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Dear families,

Parent Governor Election

I can confirm that following the election process for our vacant parent governor post, Mrs Quinn has received the most votes, in what was an extremely close contest. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mrs Quinn and Mrs Barber for standing for election - their willingness to help support and challenge our school is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank those of you who cast your vote over the last couple of weeks. The Governing Body look forward to working alongside Mrs Quinn in the foreseeable future where we will strive together, as always, to provide the very best education and care for all of the children in our school.

Staff Training Day – School closed to children

Reminder: School will be closed to children **on Friday 28th May (tomorrow)** for a staff training day. School will re-open on Monday 7th June following the half term holiday.

After School Multi-Skills Sports Clubs

Following the successful return of our after-school Multi-skills sports clubs over the last 6 weeks, we are opening them up to other classes after half term. On each night, the sessions will only be for 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.

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 7th June – Monday 12th July (6 sessions) – **Reception**

Tuesday 8th June – Tuesday 13th July (6 sessions) – **Year 2**

Wednesday 9th June – Wednesday 14th July (6 sessions) – **Year 4**

Thursday 10th June – Thursday 15th July (6 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: **oswalds77**



Protective measures on school grounds

I would like to thank you again for supporting us with our requests around pick-up and drop-off times. The staggered start and finish times ensure that large crowds do not arrive and leave the site together. Although the number of positive COVID-19 cases nationwide has reduced, Newcastle is still above the national average. The Local Authority informed us that over 600 children were absent from school last week after either testing positive themselves or being in close contact with someone who had. With this in mind, can I ask that parents continue to wear face coverings at the beginning and end of the day and that social distancing takes place whenever possible. We also request that you do not arrive early, ahead of your child's start/finish time. Thank you.

Positive COVID-19 cases over half term

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

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.

With my very best wishes,



Mr Marley