



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



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*Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ*

Dear Families,

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## Sunday Times Top 250 Primary Schools

We received some fantastic news last week when it was revealed that we were ranked 51<sup>st</sup> in the Sunday Times Top 250 Primary Schools. This is based on the average scores children received in their KS2 SATS tests in Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling and Maths in **2017**. We were the highest ranking Catholic school in the Diocese, building on our position of 356<sup>th</sup> on the list last year. Well done to the children, staff and families for this amazing achievement.

## PTA 200 Club

As you know, the St Oswald's PTA 200 Club is a fundraising initiative where you can win cash prizes in our monthly draw. You are allocated a number which costs £1 per month and can be paid in cash, cheque or standing order monthly or annually. The PTA have just handed over a cheque for £1,000 which we are using to buy some bookshelves and replenish books in classrooms. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the PTA for all of their efforts in raising the much-needed cash that the school so desperately requires.

## Christmas Fair

A reminder that the Christmas Fair will take place after 10am Mass in Sacred Heart Church Hall on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If anyone is able to help set up on the Saturday or on the day itself, please contact the PTA or school office. It would be lovely to see you all there.

## Christmas Pantomime

As mentioned in a previous letter, we have organised the whole-school trip to the Pantomime at Gateshead Stadium on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The visit, which costs £10 per child including transport, is now available to pay through ParentPay. Many thanks in advance.

## Fundraising Days

Thank you all so much for your generosity over the last few weeks. The Sponsored Bounce, which raises money directly for our school, raised an amazing £873.40 and last week's Children in Need appeal fetched £317.76. Thank you.

## Miss Hudson/Mrs Morris

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Hudson who was married last weekend. She has returned to school under her new married name of Mrs Morris. We wish her and her husband, Andrew, the very best for the future.

## **PTO for Dates for Diaries**



## November

23rd Nov – Year 5 Mass for parents in school 9:00am

29th Nov – Nasal Flu vaccination for children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 5

30th Nov – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

30th Nov – Non-uniform day (donations of bottles/chocolates etc. for the Christmas Fair would be greatly appreciated)

## December

1st Dec – First Holy Communion session at Sacred Heart Church 10:30am

2nd Dec – First Holy Communion Liturgy during 10:00am Mass

2nd Dec – Christmas Fair after 10:00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church Hall

4th Dec – Year 3 visit to the Centre for Life (Fossils)

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

11th Dec – Year 6 Christmas Fundraiser in school hall 3:00pm

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

17th Dec – Year 5 & Year 6 Rehearsal at Sacred Heart Church

18th Dec – KS2 Christmas Party Day

19th Dec – Christmas Dinner 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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