



St. Oswald's R.C. Primary School



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Dear Families,

Friday 21st September

New School Lunch Menus

Following feedback from a number of parents regarding the new (City-wide) school lunch menus, I contacted Catering Services and we have amended some of the choices available. Additional options have been added on a Monday which we hope will provide a favourable choice for your child. The new menu is available to view in the 'Parent Area' of the school website.

Residential Visits

Please find below the confirmed dates for the Residential trips for 2018-19:

Year 4 – Hawkhirst 5th – 7th June

Year 5 – Deneholme (New venue) 12th – 14th June

Year 6 – Borrowdale 19th – 21st June

Meetings will be held in advance of the visits.

Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Curriculum Evenings over the last couple of weeks – I hope they were useful. For anyone who was unable to attend, we have put the presentations in the 'School Information' section of our website.

First Holy Communion/Sunday Liturgy Group

The Catechists from Sacred Heart Church are appealing for anyone who would be interested in getting involved with the First Holy Communion Programme or Sunday Liturgy Class. The team of parents who lead the Children's Liturgy on a Sunday morning during mass are always looking for others to join the group and take an active part. You do not need any special qualifications other than a passion and commitment to teach our children about the messages from the Gospel. Assisting in the First Holy Communion Preparation for the children is something that would take up a little more of your time. If you would like to know more about either of these opportunities, please contact the school for more information or alternatively, if you are at Mass on a Sunday morning, please approach any of the parents in the hall. They will explain what is involved and what commitment would be sought. You will have to acquire a specific DBS certificate to work with the children at church even if you have one for any other work with children. Thank you in advance.

Alpha Programme

Deacon John Hawthorne has asked if the school can draw attention to the 'Alpha' course at Sacred Heart Church. The programme is designed for people who attend church but would like an update on the basics of their faith, and for anyone who is non-practising, puzzled, upset, or curious about the faith and doesn't go to church. Alongside parishioners and their friends and family members, parents of children who attend St Oswald's, especially parents whose children made their first Holy Communion last year and those who are making it this year, are invited to attend in the hope that this will help the parents to support their children's faith development. Further details can be found on our school website in the 'Catholic Life' section.

Twitter

Following IT security updates made by the Local Authority over the summer, our Twitter service is currently out of service. We are hoping that normal service will soon be restored. In the meantime, you can keep up to date with what your children have been doing in school via the Class Blogs on our school website.

Dates for Diaries (New dates in bold)

September

23rd Sept – PTA Golf Day

27th Sept – Reception Reading session for parents in school hall 2:15pm

28th Sept – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

28th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning for children in school

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October

- 1st – 4th Oct – Book Fair in school hall from 3:00pm
- 4th Oct - Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character)
- 5th Oct – Year 2 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
- 8th Oct – Year 6 visit to the Life Centre (Science – Light & Shadow)
- 8th Oct – Year 2 Open Top Bus Tour of Newcastle**
- 10th Oct – Year 3 trip to Rising Sun Country park (Stone Age)
- 11th Oct – Reception Class Welcome Assembly in school 9:00am
- 15th Oct – NSPCC ‘Speak Out, Stay Safe’ assemblies for KS1 & KS2
- 17th Oct – Year 6 Team Games festival at the Walker Dome
- 18th Oct – Year 6 Mass for parents in school 9:00am**
- 23rd Oct – Parents’ Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm (Rec - Y6)
- 23rd Oct – Creepy Crawly Roadshow in Reception
- 24th Oct – NSPCC Workshops in school for Year 5 & Year 6
- 25th Oct – Year 3 Performing Arts Day at Sacred Heart High School TBC**
- 25th Oct – Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
- 25th Oct - Parents’ Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm (Rec - Y6)
- 26th Oct – Sponsored Bounce
- 26th Oct - Break up for half term

November

- 5th Nov – School re-opens for children
- 15th Nov – Anti-bullying Assembly in school
- 16th Nov – Year 6 trip to Nissan
- 20th Nov – Warburton’s workshop in school Year 2
- 20th Nov – Year 6 visit to the Life Centre (Science – Electricity)
- 23rd Nov – Year 5 Mass for parents in school 9:00am
- 29th Nov – Nasal Flu vaccination for children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5 (More information to follow)
- 30th Nov – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

December

- 5th Dec – Advent worship for families in school hall 8:20am
- 6th Dec – Year 5 History workshop in school (Vikings)
- 6th Dec – Year 6 History workshop in school (Ancient Greece)
- 11th Dec – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school
- 12th Dec – Advent worship for families in school hall 8:20am
- 12th Dec – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school
- 12th Dec – Year 4 Multi-skills at the Walker Dome
- 13th Dec – Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity for Parents 2:15pm in school
- 14th Dec – Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school
- 14th Dec – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 14th Dec – Children’s Autumn Progress Reports sent out
- 17th Dec – KS1 Christmas Party Day
- 18th Dec – KS2 Christmas Party Day
- 19th Dec – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Nativity Performance at Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm
- 20th Dec – Whole School Pantomime visit to Gateshead Stadium 10:00am
- 21st Dec – Whole school Mass in school 9:00am
- 21st Dec – Christmas Carols outside school (weather permitting!) 2:15pm
- 21st Dec – School closes for Christmas Holidays

Other Important Dates:

- 15th Feb & 24th May – Staff Training Days (School Closed)
- 13th - 16th May – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)
- 15th June - Year 4 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church 10:00am

With best wishes,

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Supporting children through key adults