



St. Oswald's R.C. Primary School



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Dear Families,

Friday 15th March

Mr Hamblin

After 4 very successful years as a class teacher, Mr Hamblin is leaving St Oswald's Primary School to begin a very exciting new challenge working in a school in Zambia. The move is something that he and his wife have been planning for a long time and they have been given the opportunity to take up their new positions after Easter. Mr Hamblin will be a huge miss to the children, staff and parents of our school but I'm sure you will join me in wishing him and his wife, Charlotte, every success for the future. We plan to keep in touch with him and forge a close relationship with the school he will be joining.

In the meantime, we have secured a very highly recommended replacement for Mr Hamblin to cover Year 5 in the Summer term. Miss McInally has recently finished a maternity cover in another Newcastle Catholic school – the children met her earlier in the week.

School Funding

As many of you will have seen in the news recently, funding for schools has been very much in the headlines. Schools are having to make increasingly difficult decisions on how to spend their limited funding as income has failed to keep pace with the rise in costs since 2010. Many schools have had to make cuts to teaching and non-teaching staff, teaching resources, renewal of equipment and in many other areas. If you would like to support the petition to increase funding for schools, please visit the link below:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

Values and Ethos Statement

As a Governing Body and staff, we decided to revisit and update our Values and Ethos Statement. Our new collective statement can be found in the 'About Our School' section of our school website. If families feel that they could offer anything in addition to our statement, any ideas would be gratefully received and considered.

Easter Egg Competition

It's nearly that time of the year again! This year, the decorated eggs should be brought into school on Monday 1st April to be displayed in the school hall.

2019-20 Term dates

The term dates and staff training dates from September 2019 have been agreed by Governors and can be found in the 'Parent Area' section of the school website.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

Following the success of the online appointment booking service we launched last year, we will be continuing with this system for the forthcoming meetings. A text will be sent early next week via Teachers to Parents and appointments can be made by following a link. If you have any difficulty making an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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

March

Wednesday 20th Mar – Lenten Reflection in school for families 8:20am

Wednesday 20th Mar – Year 1 trip to the BBC Studios

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

Wednesday 20th Mar – Year 5 Science visit to St Cuthbert's High School

Thursday 21st Mar – Year 4 First Confessions at Sacred Heart Church 7pm

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

Tuesday 26th Mar – Parents' Consultation Evening

Wednesday 27th Mar – Lenten Reflection in school for families 8:20am

Thursday 28th Mar - Parents' Consultation Evening

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

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April

Monday 1st Apr – Easter Egg Decoration Competition in school

Wednesday 3rd Apr – Final Lenten Reflection in school for families 8:20am

Wednesday 3rd Apr – Year 3 Dance Festival at Newcastle City Hall

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

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

Friday 5th Apr – Year 1 trip to Centre for Life for a weather workshop

Friday 5th Apr – School closes for Easter

TUESDAY 23rd Apr – School re-opens

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

