



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



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*Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ*

Dear Families,

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

## Parents' Consultation Evenings

Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place in the school hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. You will have the opportunity to look at a selection of your child's books and discuss their progress. Letters will be sent out soon to book appointment times.

## 2016-17 Performance Information

St Oswald's school performance measures from Reception to Year 6 in 2016-17 are available to view on the school website under School Information – Performance Information.

## ParentPay

As you are aware, we make every effort at St Oswald's to provide the children with a wide variety of enrichment experiences and educational visits to make the curriculum in school as exciting as possible. We are reliant on parental voluntary contributions towards these events which we are very grateful to receive. We currently have a shortfall of over £1000 so if you haven't paid for your child's trips etc. and are in a position to do so, we would be very appreciative if any outstanding amounts can be paid to ensure that we can continue to offer the children as many opportunities as possible. Thank you in advance.

## School Uniform Policy

Thank you for supporting the school's move towards polo shirts with the school logo on them - the children look smarter than ever! Can I remind you that for safety reasons, it is important that rings, earrings, studs and necklaces etc., are **NOT** worn in school. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. newly pierced ears, infection or similar short term medical condition) the ear lobe may be taped temporarily if it is necessary to retain the stud in place for medical reasons.

Also, in line with our Catholic Feeder High schools, hair must be a natural colour and hairstyles are not to follow extremes of fashion such as shaved heads, tramlines, patterns or dyed hair. Parental support in this matter is essential. Thank you.

## Class Blogs

A reminder that Class Blogs containing information and photographs of what your child/children have been doing in school are updated regularly on our school website. We have also now got over 100 followers on Twitter! To follow us, our 'handle' is @StOswaldsRCgos

## Updated Dates for Diaries:

### October

- w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Book Fair
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Year 3 trip to Rising Sun Country park (Stone Age)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 2 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 Team Games festival at the Walker Dome
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception & Year 5 trip to Rising Sun Country Park
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception Class Welcome Assembly in school 9:00am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 First Holy Communion meeting in the Church Hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents' Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm (Rec - Y6)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parents' Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm (Rec - Y6)

## PTO for more dates



18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 4 trip to the Oriental Museum (Egyptians)  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 6 Mass for parents in school 9:00am  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sponsored Bounce  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Break up for half term  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct – School re-opens for children

### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> Nov - PTA Halloween Disco - EY & KS1 3:30-4:15pm/KS2 4:30 – 5:15pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Creepy Crawly Roadshow in Reception  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-bullying Assembly in school  
16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nasal Flu vaccination for children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 (More information to follow)  
17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need Day  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Mass for parents in school 9:00am  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov – RSPB workshop for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 in school

### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec – PTA Christmas Party/Disco Event at Northern Rugby Club (Adults only) More information to follow  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 History workshop in school (Vikings)  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 History workshop in school (Ancient Greece)  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 4 Multi-skills at the Walker Dome  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity for Parents 2:15pm in school  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Children’s Autumn Progress Reports sent out  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Parish Candlelit Carols at Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School Pantomime visit to Gateshead Stadium  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner Day in school  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Nativity Performance at Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Whole school Mass 9:00am in school  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Christmas Carols outside school (weather permitting!) 2:15pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – School closes for Christmas Holidays

### **January**

8<sup>th</sup> Jan – School re-opens for children

### **Other Important Dates:**

25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 Residential to Dukeshouse Wood  
14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)  
4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Residential to Hawkthirst  
16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church  
20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 Residential to Borrowdale, Lake District

With best wishes,



Mr P Marley

