



# St. Oswald's R.C. Primary School



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*Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ*

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Dear families,

Holy Week is always a very special time to be in school and although we haven't been able to celebrate it in the way we would usually choose to do so, the children have still had the opportunity to learn about and reflect upon the very important Easter message and story. Some children in Year 6 narrated the Stations of the Cross which classes across the school were able to use as part of their class Liturgy. On Tuesday, Mrs Mooney set up a number of prayer stations in Isabel's Garden which the children in every class had the chance to spend some reflection time around. Thank you to Fr Jonathon who joined some of the Reception children during their reflection on Tuesday.

## **Parents' Evening Appointments**

We will be offering online video Parents Consultation appointments on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Information about how to sign up for appointment slots will be sent out in the week we return after the Easter holidays. If you would prefer a telephone appointment instead, that could be arranged for an alternative evening.

## **After School Sports Clubs**

Following discussions with Lee Sterry Sports Coaching, we have agreed to re-start some outdoor after school Multi-sports clubs between Monday and Thursday. On each night, the sessions will only be open to children in the same class/bubble to avoid mixing with anyone they wouldn't be in contact with during the school day. The groups are limited to 15 children per session. If there is a low uptake, the block of sessions may not be able to take place. We hope that by offering 4 clubs over 4 nights, we will be able to give every class the opportunity to take part in a block of sessions before the end of the Summer term.

The sessions will be between 3:10pm and 4:10pm on days that the children have PE so they will not need to bring additional clothing/footwear. See below for details:

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May (4 sessions due to the Bank Holiday) – **Year 3**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May (5 sessions) – **Year 5**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May (5 sessions) – **Year 1**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May (5 sessions) – **Year 6**

**To book a block of sessions, you need to do so online via Lee Sterry Sports Coaching.**

Follow the link <https://www.ls-sc.co.uk/>, select 'Schools' from the menu followed by 'St Oswalds' then enter the code: **st2021**



## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are inviting anyone interested to contact school to potentially stand for election. No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to invest time to play an active role in the Governing Body's work.

The core strategic functions of a Governing Body include ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction; holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its funding is well spent.

Someone with experience in finance would be particularly welcome to apply.

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children currently at the school. If you would like to stand for election, please complete the information [HERE](#) to express your interest by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**.

If there are a number of parents interested in the role, you will be asked to produce a personal statement to support your nomination which will be sent out to families who will then take part in a secret ballot.

## Comic Relief

Thank you for your kind donations for Comic Relief – we raised £310.74 for this very worthy cause.

## Positive COVID-19 cases over Easter

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 **within 48 hours of last being in school and subsequently tests positive**, please could you inform us at [admin@stoswalds.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stoswalds.newcastle.sch.uk)

The email address will be regularly checked as we will need to contact staff and pupils who would have been in close contact within this time period and ask them to isolate.

**If they develop symptoms after 48 hours of last being in school, you do not need to inform school.**

Thank you once again for your support this term – we all really appreciate it.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the governors and staff to wish you a happy and healthy Easter.

With my very best wishes,



Mr Marley