

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Attendance

Congratulations for last week go to Class 6 with 99.3% attendance, they will receive their class voucher of £5.00. Y6 - 99.3%, Y2 - 98.6%, Y3 - 98.3%, Y5 - 97.4%, Y1 - 93.1%, Y4 - 92.4%, R - 89.3%.

Open Evening/Sculpture Trail Today

St. Oswald's is open to all visitors this evening, please do come along and visit our sculpture trail and visit the classes that the children will be going into next year. The class teachers for next year are listed below and they will also be available in the classrooms for you to chat to and meet. The school will be open to all until 6.00pm and the staff will be available until 5.30pm.

Following on from all the environmental work the children have done this year, the sculpture trail will have a "green/ eco" theme. The exhibits feature recycled materials, they tackle environmental issues and demonstrate ideas for a sustainable future. We hope you enjoy the sculptures- we had lots of fun making them.

2 Year old Nursery care

For more information and to find out if your 2 year old is entitled to free childcare, please follow the attached link <https://indd.adobe.com/view/a070fcda-fe4e-4c4f-884f-644f0c44a04f>

Funding Cuts across the country

I am sure you have all heard about cuts to school budgets however the latest report released by the BBC reveals just how desperate the situation is.

IFS: £3.8bn needed to reverse school cuts

New analysis shows that a one-off increase of £3.8bn would be needed to reverse 8% cuts in per pupil school spending. The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) says a further £1.1bn would be needed each year up until 2023 to maintain spending in real terms, once rising costs were taken into account. IFS analysis says since 2009, spending has fallen by 8% per pupil once rising costs such as pay and pension contributions are taken into account. "It's the largest reduction in education spending for at least 30 or 40 years or longer, so it's not surprising it has generated political pressure," says their economist Luke Sibieta. The IFS says to reverse that real terms fall for 5- to 16-year-olds would take a one-off increase of £3.8bn and £1.1bn a year to 2023, while a similar 8% increase for 16 to 19-year-olds would cost around £480m as a one-off uplift.

BBC News

We really do appreciate the support given by parents in the 50p a week subs scheme, without this many of the trips would not happen. I would also like to thank the staff for volunteering to run after school activities and attend out of school events free of charge, without their time and good will these events would not happen either.

We are very lucky at St. Oswald's when we have staff and parents working together to benefit all our children despite the difficulties we all face. HUGE thanks from a very grateful headteacher.

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.

Daily Mile Path

You may have noticed work going on around the school field, this is to install a tarmac path so that the children can continue to run their daily mile even in poor weather. You may have seen the daily mile and interviews taking place on the news recently, the children love it and it obviously helps them to keep fit and get their 10,000 steps a day in too.

Calling all Gardening Volunteers

Thank you to Mr Everett and Mrs Reardon who were able to help yesterday.

Class Teachers for Next Year:

Nursery – Miss Austin (while Mrs Gall is on maternity leave)

Reception – Mrs Carr

Year 1 – Miss Greenwood

Year 2 - Mrs Fairhurst

Year 3 - Miss Miller

Year 4 – Mrs Clarke

Year 5 – Miss Carter

Year 6 – Miss Lovett & Mrs Lees

Sponsored Events

As you know our School Council and Right Rangers regularly meet with the staff to discuss what they would like in school. This year they have expressed an interest in developing the play equipment on both playgrounds and how they can complete their daily mile when there is so much rain. As a result we have bought a range of play equipment for Key Stage 2 pupils, Reception have had their outdoor area re floored and the daily mile path is being installed. That remains with the Key Stage 1 playground with work to be completed. The children decided that this year instead of doing the sponsored walk they would like to do class sponsored events. There will be a sponsor form attached with this letter and a timetable of each sponsored event. The children can choose to take part in as many events as they wish they just need to sign up for them and collect sponsor money to participate:

Dates of Events

4th July – Year 3 holding a Dancethon – 1 hour in the school hall, all welcome to join in.

5th July – EYFS – sponsored walk/run & Beat the Goalie, all welcome to join in and beat the year 6 goal keepers.

8th July – Obstacle Course, all welcome to join in.

10th July – Basketball hoops, all welcome to join in.

Dance Show for Parents

Please see the times below for when your child's class will be performing:

11th July – 2.45PM Dance show for parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 children

17th July - 2.45PM Dance show for parents of Year 1, 2 and 3.

The performances will begin promptly. Everybody is welcome to attend, please feel free to come along and watch how superbly your children have worked and how well they dance, however we request that due to seating arrangements, spectators are seated before the beginning and do not leave until the final performance of each group is finished.

Please note that once the performances have started, we will be unable to admit further spectators. On previous years we have had quite a few parents unable to see their child perform due to arriving late. Please ensure that you are seated before the start time.

Please note that there is no crèche facility available on the day

Red PE T shirts from September

On the newsletter on 26th April 2017 we advised parents that white PE t shirts would be phased out and that we were changing to red. From September 2019 all PE t shirts worn in school should be red. (This does not include Reception class who will be able to wear their Sporties t shirt.)

PE Kits/Sporting Events

Can everyone please ensure all PE kits are in school with trainers for outdoor use and pumps for indoor use. All our sporting events will continue for the rest of this term.

Year 6 chosen meal 10.07.19

Year 6 have had the chance to choose their favourite meal which they will be served on 10.07.19. All children are invited to take part in this lunch.

The menu will consist of

*All-Day breakfast or Cheese & Tomato pizza with wedges
followed by
Chocolate Brownie & ice cream.*

If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like your child to have this menu, please return the envelope with payment to school before the day. (Envelopes are being sent home today)

Summer Fair 3rd July 3.00PM

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching and will take place on Wednesday 3rd July, Mrs McNally and the PFA are welcoming donations of cakes and prizes etc which will be gratefully received. Please note that we have already been given enough donations of bric-a-brac.

The fair will be held on the infant playground (weather permitting) and junior children will be brought to the hall and into the infant playground and should be picked up by their parents there. Infants should be picked up from their classrooms as usual. Please remember to get your raffle tickets ASAP.

If anyone is willing to help out with the Summer Fair, please contact Mrs McNally.

Nursery Plea:

Mrs Gall has requested any empty ice – cream tubs for nursery storage. If and when you do have any please either hand in to Nursery or the school office. Thank you.

Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

June 2019

26th June - 3.00PM Open Evening and Sculpture Trail

27th June - Y6 transition day for high school

28th June - Mufti Day for PFA Summer Fayre

July 2019

1st July – Assessment Week, Year 6 to visit Liverpool Airport & Y3 & Y4 healthy eating workshop

2nd July - Year 3 Class Assembly Y5 & Y6 healthy eating workshop

3rd July - PFA Summer Fair

5th July – Transition Morning

9th July – Year 4 Class Assembly followed by Sports For all Day

10th July – Y6 chosen lunch & meet the Teacher from 2.00PM

11th July – 2.45PM Dance show for parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 children

12th July – Spanish Spelling Bee at Litherland High

15th July - Stay 'n' Play (big toddle)

16th July – Year 5 Class Assembly

17th July - 2.45PM Dance show for parents of Year 1, 2 and 3.

18th July - 100% attendance trip

19th July - Golden Apple Treat & Y6 Leaver's BBQ

22nd July - Y6 Dress Rehearsal & Y6 Leaver's Service

23rd July - End of term service 9.45AM. **End of term 2.00PM finish**

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher