



St Oswald's News - November 2020

Learning for all...

Despite the current restrictions, we are pleased to still be offering a full and engaging **curriculum**. We have updated our slideshows showing what we have been learning during this Autumn term. They can be seen on our website, under the 'Curriculum' tab.

Our extra-curricular activities are very important to us at St Oswald's, and we have been very frustrated to not be able to offer the usual **clubs and after school activities**. It has been our intention to start a sports club for one phase at a time, but the second lockdown arrived just as we were about to start. It is our intention to try again in January, and if the guidance allows, we will gradually introduce additional clubs to ensure children still have these extra-curricular opportunities at school.

Caring for each other....

Thank you for your support of our annual **Children in Need** fundraising. The children looked wonderful and definitely brightened up the school with a fabulous splash of colour. We raised an incredible **£555** for this worthwhile cause. Thank you also to KS2 parents for your generous donations towards the KS2 library.

We have formulated a Covid-safe plan to enable children to send **Christmas cards** to each other: each class or phase will have a post box that cards can be posted into during the week. The cards will then be quarantined from Friday until Monday, when they will be handed out. Post boxes will be available from Tuesday 1st December so cards can be brought into school from that date. The final day for cards to be brought into school will be Friday 11th December, with the final distribution on Monday 14th December.

The provision of **school lunches** has been problematic this half term, as I am sure you are all aware. It has taken a while for the catering company to recruit a suitable team, but I am very happy to let you know that we now have a very capable team who are quickly getting to grips with providing lunches within the constraints of safety guidance from both the school and from their own catering company. The meals are improving daily, and from Monday 30th November, the menu will be significantly expanded so that every child has the option of a nutritious hot lunch (a new menu will follow by the end of this week).

I would like to thank you all for your support in helping us to keep our community safe, and for your immediate action when you have suspected a case of **Covid** within your family. Can I please remind you that we also need to know when a negative test result has been received so that we can keep our school records complete.

Preparing for the future...

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 **compassion** both in and out of school.



We want St Oswald's to be the best that it can be and your **feedback** helps us to reflect, refine and improve. Can I please ask that if you have any concerns—or something to celebrate—you contact us at school rather than post on social media sites. If you come direct to us we can act on it!

At this time of year we normally show lots of prospective parents around the school, as they look for the right school for their child. As we can't invite parents into school this year, we have created a short **video** giving a glimpse of life at St Oswald's. Do please promote this to any prospective parents you may know—and you may enjoy having a look yourself! The link is on our website.

Let us encourage one another – Hebrews 10.25

Thank you for all of your support during these difficult months. By working together we can come out of this crisis stronger than before!

Teacher email addresses

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Y5/6

Miss Rowe, **Foxes**

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Mr Waterfall-Smith, **Badgers**

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Miss Bell, **Dragonflies**

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Diary dates:

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| Tues 1 Dec: | Year 1/2 Winter day | (Additional Christmas activities are being planned within each phase) |
| W/B 7 Dec: | Y5/6 Winter walk | |
| Fri 11 Dec: | Christmas Jumper Day | |
| Fri 11 Dec: | Lee Threadgold Puppet shows | |
| 14 /15 Dec: | ‘Anne Frank’ visitor in Y5/6 | |
| Thur 17 Dec: | Cinderella pantomime (live screening for whole school) | |
| Fri 18 Dec: | School closes for Christmas | |
| Tues 5 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 | |