

ST OSWALD'S

- CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -



Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for the start of another academic year – I hope you have all had a lovely summer. It has been an absolute pleasure to see how the children, as always, have settled so quickly and happily back into school life and are ready for another busy year at St Oswald's.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Reception class children and their families.

Curriculum Evenings

Please find below the dates and times for the Curriculum Evenings that will be taking place in school over the next few weeks when teachers will give an insight into what your child will be learning and experiencing in their new class. Like last year, we have staggered the start times and dates to give the opportunity for those families who have children in different year groups to attend more than one if they wish. Mrs Wills will be delivering a Reading workshop for Reception. If you are unable to make the meetings, the PowerPoint Presentations will be available on the school website soon after the meetings.

Applying for Free School Meals

I would strongly urge anyone who feels that they may be eligible to claim for Free School Meals to apply via the Newcastle City Council website or by following the link HERE.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive free school meals. However, even if your children are in those year groups and you are eligible to claim, it would be of great benefit to the school as we receive funding for each pupil for the remainder of their time in school, not just for any period of eligibility. It is a straightforward and confidential process.

Reminder of PE days

Children will have PE on the following days this half term:

Reception: Monday & Thursday (no PE kit required for the first half term)

Year 1: Monday & Thursday Year 2: Monday & Friday Year 3: Wednesday & Friday Year 4: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5: Thursday & Friday Year 6: Monday & Tuesday

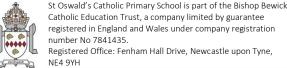
Change to Christmas Fair Arrangements

This year, along with the PTA and the Parish, we have decided to change the way we run the Christmas Fair. Rather than holding it in the Parish Hall after Sunday morning Mass, we will be having it in school on Friday 8th December between 3pm and 5pm.

We would like to maintain our link with Sacred Heart Parish at this time of the year so have decided to have a Christmas Choir Club in the second half of the Autumn term who will sing festive songs for Parishioners on the stage in the Parish Hall after Mass on Sunday 3rd December instead.

Parishioners, of course, are still very welcome to join us for our Christmas Fair in school on the 8th of December.

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Registered Office: Fenham Hall Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne,

Nut Allergies

Just as a reminder, we have some children in school with <u>severe</u> nut allergies. Can I please ask that no snacks or packed lunches containing nuts are brought into school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dates for Diaries

As you know, we take great pride in the variety of exciting and enriching experiences we offer your children throughout the course of the year. Children go on external visits, workshops led by outside agencies are a regular fixture throughout the school, and every class has the opportunity to take part in sporting competitions or in-school sessions led by the Newcastle Sports Service. We aim to provide a variety of after school clubs for all age groups between now and the summer which we hope as many children as possible will participate in. Details of after school clubs and other dates which have not been confirmed yet will follow soon.

September

Tuesday 12th September – 'Being Safe around Dogs' workshops for KS2

Monday 25th September – Reception Reading meeting for parents 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Monday 25th September – Year 1 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Monday 25th September – Year 2 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday 26th September – Year 3 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 26th September – Year 4 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Friday 29th September – Year 2 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

October

Monday 2nd October – Year 5 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Monday 2nd October – Year 6 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Friday 6th October – Year 6 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Monday 9th – Friday 13th October – Book Week in school

Thursday 12th October - Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character or wear non-uniform)

Monday 16th October – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday 18th October – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Friday 20th October – Reception & Year 5 'Special Friends' Liturgy for parents from both classes in school 9:00am

Friday 20th October – Break up for half term holidays

Monday 30th October – School re-opens for children

November

Friday 3rd November – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Wednesday 15th November – Year 4 Hawkhirst Residential meeting for parents 5pm

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Friday 17th November – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Tuesday 21st November – Nasal Flu immunisation for children in school (Reception – Year 6)

Wednesday 22nd November – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm

Wednesday 22nd November – Year 6 Borrowdale meeting for parents 5:45pm

December

Friday 1st December - Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Sunday 3rd December – St Oswald's Christmas Choir to perform festive songs in the parish hall after Mass

Monday 4th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Team Games session led by the Newcastle Sports Service

Thursday 7th **December –** Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair in school 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 12th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Wednesday 13th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 14th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 15th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Monday 18th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 20th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm TBC

Friday 22nd December - Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception - Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 22nd December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other Important Dates:

Monday 8th January – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th June – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

Saturday 15th June – Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church

Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th June – Year 5 residential to Keswick

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st June – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

With my very best wishes,

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