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

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*Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ*

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Dear Families,

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Holy Week is always a very special time to be in school and over the course of this week, the children have prepared for Easter by taking part in a Liturgy; they observed the Stations of the Cross followed by class reflections and activities; Year 4 & 5 retold the Easter story beautifully in church and in school; the children in Year 4, 5 & 6 were offered Confession; and we finished today with a Holy Thursday service in school for all of the children. Reception class had already performed their version of the Easter story last week for parents in school. I would like to thank the staff for preparing the children so well, especially Mrs Mooney, who has planned and prepared much of these celebrations this week. Thanks also to Fr Jim for the time he has spent in school with the children this week.

### **Easter Egg Competition**

As always, staff faced the almost impossible task of judging the amazing eggs that were entered in our Easter egg competition earlier this week. The entries were as spectacular and imaginative as ever but winners were chosen and the children were all given a treat for the efforts that were made. Well done everyone!

### **Children's Cancer Run, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

We would love you and your family to join our school team at the 36<sup>th</sup> Children's Cancer Run held at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park. Please complete an on-line entry form to join our team at [www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk](http://www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk)

If you enter before 31<sup>st</sup> March, you will be eligible for the Early Bird discount fee.

### **Fundraising**

Thank you so much for your generosity over the last few weeks. Please find below the sums we have raised:  
Sport Relief - £211

Easter Performance Church collection for the Good Shepherd Appeal - £182

Cafod World Gifts (Reception Easter Story) - £50

### **Admissions Information**

You can find details of our school Admissions Policy on our website for the 2017-18, 2018-19 and the 2019-20 academic years.

### **Class Blogs**

A reminder that Class Blogs containing information and photographs of what your children have been doing in school are regularly updated on our school website. You will find out about Year 3 at the Dance Festival at the City Hall, the recently-hatched chicks in Reception class, Class Liturgies & Easter celebrations, the Year 1 'Pop-up Restaurant' and much more.

You can also follow us on Twitter at @StOswaldsRCgos

**PTO for Dates for Diaries**

## Dates for Diaries: (Trips, Class Masses & Liturgies will follow on return after Easter)

### March

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – School closes for Easter

### April

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – School re-opens

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Apr – Piccolo Singing session for families in Reception (10:50 – 11:40am)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr – Reception Balance Bike sessions begin

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr – Reception & KS1 Movie Night

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Apr – Year 5 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood

### May

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – KS2 Movie Night

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Reception trip to Durham Castle

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 trip to the Centre for Life

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Bikeability

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs Tests

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 at the Walker Dome (Team Games)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Science Day at St Cuthbert's High School

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May – The Cancer Run at Gosforth Racecourse

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Shakespeare Performance at Sacred Heart High School

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 1 trip to BBC Studios

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 4 Bikeability

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 visit to Nissan

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Staff INSET day (School closed to children)

### June

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 4 Residential to Hawkhirst

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 6 trip to Victorian Tunnels TBC

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 3 Performing Arts Day at Sacred Heart High School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Jun – NSPCC workshop in Year 2 (What's in your pants is private)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 6 Basketball tournament at Sports Central

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 4 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 6 at the Youth Festival

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Jun – School Photographer in school

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun – Year 6 Residential to Borrowdale

### July

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jul – Year 6 Transition Days to High Schools

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jul – School nurse in Year 5 (Hygiene – Looking after ourselves) TBC

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jul – Year 1 Intro to Games at the Walker Dome

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jul – School nurse in Year 6 (My Body is changing)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Jul – Reception and Year 3 at the Great North Exhibition

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jul – Year 6 Leavers' Mass 7pm in school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jul – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am in school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jul – School closes for the summer

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the governors and staff to wish you a happy, healthy and holy Easter.

With best wishes,

Mr P Marley

