

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 4th October 2017

Attendance

Congratulations to the winners for last week who were Year 1 with 100% attendance, well done everyone in Year 1 for being in school all week!

Y1 - 100%, Y4 - 99.3%, Y2 - 99%, Y5 - 98%, Y3 - 96.2%, Y6 - 95.6%, R - 95.5%, N - AM - 94.1%, N - PM - 85.7%

Harvest Festival - Thank You!

To all those of you who donated food gifts for the harvest festival, thank you for your support, it was a huge success this year! The food collected will be shared between those recommended by families, the residents at St. Oswald's Court and the food bank at St. Oswald's Church.

PE Kits

Could all children please have their PE kit in school at all times as there are a number of sports events taking place locally that your child may be attending.

UNICEF - Shoe Collection

As part of our continued work with UNICEF we will now be taking part in the Clarks 'Shoe Share' scheme. In exchange for used and unwanted shoes that are donated, Clarks will provide much needed school equipment to schools in poorer parts of the world.

There is a bin in school where used and unwanted shoes can be donated, alternatively please drop them off at the school office. We will then take the shoes to the Clarks shop in Aintree Retail Park where they have kindly agreed to take our donations.

Money in Envelopes

All money that is sent into breakfast club or for school dinners needs to be in an envelope with your child's name on. This would assist us greatly.

At breakfast club or in class, it is difficult to manage cash when the money is handed to staff from the children as they come in. Envelopes are available to buy from the school office for 1p each. Please contact office staff if you want to purchase some.

School Admission Information

Reception Class

Letters were sent home to parents for our current Nursery children who were born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 on how to apply for a Reception class place for their child in Sefton. Applications must be submitted by 15th January 2018.

For more information please visit www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions

Please note that if you are applying for a place for your child at our school, then we also require a supplementary information form to be completed.

Punctuality Matters

If your child is late at the beginning of the day, they miss out on registration and the start of the daily maths lesson. We want all our children to achieve well at St Oswald's and being on time each day is crucial.

As requested, KS2 teachers will be available for you to speak to each morning at 08.45AM on the playground. The whistle will be blown at 08.50AM and the children will go to their classrooms at 08.55AM. KS1 classroom doors are opened at 08.45AM and close promptly at 09.00AM. **Year 3/4**

Parent Meeting

Year 3 and 4 have now began Accelerated Reader everyday in class. We will be running a parent session after half term on Thursday 2nd November at 3.30pm to explain the process and also model how to log in as a parent to check your child's progress. More information will follow in a letter.

Sefton CU App

Did you know that there is a free national children's university app which lets you search for learning destinations when you are out and about. Search "Children's University ePassport".

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal

Once again this year, we are collecting shoeboxes for the charity Blythswood Care. Leaflets are being sent home today with all children and shoe boxes will be distributed to children in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine before Christmas. Children and families at St Oswald's have always donated generously to this appeal. Leaflets will be coming home today and the last return date for a Shoe Box if you wish to participate is 01/11/2017.

Contact Sheets

Contact sheets and other paperwork was sent home with your child on 6th September. There are still some children who have not yet returned the forms. It is vital that we have up to date contact information for all pupils. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Dates

October 2017

10th October- Year 1 trip to Museum of Liverpool. 3.30pm- Football Match V Star of the Sea at home

13th October- Football Match V St Robert Bellarmine at home 3.30pm

16th October- Assessment Week

17th October- Football Match V Queen of Peace at home 3.30pm

19th October - Diwali. Football match Peter Dowd Cup 1pm

20th October - Year 5 Pearl of Africa Performance

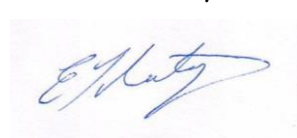
Schools birthday tomorrow (21st October) - 58 Years old

23rd - 27th October- Half term

30th October- Back to school

For further dates for the rest of the year please see the school website.

Yours sincerely



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