



St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School



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Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Parents' Evening Appointments

We held our first virtual Parents' Evening last night which was a great success in the majority of cases! There were a couple of meetings that had connectivity/buffering issues – if this happens again in upcoming appointments, the class teacher will make every attempt to contact you by telephone at the appointed time or failing this, at a later date. There were a few calls where the microphone and/or camera were not turned on when using mobile phones or iPads/tablets. Please remember to adjust the settings for your internet browser such as Safari to allow the use of these during the meeting. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Consultation to convert to Academy status

Reminder: the consultation for St Oswald's Catholic Primary School to convert to Academy status and join the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust will end on Friday 30th April. If you would like to respond to the consultation, please complete the requested information [HERE](#) with your feedback. Information and FAQs can be found in the Newsletter section of the school website.

Local Authority SEND Inspection Visit

Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Ofsted will carry out jointly a re-visit of the Local Area SEND provision following the previous inspection that took place between 30 April and 4 May 2018. The Local Authority have asked schools to send out a letter containing information for parents and carers in regard to this which I have attached to the email.

School Photographer

Now that it is permitted to do so, we have arranged for the photographer to come into school on the 10th and 11th of June for individual and class photographs. The children in Year 4 should have all made their First Holy Communion by then so he will take photographs of them too. The children in Year 5, who made their First Holy Communion in the Autumn term, will also be offered the opportunity to have their photograph taken in their finery. However, I appreciate that it will have been a long time since they did it and they may choose not to have theirs taken if they took photographs of their own at the time or if outfits no longer fit. I will contact Year 5 parents nearer the time to gauge interest. On a separate note, we plan to have a class Mass and celebration afternoon in school for the children in Year 4 & Year 5 later in the term to commemorate them making their First Holy Communion this academic year in somewhat different circumstances to normal.



Birthday Sweets/Cake

Can I remind parents that children should not bring sweets or cake into school to give to their friends on their birthdays/special occasions. As I have mentioned previously, it seems very mean-spirited and a little extreme, but we are trying to reduce the number of things being brought into school and being sent home in attempt to reduce the possibility of transmission of COVID-19. I hope you understand the reasons behind this request.

Drop-off and Pick up Requests

Finally, could I please ask that children and parents do not arrive at school ahead of their allocated drop-off and pick-up time slots. When children arrive early, this can inevitably lead to congregating and the mixing of year groups.

As always, thank you for your continued support – it is much appreciated.

With my very best wishes,



Mr Marley