

Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Returning in September

We are excited that we will be welcoming everyone back in September. I realise that some children and parents maybe concerned regarding this but all measures will be in place in order to provide a safe school environment. We will be uploading more videos of how the classrooms will look in September with each new class teacher. I will also be providing staggered start and finish times, which need to be in place, attached to this letter. Hopefully this will only be temporary and we would ask for your patience and understanding while these measures are in place.

There will also have to be restrictions on many of our usual school activities such as school performances and delivery of some lessons. I am sure if we all work together to keep everyone safe we will get through this strange time together. Please see the Government guidance below for parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Early Years Basic Skills

Congratulations to Mrs Carr and the Early Years team for their fantastic effort in gaining the Basic Skills Early Years Quality Mark. Even through this difficult year we have managed to end with good news.

Reading

We have created a student account for children to access reading materials at home, please go to www.myon.co.uk, start typing in the name of our school, select it from the list and use the following details to log in:

Username: oswalds097student

Password: read

WoW Walk to School

As you know, we always encourage the children to walk to school whenever possible and over the last couple of years they have enjoyed receiving their walk to school badges as a reward. We have recently received a “thank you” message from the organisers at WoW, which we wanted to share with you.

Thank you and well done to everyone at St Oswald's C of E Primary School for such a fantastic effort to make the streets outside of your school safer and more enjoyable for everyone, as well as improving health and wellbeing!

They also informed us that between September and March a fabulous 73% of you walked to school, which is fantastic. I wonder if we can beat this next year!!

South Family Wellbeing Centres Summer Timetable

Attached to the newsletter is the timetables for the local Family Wellbeing centres.

Big School Bell

“Big School Bell” is a national campaign to recognise hundreds of thousands of pupils across the UK missing their end of school celebrations and we'd love you to take part. It is a single moment of national recognition that is taking place on Friday 24 July at 4.00pm.

A school bell will ring out across the nation to mark a critical milestone in the lives of pupils set to move to secondary school and all pupils completing this school year. You are invited to stand in your doorway/at a window/ in your front garden wearing your school uniform or holding something that symbolises your time at school. Log on to <http://www.bigschoolbell.org/> to hear the national Big School Bell, which will be followed by a special graduation message delivered by a mystery celebrity. Watch the video on the Big School Bell website to find out more. If you do take part, please email your photographs and videos in for us to share. We'd love to see them.

Notification of changes to Admissions Criteria 2021/2022

A request that has been submitted for a variation to be made to the Admissions Arrangements for the school for 2021-22. This is in relation to church attendance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The change will include insertion of the following paragraph.

"In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship or alternative premises have been available for public worship".

Children's University Summer Challenge

Attached to the newsletter is the Children's University Summer Challenge. We do hope you will join in. Remember your child will receive extra credits for participating. Please keep sending in any photos or videos of the events or tagging in social media posts (@SeftonCU) – fingers crossed we will be able to celebrate in our normal way again next year!

Staffing

As we understand some children may be feeling a little anxious about a new classroom and different staff we have tried to ensure that all the children will have a known member of staff that moves up with them. We would also like to welcome two new members of staff: Miss Harris and Mrs Brunyee both are experienced teachers and we look forward to welcoming them to join St. Oswald's.

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Gall, TA: Mrs Jones

Reception Teacher: Mrs Carr, TA: Mrs Ponting, 1:1 Support Assistant: Miss Harris

Year 1 Teacher: Mrs Brunyee, TA's: Mrs Chiu (am) and Miss Lavelle (pm)

Year 2 Teacher: Miss Greenwood, TA: Mrs Jones, 1:1 Support Assistant: Mrs Cranny

Year 3 Teacher: Miss Miller & Mrs Lees to support English and Maths (am only), 1:1 Support Assistant: Mrs Rodriguez

Year 4 Teacher: Mrs Clarke. TA: Mrs Ready. 1:1 Support Assistant: Mrs Harwood

Year 5 Teacher: Miss Carter. TA: Mrs Cunningham

Year 6 Teacher: Mrs Hughes TA: Mrs Booker

After School Clubs

Unfortunately there will not be any after school clubs available until at least October half term when this will be reviewed.

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End of Term

Children in Nursery and Reception classes will finish at 1:10pm on the last day of term (Wednesday 22nd July). This is due to staff needing to do a deep clean of all the toys in class once the children have finished.

The rest of the school will finish at 2.00pm. Siblings of early years' pupils can be picked up at the same time.

Uniform Bank

The Uniform Bank is a brand new service which anyone can access. (Not just St Oswald's families – other school uniform is available) There is no charge for the service and they are sourcing high quality uniform where anybody can contact them, whether it's to donate or to receive. This is completely free and non-judgemental.

They are currently running from home and a storage unit, but to make life easier and to avoid any unnecessary contact, everybody can see their stock lists online. They stock shoes, trousers, skirts, pinafores, coats etc.

The Uniform Bank will take donations for Sefton primaries and even secondary schools. People can donate if it's good quality. They can also be found on the Sefton Directory <https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/service.page?id=cyWqYNomwYo>. The Uniform Bank's email is l30uniformbank@gmail.com and they are also on Facebook www.facebook.com/theuniformbank. They regularly update their stock list.

School Spider App

We launched our School Spider communication platform for parents recently. Some parents are still having difficulty logging on. If you need any help please contact the school ASAP.

