

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Attendance

Congratulations to our Year 6 children with 100% of children present for every session last week. Cuddles the bear will be in Year 6 this week and the class will be able to spend the class voucher of £5.00. Y6 - 100%, Y4 - 99.3%, Y5 & Y3 - 98%, Y2 - 97.2%, R - 96%, M - AM - 95%, Y1 - 85.5%,
N - PM - 66.7%

Book Fair and Competition

We are having another fantastic half price book fair at school and it will run each evening from 26th November at 3.15PM. Once again, we will be running a competition. In order to enter you must design a poster to encourage others to read. They need to be bright and eye-catching with the message encouraging people to pick up a book and read! Entries must be received by 3.15pm on Friday 23rd November.

The winning posters and other entries will be displayed in school.

1st place prize is £15.00, there will be two second place prizes of £5.00 each.

Phone payments at Book Fair

If you want to buy books, there is now the option to pay by phone if you wish. The secure scholastic payment line is 03333052963 and we make a note of the transaction code. (See tear off slip below)

Children in Need Friday 16th November

Thank you to everyone who wore spots to school and sent in a donation for Children in Need. We managed to make a whopping £239.56 for the charity.

School Baptism

Congratulations to those who were baptised at the service held on 19th November 2018. It was such a success we hope that this will continue next year.

Christmas Tickets

Tickets for our Christmas performances are now on sale. Please note that we do not provide a crèche facility. It is unfair to the children performing to allow any babies or young children into the performance as it can be very distracting. Please make arrangements for them to be looked after as they will not be allowed into the performance.

As mentioned previously there will be two afternoon performances and one morning. Late arrivals will not be allowed into the performance.

Please complete the attached form and return to school with your payment. Tickets will be sent home to you with your child.

Thank you

Review of School Admission Criteria

The school is proposing to make changes to its admission criteria for 2020/21 and as such we need to publish the proposed changes for 6 weeks (The period will end on 26th December 2018.) The proposal is in response to a recommendation from the Department for Education (issued in August 2018.)

Our current criteria are as follows:

1. Children in Public Care - Looked After Children.
2. Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time they are due to start in September. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and who are part of the same family unit.
3. Children with a parent /guardian / carer who *regularly worships at St Oswald's Church. The application must be supported by a letter from the Parish Vicar.
4. Children with a parent /guardian / carer who *regularly worships at another church in Churches together in Britain and Ireland."
5. Children living closest to St Oswald's Church of England Primary School (using the methodology of Measurement used by the Local Authority).

We are proposing the following.

1. Children in Public Care - Looked After Children.
2. Children who appear [to the Admissions Authority of the school] to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care because they were adopted. A child is regarded as having been in state care in a place outside of England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applications must be supported with appropriate evidence that the child has been adopted from state care.
3. Children who have a brother or sister at the school at the time they are due to start in September. This includes full, half or step brothers and sisters, adopted and foster brothers and sisters who are living at the same address and who are part of the same family unit.
4. Children with a parent /guardian / carer who *regularly worships at St Oswald's Church. The application must be supported by a letter from the Parish Vicar.
5. Children with a parent /guardian / carer who *regularly worships at another church in Churches together in Britain and Ireland."
6. Children living closest to St Oswald's Church of England Primary School (using the methodology of Measurement used by the Local Authority).

Christmas Fair

The PFA Christmas fair will be on 12th December at 3pm in the school hall. Our parents helpers and Mrs McNally are working very hard to put this together for the children and we do need donations for the fair.

Any donations of cakes, bric a brac etc will be gratefully received.

All KS2 (junior) children will come to the hall from their classes at 3pm and meet parents there. Children will only be allowed to walk home alone if we have received permission from yourselves for them to do so.

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 must be picked up from their classroom as normal from 3pm and can then be taken by parents to the hall with them. Thank you.

WOW! Walk to School - Month 2

A month ago, we had a visitor who introduced the WOW walk to school programme. This aims to encourage children to walk



to school as often as they can. We learned about the many benefits of walking to school including:

- improving our fitness levels
- protecting the environment
- providing an opportunity for conversation
- reducing costs
- providing opportunities to practise road safety skills.

As part of the WOW programme the children will be working towards a monthly WOW badge which they will achieve if they walk, cycle or scoot to school at least three times per week. They electronically record how they have travelled to school each day and the results are collated over a month.

The children are very excited about collecting each badge and some have already received their badges. Please continue to encourage and support your child to walk to school. If it isn't possible to walk all the way please encourage them to:

- Park and stride: park away from school and allow them to walk part of the journey.
- Get off the bus 1 stop early and walk the rest of the way.
- Walk with a friend's family.
- Can you collect all 12 badges?



Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

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

November 2018

23rd November- 2nd session of Bikeability for Y6

26th November - Final week of after school clubs. Book fair to start, everyday this week.

29th November - Advent workshop at the Cathedral for Year 3.

30th November - Final day for book fair.

December 2018

3rd December- Experience Christmas Y1 & Y2

4th December- Experience Christmas Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

5th December - Choir Carol Singing at St Oswald's Court.

7th December - MUFTI day for PFA.

Unity Theatre - Years 2 to 6.

10th December- Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance

2.30pm - School Nurse drop in.

11th December- 1st Performance 1.30PM.

12th December- 2nd Performance 9.30AM PFA Christmas Fair 3.00PM

13th December- 10.00AM Carol Singing in Marion Square. 3rd Performance 1.30PM

14th December- Making Day, Christmas Dinner 2.15PM Stay n Play

17th December- Bitesize Theatre Company, Coverdale Puppets, Class Party PM

18th December- Christingles, Mentor Lunch & Santa Dash

20th December- 09.45AM Christingle Service & **Term Ends 2.00PM**

Yours sincerely,

Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher

Half Price Book Fair Phone Payment Slip

Call 0333 305 2963

Please have your school's Customer ID number ready together with a pen to record your transaction code. You will be asked for your card number, expiry date, the three digit security number on the back of your card and amount you wish to pay.

Name: _____ School Customer ID No.: __12703237__

Transaction Code: _____ Amount: £ _____

Please give the completed slip back to your Book Fair Organiser and take your purchase on the day.

The call will be charged at your standard mobile rate.