



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



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*Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ*

Dear Families,

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

## Parents Survey

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and, as a school, we are always keen to support the development of your child in every way possible. We are interested in your views about how we can work in partnership together to develop a shared and better understanding of children's emotional wellbeing. You will probably be aware that this is an item making the news more often and whilst children's wellbeing is very important in its own right, we also recognise that it affects how children learn, socialise and make progress. We may have the opportunity to offer parent workshops at some stage in the future and would welcome your ideas on what, as parents, is most valuable to you and also what may concern you about raising children in 2019. The overall focus of the project would be to enhance awareness of wellbeing and resilience. This is why we want to consider how best to work in partnership with our families and would like to know what you would be most interested in. You can complete a short Survey Monkey if you type the following link into an internet search engine:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3JVM9DB>

The survey is completely anonymous and should only take a few minutes to complete. A paper copy is available on request from the school office. Many thanks.

## School Performance 2018

We received a letter this week from Damian Hinds (Secretary of State for Education) and Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Standards) to congratulate the school on the high level of progress that children at St Oswald's demonstrated in the Reading, Writing and Mathematics KS2 assessments last year. In terms of progress, we were in the top 3% of schools in England. What a fantastic achievement by children and staff!

**Please find below the dates of events planned for the Spring Term. New dates that have been added since my last letter are in bold.**

## February

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 Residential meeting for parents 5:30pm**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 2 Multi Skills at the Walker Dome

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 Mass in school for Parents 9:00am

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Reception trip to Pizza Express**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 visit to St Mary's High School to watch Mary Poppins**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 1 trip to Beamish**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Closed for half term (School re-opens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Staff Training Day – School Closed to children

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Reception trip to the Shipley Art Gallery**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 4 Residential meeting for parents 5:30pm**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 5 visit to St Mary's High School for a 'Just Is' workshop**

## March

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 3 trip to the Centre for Life (Romans)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 6 Mass for families in school**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Mar - Year 4 First Holy Communion Parents' meeting in the church hall 7pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 4 Skipping Festival

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 1 trip to the BBC Studios (TBC)**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar - Reception 'Intro to Play' sports session at the Walker Dome

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 5 Science visit to St Cuthbert's High School (TBC)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Year 4 First Confessions at Sacred Heart Church 7pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents' Consultation Evening

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Parents' Consultation Evening

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am

**April**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Year 3 Dance Festival

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Y4 & Y5 Easter Production at Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Apr – Reception Easter Play for parents in school 9:00am

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 1 trip to Centre for Life for a weather workshop**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – School closes for Easter (reopens TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April)

Any further dates and 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

