



# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

*“Shine as to be a light to others”*

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Collective Worship**

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 7th Sunday of Easter | Cycle A

### ***Key Scripture: John 17: 1-11***

The final Eastertide assembly reflected on the night of Jesus' arrest, where He prayed for all those who would continue His work. It is not always easy to stay focused, but that like Jesus, turning to God in prayer helps us to focus on spreading joy, hope, peace and love.

## **Benediction and First Confession**

KS2 attended church for our Benediction service on Monday, and afterwards the Year 4 children stayed behind so some of the children could make their First Confession. Those who were not participating took some time ahead of Friday to look at the wonderful tapestries of St Philip Neri's life which adorn the church ahead of his Feast Day today.

## **Mass for the Feast of St Philip Neri**

We had a wonderful Mass this morning to celebrate St Philip Neri's Feast Day. The children didn't get the chance to read during the service, so they shared the readings in Celebration assembly this afternoon. A lovely way to end our half term.

## **Celebration Assembly**

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Curious and Active** and our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**, we also said well done to the children who have been recognised for trying really hard with their presentation this week. Their work is in pride of place in the entrance hall for all to enjoy.

## **School Developments**

This week we have completed our Year 2 SATs assessments. Well done to all the children for their focus and concentration in showing us how great they are. We have also completed our half-termly phonics assessments and are really pleased with how well the children are progressing.

Mrs Wilson and Miss Leontiou attended Phonics training in Loughborough this Thursday ahead of our whole staff training on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This training will ensure that we have a consistent whole school approach whenever we help the children with their reading.

We continue to seek the right person to teach our Year 1 class. We will keep parents/carers updated, should we find a suitable applicant.

## **Uniform**

Just a reminder that children should be in school uniform each day and PE clothes on PE days. PE tops should be plain and not have big logos. The children can wear their school jumper if they don't have a plain jumper.

## **Holiday Ideas**

Please do take a look at the Parent's page on our new website. We have updated it with information about keeping the children safe online, and activities to do during the holidays.

Many supermarkets and restaurants are also doing their kids eat for free or for £1 deals over this break too.

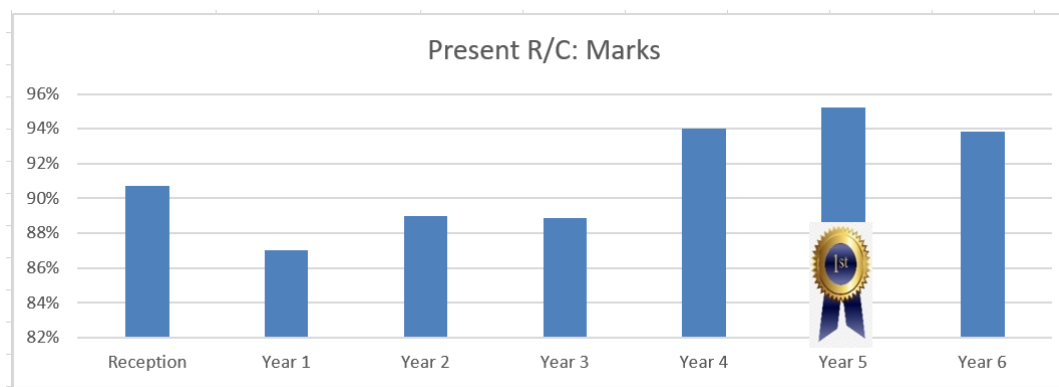
## **Changes to School Dinners**

After the half-term holiday we are changing the way the children make their choices at lunchtime. Rather than choosing an option first thing in the morning they will be able to choose when they get to the hatch at dinner time. Each week we rotate the order of the classes coming into the hall first so the children get a fair chance at having a full choice available. All children with a vegetarian diet will always have a vegetarian choice. We hope this system will make lunchtimes run more smoothly for the children. As with all new systems or routines we know here will be teething problems and we ask that you bear with us as we tweak and change things to make sure we get it right.

## 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.

Well done to our **Y5** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **95%** attendance!



## Awards

Well done to these children!



Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: **Curious and Active**

Living our Catholic Virtues of **Curious and Active** this week are:

Nursery	Noel	Lanaiya
Reception	Moksh	Mia
Year 1	Marta	Abigail
Year 2	Cattleya	Anas
Year 3	Temia	Chanelle
Year 4	Markus	Fatima
Year 5	Oliver	Mayat
Year 6	Shamma	Max

Following our school rules: **Ready-Respectful-Safe** this week are:

Nursery	Soren	Eliyada
Reception	Alana	Kingston
Year 1	Daniel	Thani
Year 2	Nathan	Emelia
Year 3	Erin	Ted
Year 4	Rubeigh	Violette
Year 5	Caedan	Isabella
Year 6	Thomas	Ryan

### **Sacramental preparation**

It is so important that children are prepared for these significant events in their life. The teaching that goes on in school is only part of what the children need in preparation for making their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – there is an expectation that parents/carers take children to Mass every week to further prepare them. Remember to take Mass attendance cards with you to have them signed at the end of Mass.

Sunday Mass times at the Oratory Church:

7.30am Mass (Latin)

8.30am Mass (English)

10.30am High Mass (Latin)

12.15pm Mass (English)

4.30pm Sung Vespers & Benediction (Latin)

5.30pm Mass (English)

### **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. Please help us to keep all the children safe.

#### **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](mailto:communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk) can be used).***

### Physical Education

Nursery - Friday  
Reception – Thursday  
Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday  
Year 2 - Monday & Thursday  
Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday  
Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday  
Year 6 – Tuesday (\*Thursday Swimming)

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- Plain white 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)

Children in Y5/6 may also bring a small towel and roll-on deodorant on their PE day.

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:

- Breakfast club (every morning) £2.50, 8am – 8:40am

Monday –

- Football (Y1/2/3)

Tuesday –

- Multi sports (Y1/2/3)

Wednesday

- Multi Sports (Y4/5/6)

Thursday –

- Football (Y4/5/6)
- Choir club (Y3/4/5/6)

**After school clubs finish at 4:30pm**

Send your children to school with their own water bottle, a coat and their reading book and reading record every day.

Encourage healthy eating through the snacks / lunches you send to school.

On Friday, school finishes at 1:20pm. For those who stay on a Friday, they need collecting at 3:15pm.

**Please be prompt in collecting your children**

#### Operation Encompass

The Oratory is an Operation Encompass School, working closely with West Midlands Police to identify and support victims of Domestic Abuse. We remain vigilant and urge anyone suffering domestic abuse to contact the school or Police for help.

**We will see you back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. God Bless and have a wonderful half-term.**

**Mrs Wilson & Team**

## Key Dates

**HALF TERM 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School reopens for pupils</b> Year 5/6 Alton Castle Parents Meeting 3:45 in Year 6 classroom.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion (Y4)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Blessed Sacrament procession (Y4)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 Residential – Alton Castle
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

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