Online Safety

Think U Know have new home activity packs to support parents during COVID19 and the closure of schools. The packs contain simple 15 minute activities to do with your child to support their online safety. The link below provides access to download your pack.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Nursery Class Places for September

Do you have a young child aged 2 who will be due to start Nursery next year? We have places available for our Nursery class for September for 15 hours and also 30 hour provision. We are still accepting applications for Nursery places for the next academic year and all future years. If required, these can be sent to you electronically and once completed should be brought into school. We also need to see your child's birth certificate when you bring in the application. Please make sure you apply as soon as possible to get the sessions that you want as 30 hours provision and morning slots are usually in high demand. Forms can also be downloaded at <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com/page/key-information/30511>

Children and Young People's Questionnaire, Sefton Educational Psychologists

In order to help our staff better understand the experiences of our children and young people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Sefton Educational Psychologists have created a questionnaire to gather the views and opinions of children and young people about their return to school. Sefton Educational Psychologists are looking for children and young people throughout Sefton to share their views using this questionnaire. Parent support may be required for younger children. Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJ7Hommvw6i_NY7e8XKwlcAEg5fHiY4r2YrVRHjdPZquu2BA/vi ewform

Christian Values

I am sure the children are looking forward to seeing their friends again when we return in September. Hope is about much more than just wishing that things will be different or better in some way. It is about having faith that the world can be better and being prepared to do something to influence that. The character Noah (Genesis 6:1 – 11:32) was willing to look foolish to all those around him by building the arch, even though he lived miles from the Ocean and everyone thought he was ridiculous. He hoped and believed that God had a plan. It would be lovely if during the summer holidays you could talk as a family about:

- Your hopes and dreams for the future.
- What you hope for returning to school in September.
- What you can do to make things happen.
- What others need to do.

Words of Wisdom from Albert Einstein "Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow."

Home Challenge

"Make a hopes and dreams catcher"

Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers and beads. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first rays of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away.

Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a loop for a frame, use string, thread or ribbon to tie across the frame to make the net/web. Use your feathers and beads to decorate as creatively as you can to catch all your dreams. Please send any photos in for us to tweet and remember the words of Albert Einstein.



**May our school be welcoming,
May our school be encouraging,
Let friendship flourish here.
Let learning fill our day.
Give us the strength to do our best.
Give us the hope to carry on.
Be our guide in all we do.
Lord make this school your home too.
Amen**



Thank you all for your thoughtful gifts and good wishes. It has been an extremely difficult time for all of us. On behalf of all the staff and Governors we would like to wish you the very best for the summer holidays and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Miss E. Murtagh.

Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher

Phased Return Groups – From 2nd September 2020

Year group	room	teacher	TA	Entry/Exit	Play area	Drop off	Pick up	Lunch time	toilets	Lunch staff
Nursery	Nursery	Mrs Gall	Mrs Jones	Browns Lane gate Nursery door Junior playground Mrs Jones on Gate	Nursery outdoor area	8.30am 12.15pm	11.30am 3.15pm	11.30am in class	Nursery (Numbered)	Mrs Slocombe Mrs T. Jones
R	Reception	Mrs Carr	Mrs Ponting Mrs Harris	Infant Gate Ronald Ross Av Reception door infant playground One parent only to bring children to class	Reception outdoor area	8.40am	3.00pm	12.10pm – play 12.30- 1.10am (in hall)	Reception (Numbered)	
Year 1	Class 1	Mrs Brunyee	Mrs Chiu (am) Miss Lavelle (pm)	Infant Gate Ronald Ross Avenue Year 1 door infant playground One parent only to bring children to class	KS1 playground 10.15am	9.00am	3.15pm	12.10- 1.10pm (Dinner in class)	Reception (Numbered)	Mrs Rodriguez
Year 2	Class 2	Miss Greenwood	Mrs Jones 1:1 support – Mrs Cranney	Infant Gate Ronald Ross Avenue Year 1 door infant playground One parent only to bring children to class	KS1 playground 10.15am	8.50am	3.05pm	12.10pm – 1.10pm (In class)	Year 2 toilets (Boys/girls)	Mrs Lavelle
Year 3	Class 3	Miss Miller Mrs Lees (am only)	1:1 support – Mrs Rodriguez Mrs Harwood (pm only)	Browns Lane Gate Mrs Less on gate – junior playground	KS2 playground 10.15am	8.45am	3.05pm	12.00pm- 1.00pm	Junior toilets (Number 1)	Mr Fairclough
Year 4	Class 4	Mrs Clarke	Mrs Ready 1:1 support (Mrs Harwood)	Browns Lane Gate	KS2 playground 10.15am	8.55am	3.15pm	12.00pm- 1.00pm	Junior toilets (Number 2)	Mrs Parker
Year 5	Class 5	Miss Carter	Mrs Cunningham	Main entrance Ronald Ross Av Usual door Junior playground	KS2 playground 10.00am	8.45am	3.00pm	11.45 – 12.45pm	Junior toilets (Number 3)	Mrs Swords
Year 6	Class 6	Mrs Hughes Miss	Mrs Booker	Main entrance Ronald Ross Av	KS2 playground	8.30am	3.00pm	12,00 – 1.00pm	Junior toilets	Mrs Clarke

		Murtagh to support Maths		Usual door Junior playground	10.00am			Dinners in class	(Number 4)	
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