 &3
Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Performing Arts KS2
Tuesday 8.00am	Year 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 8.00am	Year 1, 2 & 3
Thursday 8.00am	Year 4, 5 & 6

Safety

Parking

Please make sure that if you are dropping off or collecting your children from school that you do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside either of the school entrances. They are there to make sure that the pavements are clear for people wishing to cross the road. Parking or stopping in these zones puts the children in danger.

Play Equipment

Please don't let your children play on the trim trail or go onto the grass in the mornings or after school please. This is to keep everyone safe before and after school.

Scooters and Bikes

Please make sure that all children walk their bikes or scooters in the school grounds. They can ride and scoot as soon as they have left the school gates.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe on our site.

Absence reporting procedures

If your child is going to be absent please call school **on each day of your child's absence by 9am.**

Please call 0121 454 0600 and leave a message on the absence line. Include your child's full name, class and reason for absence. Please tell us where possible the nature of the illness as 'sick' or 'unwell' does not outline the reason for the absence. This will ensure that we have an accurate attendance record for your child.

If no reason is given it will be an unauthorised absence.

Please ensure that your children are on time for school. School doors open at 8.40am (8:30 Y6) when the children come into school for a prompt start to their learning which begins at 8.50am. At 8.50am we expect all children to be seated in class ready to commence their learning as this is when lessons will start promptly. Some children are consistently arriving after the school gates are shut and this is impacting on their well-being and leading to lost learning time.

A big thank you to the majority of parents and carers who make sure their children attend school regularly!

Attendance Monitoring

If your child's attendance has fallen below 95%, or they have a number of unauthorised absences we will be in contact with you, and depending on the reason for their absence we may ask you to come to school for a meeting.

If you have received an attendance letter and would like to come into school to meet with Mrs Wilson to discuss it, please make an appointment at the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised. Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Notifying the school of leave due to a family emergency does not mean it will be authorised. Any notifications must be made in writing and addressed to the Headteacher (communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk can be used).

**Have a lovely weekend
God Bless
Mrs Wilson and Team**

Key Dates

Autumn Term

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term

Term Starts Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends Monday 22nd July 2024

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

*More dates to be confirmed.

***Please be reminded that term-time holidays will not be authorised.**

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