



# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

*"Shine as to be a light to others"*



**Friday 22nd September 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Liturgical Year and Cycle: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Cycle A**

### **Key Scripture: Matthew 18: 21-35**

Forgive and Forgive and Forgive  
This week's Gospel taught us about the importance of forgiveness. By discussing different scenarios, children could recognise what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to live out Jesus' golden rule: to 'love one another'.  
**Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me?" Matthew 18: 21**

### **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!

### **RE Homework – optional, for all**

We as we head into October and the month of Mary, we would love to create a display dedicated to her. You might like to write a prayer, draw a picture, write about how Mary inspires you. Bring them in next week and we will display them in school.

### **ACE Week**

We would love to welcome as many people into school to speak to the children about their jobs to inspire them to think of what they might like to do. Please do ask friends and family if they would be willing to come and talk to the children.

### **School Developments**

We have been working with our Read Write Inc phonics consultant this week to review our phonics teaching and to make sure staff are helping the children to learn the pure sounds. This [video](#), designed for parents, will help you to reinforce these pure sounds when you are reading with your children at home.

This week myself and Miss Goodwin attended an RE course where they shared lots of inspirational ideas of how to engage the children more actively in their RE learning.

### **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 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. Fruit or vegetables or a plain breakfast bar.

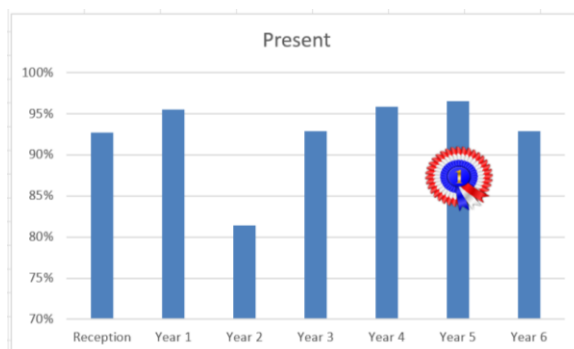
Remember to bring a water bottle every day. Only water can be consumed in class.

## 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)

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Monday 8.00am</b>          | <b>Year 1,2 &amp; 3</b>    |
| <b>Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm</b> | <b>Performing Arts KS2</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 8.00am</b>         | <b>Year 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday 8.00am</b>       | <b>Year 1, 2 &amp; 3</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 8.00am</b>        | <b>Year 4, 5 &amp; 6</b>   |

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

**Have a lovely weekend**

**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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