

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 20th June 2018

Attendance

Year 5 and Year 2 who jointly had the highest attendance this week with 100%, congratulations to everyone in both classes for being in school every day last week! They will have Cuddles the bear and the class voucher - Y5 & Y2 - 100%, Y4 - 99.3%, Y6 - 98.5%, Y1 - 96.3%, N - AM - 93%, Y3 & R - 92%, N - PM - 80%.

Guess the name of the Teddy

Year 6 are holding a competition to guess the name of a teddy. All children are invited to take part and will be able to guess the name for 50p. Children from Year 6 will be visiting classrooms this week to allow children to enter. The winner will be announced during assembly on Friday 29th June. All money raised will be donated to Sefton Women and Children's Aid.

Maths Challenge Winners

Our children attended a Maths challenge competition this morning at Netherton Moss Primary School and St Oswald's were the overall winners following a tie breaker! We have another fabulous shield in our trophy cabinet. Congratulations to Thomas and Shannon in Year 5 and Lily and Daniel in Year 6 that represented our school.

PE Kits

All PE Kits must be in school as there are PE events on most days this term. Thank you.

Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk was last Friday, 15th June 2017. This year all monies raised will be going to school funds for the extras that the children get throughout the year. As you are aware there have been many cuts this year and all extras will have to be cut too. Any extra funding we can raise ourselves will be hugely beneficial. Please send all money and sponsor forms into school by 30th June. Thank you.

Fund Raising

One of our parents, Greg Everett is completing a charity bike race to raise funds for school to improve and develop a sensory garden. We love as many donations as possible. Any money donated can be sent into school or visit

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charity/search-results.html?searchString=St+Oswalds+school>

Book Fair

Our fantastic half price book fair will be running from Wednesday 4th July until 10th July. We are running a competition where children need to write a short piece about their favourite author. They can present it however they wish and we would like them to add some drawings of books they have read or of the author as we would like to display the competition entries in school. Entries should be sent into school by Friday 29th June.

First prize is £15.00 to spend at the fair (£30 of books) and there will be two second prizes of £5.00 each (£10 of books) to spend at the book fair. Good luck!

Free School Meals

Reminder to Year 2 parents that you will need to apply for Free School Meals for September as you will no longer automatically receive a free meal. From Year 3 children are able to choose packed lunch or hot dinner, but if you wish to change then we ask that you give 1 week notice to let the cook know.

Feel Good Factory

Year 1 children will be attending a craft workshop at Netherton Feelgood Factory on Monday 25th June from 10.30AM to 11.30AM.

All of the Year 1 children and parents / carers are invited to come back to Feelgood Factory to our Mad Hatter Tea Party to coincide with the Feelgood Factory Summer Fair which takes place on Tuesday 26th June at 3.30pm. All parents and siblings are welcome to attend, please can you let us know if you will be attending the Tea Party. A slip is at the bottom of the newsletter or you can reply to the email from Mrs Erskine.

Summer Fair

The summer fair will be on the 11th July, Mrs McNally and the PFA are welcoming donations of bric - a brac, cakes, prizes etc which will be gratefully received by the PFA.

The fair will be held on the infant playground (weather permitting) and junior children will taken there and should be picked up by their parents from there. Infants should be picked up from their classrooms as usual.

If you wish your child to have their face painted please sign the permission slip below and bring into the school office for Mrs McNally and £1 donation. The closing date for face painting requests is 6th July.

Staffing Changes

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Ford, Mrs Young and Mrs Gee at the end of the summer term. As you already know Mrs Ford has made the difficult and very sad decision to retire, Mrs Young is taking up a new post and Mrs Gee will leaving with the Year 6 class she has supported. We will be welcoming back Miss Dalton to Year 4 and Mrs Cullen who will be our new part time SEN teacher working across the school.

The teachers and teaching assistants for next year are as follows:

Nursery: Mrs Gall and Mrs Jones (Mrs McAdams 1:1 support)

Reception: Mrs Carr and Mrs Ponting

Year 1: Miss Greenwood, Mrs Chiu and Miss Lavelle

Year 2: Miss Dalton, Mrs Jones (Mrs Harwood 1:1 support)

Year 3 Miss Carter and Mrs Ready

Year 4: Mrs Clarke and Mrs Cunningham

Year 5: Mrs Jones and Mrs Booker

Year 6: Miss Lovett and Mrs Lees.

Staying Safe Online

It has come to our attention that many children have been downloading and playing a game called Bendy and the Ink Machine. After extensive research and reviews it is deemed unsuitable and inappropriate for children to play.

The game centres on characters who beat and mutilate one another. There are also references to devil worship.

When searching for the game download it does not always come under a parental rating due to the use of cartoon characters and ink replacing blood splatter, however, it has been given a "T" rating in America which is for 13 years and older.

Please check your children's devices as many parental reviews online have shared that young children have become scared and have been left traumatised when playing the game.

I refer to Common Sense media to search for game reviews and ratings if you are ever unsure of suitability for your children.

Mrs Ford's Retirement

Mrs Ford has worked at St. Oswald's for 22 years and has supported many families and children, as you know she will be retiring this July and will be a great loss to us all. Some parents have asked if we are doing a collection for Mrs Ford. If you wish to make a donation then we will of course welcome donations and get a gift she can remember all the children she has worked with for her. Please put in a sealed envelope and hand into the school office by 13th July 2018, entitled "Mrs Ford's retirement". Thank you.

Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

Please visit the school website for details <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/events>

June 2018

21st June - Maghull High Induction Day (Year 6) Wally Cain - Year 2

22nd June - Sporties Week 2

25th June - Year 1 to visit Feelgood Factory

26th June - Year 6 Leaver's Service at Liverpool Cathedral

27th June - Transition Day at Litherland High School. 3.30pm - Open Evening, Sculpture trail and meet your child's new teacher

28th June Tri-Golf competition for selected KS2 children

29th June - Sporties Week 3

July 2018

2nd July - Assessment Week and last week of after school clubs

3rd July- Football presentation evening at Bootle Town Hall

4th July Spanish Spelling Bee at Litherland High School

5th July 3.30pm Choir, Drumming group and Singing Stars performance for parents

6th July - Transition morning for all classes. Sporties Week 4

9th July - PFA Mufti - Day & Year 1 to visit Blackpool zoo

11th July - Times tables challenge at Litherland High School PM- PFA Summer Fair

13th July - Reports go home

16th July - Stay n' Play for Reception and Nursery Parents/Carers

18th July - Meet the teacher

19th July - Public Speaking & Attendance Awards

23rd July - Special assembly for Mrs Ford. 4.00pm - Year 6 Leaver's Barbecue

24th July - Golden Apples treat. Mentor Lunch. 6.30pm - Leaver's Service - Year 6 & their families

25th July - 9.45am - End of term Service at church - all welcome. 2.00pm - Early finish for the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher

I will be attending the Tea Party at the Feelgood Factory on 25th June.

Name of child _____ Class 1

Parent / carer name _____

Names of siblings attending _____

Face Painting Reply Slip for the Summer Fair to be held on 11th July - Please reply by 6th July 2018.

Name of child _____ Class _____

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I enclose £1 per child for face painting. Total amount enclosed. _____

Parent Name _____ Signature _____