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Dear Families,

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Book Donations

Many, many thanks to everyone who has donated books or money to buy books for our new school library. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity which has enabled us to stock the shelves with exciting books for our children to enjoy. As you know, we are officially opening our new library on Wednesday next week which the children (and staff) are very excited about. We had so many donations that we have been able to offer some to St Oswald's Hospice which have been so gratefully received.

Cancer Run

Following the success of previous years, I am inviting families to join us for the 2020 Children's Cancer Run which will take place on Sunday 17th May. It is always a great day, raising money for a fantastic cause. Details of how to enter are being sent separately today – an early bird entry rate is available until 31st March. I look forward to seeing you there!

After-School Clubs

As you are aware, we try and offer a range of different clubs throughout the course of the year for all age groups in school. Some of these clubs are run voluntarily by staff but some are delivered by external providers at a cost to families. We encourage participation in these extra-curricular activities for all of our children and would hope that affordability should never prevent any children from taking part. If you would like your child to participate in any clubs that do incur a fee, please contact the school if the price is a factor for them not taking part. Any approach will, of course, be treated with absolute discretion. Any child who is in receipt of Free School Meals will have any clubs paid for by the school.

Supervising children before school

There have been a couple of incidents before school recently where children have hurt themselves on the KS2 school playground. Can I remind families that children are not supervised by staff until the KS2 door opens at 8:30am and it is therefore parents' responsibility to ensure their child's safety.

Children in Reception and KS1 should always be accompanied by an adult until the bell rings at 8:35am.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Class Blogs

A reminder that Class Blogs containing information and photographs of what your children have been doing in school are regularly updated on our school website. You can also follow us on Twitter at @StOswaldsRCgos

PTO for Dates for Diaries



Dates for diaries:

Please find below the dates of events planned for the second half of the Spring Term.

March

- Tuesday 3rd Mar** – Operation Encompass drop-in session and workshop in Year 6 on Friendship & Relationships
- Wednesday 4th Mar** – St Oswald's Book Day celebration (non-uniform)
- Thursday 5th Mar** – Year 4 Computer Science day at Sacred Heart High School
- Friday 6th Mar** – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9am
- Friday 6th Mar** – Warburton's Healthy Eating workshop in Year 2
- Thursday 12th Mar** – Year 4 at St Mary's Cathedral for a Lenten Reflection with other Newcastle Catholic Primary schools
- Friday 13th Mar** – Year 6 Mass in school for Parents 9am
- Wednesday 18th Mar** – Year 5 Science visit to St Cuthbert's High School
- Friday 20th Mar** – Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9am
- Tuesday 24th Mar** – Parents' Consultation Evening
- Wednesday 25th Mar** - Reception 'Intro to Play' sports session at the Walker Dome
- Thursday 26th Mar** - Parents' Consultation Evening
- Friday 27th Mar** – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9am
- Friday 27th Mar** – Year 5 'Just Is' Conference at St Mary's High School
- Monday 30th Mar** – Egg Decorating Competition in the school Hall

April

- Wednesday 1st Apr** – Year 3 Dance Festival at the City Hall
- Wednesday 1st Apr** – Year 4 & Year 5 Easter Production at Sacred Heart Church 7pm
- Friday 3rd Apr** – Reception Easter Play for parents in school 9am
- Friday 3rd Apr** – School closes for Easter
- Monday 20th Apr** – School re-opens

Other important dates for diaries:

- Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May** – Year 6 SATs Week
- Friday 22nd May** – Staff Training Day (School closed to children)
- Saturday 13th Jun** – Year 4 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church
- Monday 15th Jun - Wednesday 17th Jun** – Year 5 Residential to Keswick
- Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th Jun** – Year 6 Residential to Borrowdale
- Monday 22nd Jun - Wednesday 24th Jun** – Year 4 Residential to Hawkhirst

I hope you will find the above dates useful. The dates of any additional events will be relayed to you as soon as possible and be made available on our website in due course.

With best wishes,



Mr P Marley