



St. Oswald's R.C. Primary School



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Dear Families,

Friday 8th September

Welcome back to school for the start of another academic year – I hope you have all had a lovely summer. As always, it is great to see how calmly, quickly and happily the children (and staff) are adapting back to school life! I would like to extend a particular warm welcome to our new Reception class children and their families as well as to the new members of our team – Miss Hudson (Year 1 teacher & Deputy Head), Mrs MacIver (Support Assistant) and Mr Gribbin (SCITT trainee).

Curriculum Evenings

Please find below the dates and times for the Curriculum Evenings that will be taking place over the next few weeks; teachers will give an insight into what your child will be learning and experiencing in their new class. This year, we have staggered the start times and dates to give the opportunity for those families who have children in different year groups to attend more than one if they wish.

School Games Gold Mark

At the end of the summer term, we were absolutely delighted to be awarded the School Games Gold Mark. This is a government led award scheme that rewards schools for their commitment to the development of sports competition across the school and in the community. The award was achieved due to the number of children being engaged in sporting activity, how many different sports are being played and how many competitions are being entered. A special thanks to Mrs Summersby who has worked so hard to develop the sport in our school and will continue to do so in the future.

New Exterior Fence

As many of you will have noticed on returning to school this week, we have had a boundary fence erected and a new gated school entrance which has helped secure much of the KS2 playground and classrooms. We were successful in our bid to the Diocese in January to fund what we considered to be a potential safeguarding risk. I hope you agree, the fence provides added security for the children during the school day.

Dates for Diaries

September

- 12th Sept – American Football Taster Session for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
- 13th Sept – Year 1 Curriculum Evening 6pm – 6:30pm
- 13th Sept – Year 2 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm – 7:00pm
- 14th Sept – Year 6 Bikeability
- 20th Sept – Year 4 Curriculum Evening 6pm – 6:30pm
- 20th Sept – Year 3 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm – 7:00pm
- 22nd Sept – Whole School Mass in school
- 27th Sept – Year 5 Curriculum Evening 6pm – 6:30pm
- 27th Sept – Year 6 Curriculum Evening 6:30pm – 7:00pm
- 29th Sept – MacMillan Coffee Morning for children in school

PTO for more dates



October

w/c 2nd Oct – Book Fair
2nd Oct – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
3rd Oct – Year 3 trip to Rising Sun Country park (Stone Age)
5th Oct - Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character)
6th Oct – Year 2 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
7th Oct – Harvest Festival mass at Sacred Heart Church
13th Oct – Reception Class Welcome Assembly in school 9:00am
16th Oct – Parents’ Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm (Y1 - Y6)
18th Oct - Parents’ Consultation Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm (Y1 - Y6)
18th Oct – Year 4 trip to the Oriental Museum (Egyptians)
20th Oct – Sponsored Bounce (TBC)
20th Oct - Break up for half term
30th Oct – School re-opens for children

November

1st Nov - PTA Halloween Disco
3rd Nov - Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
16th Nov – Anti-bullying Assembly in school
16th Nov – Nasal Flu vaccination for children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 (More information to follow)
17th Nov – Children in Need Day
24th Nov – Year 5 Mass for parents in school 9:00am
24th Nov – RSPB workshop for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 in school

December

1st Dec - Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9:00am
7th Dec – Year 5 History workshop in school (Vikings)
7th Dec – Year 6 History workshop in school (Ancient Greece)
12th Dec – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school
13th Dec – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school
14th Dec – Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity for Parents 2:15pm in school
15th Dec – Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity for Parents 9:00am in school
15th Dec – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
15th Dec – Children’s Autumn Progress Reports sent out
18th Dec – Parish Candlelit Carols at Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm
19th Dec – Whole School Pantomime visit to Gateshead Stadium
20th Dec – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Nativity Performance at Sacred Heart Church 7:00pm
22nd Dec – Whole school Mass 9:00am in school
22nd Dec – Christmas Carols outside school (weather permitting!) 2:15pm
22nd Dec – School closes for Christmas Holidays

January

8th Jan – School re-opens for children

Other Important Dates:

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

Details of after school clubs and other dates for diaries will follow soon.

With best wishes,

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