



# St Oswald's News - October 2020

*Learning for all, caring for each other, preparing for the future*

*Let us encourage one another – Hebrews 10.25*

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## Early Birds and Night Owls

Our wraparound care for pupils is now up and running! Early Birds Breakfast Club runs from 7.45 until the start of school and Night Owls After School Club runs from 3 — 5pm. Please contact the office for further details and to book your child in.

## Communication with parents

Whilst we navigate our way through new regimes in light of Covid guidance, it is important that we have an up-to-date email address for a parent of every child. In the event of any child having to isolate at home, teachers will communicate with parents via email and several teachers are still having emails 'bounce back'. Teacher email addresses are copied on the reverse of this newsletter and if you haven't received any communication this term from your child's teacher, we ask that you send them a quick email to check we have an accurate address.

If you have recently changed your phone number please ensure that school has your new number, too. This is vital in case of an emergency. Thank you.

## Our core value

### for this half term

Each half term we focus on one of our school's core values. Through collective worship we will be helping our pupils to understand the importance of respect, both in and out of school.



## Welcome to the Autumn Term!

2020 is definitely proving to be a year that none of us will forget, and we were all incredibly pleased to reopen the school to all pupils in September. We have managed to embed new safety protocols whilst keeping the heart of the school unchanged, and it is wonderful to see the children back where they belong. It may be some time before we can relax the safety measures in place and I thank you for your support in helping us to keep our school site as safe as possible. Please continue to keep your distance from other adults, including teachers, to help prevent the spread of infection, and **I ask that from Monday all adults wear a mask whilst on site.**

## Home Learning Plan

In the event that individuals or groups of children have to isolate, we will provide work for them to complete at home. Our **Home Learning Plan** can be seen on the school website, under the Coronavirus tab.

## Car Park

We are fortunate to have a car park that parents can access on the school site, but I am concerned for the safety of pupils at the beginning and end of the day. Can I please ask that if you drive onto the site, you observe the car park markings and signs—they are there to keep everyone safe! Thank you.

## Healthy snacks reminder

We promote healthy eating at St Oswald's and ask that all mid-morning snacks are healthy: fresh or dried fruit, vegetable sticks, etc. Crisps, sweets and biscuits are not permitted.

## Teacher email addresses

### Reception

Mrs Utley, **Hedgehogs** (Blue Group)

[Cathy.Utley@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Cathy.Utley@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

Mrs Houston, **Squirrels** (Yellow group)

[Rebecca.Houston@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Rebecca.Houston@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

### Y1/2

Miss Palfreeman, **Butterflies**

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Miss Slater, **Ladybirds**

[Charlotte.Slater@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Charlotte.Slater@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

Miss Booth, **Honey Bees**

[Eleanor.Booth@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Eleanor.Booth@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

### Y3/4

Mrs Haxby, **Dormice**

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Mrs Usher, **Rabbits**

[Abigail.Usher@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Abigail.Usher@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

Miss Mondon, **Robins**

[Emily.Mondon@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Emily.Mondon@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

### Y5/6

Miss Rowe, **Foxes**

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Mr Waterfall-Smith, **Badgers**

[Ryan.Smith@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Ryan.Smith@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

Miss Bell, **Dragonflies**

[Chloe.Bell@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net](mailto:Chloe.Bell@stoswalds.yorkschoools.net)

### Diary dates:

Fri 9 Oct:	Flu vaccinations for all pupils
Fri 16 Oct:	Harvest Festival for pupils
Fri 23 Oct:	School closes for Half term
Mon 2 Nov:	School reopens
Fri 11 Dec:	Christmas Jumper Day
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Fri 18 Dec:	School closes for Christmas
Tues 4 Jan:	School re-opens for spring term
Fri 12 Feb:	School closes for half term
Mon 22 Feb:	School reopens
Fri 26 March:	School closes for Easter holiday
Mon 12 April:	School closed (staff training)
Tues 13 April:	School reopens for Summer term
Mon 3 May:	School closed for May Day Holiday
Tues 4 May:	School reopens
Thurs 27 May:	School closes for half term
Fri 28 May:	School closed (staff training)
Mon 7 June:	School reopens
Fri 23 July:	School closes for summer holiday