

EARLY YEARS NEWS

September 2020



WELCOME

...to St Oswald's Early Years

We're really looking forward to working with you and your children over the year ahead. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask us in person or via the school email. Here are some key dates and information for your diaries...

Staffing: On **Tuesday afternoons** (from next week) Mrs Utley and Mrs Houston will have PPA time out of class and will be covered by Mrs Elsegood and Mr Lloyd. The children will have PE with Mr Lloyd during this time and will need full PE kit. On **Wednesdays** Mrs Utley will be out of class all day to work as school SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator). She will be covered by Mrs Paley. Mrs Paley will also cover Mrs Houston all day on **Fridays**.

Emailing you observations: We use a school app called **2BuildaProfile** in school. With this, we take photos and make observations of the children's learning which we can email home on a weekly basis, if you would like. You should have received an email request to activate this account - without this activation we will not be able to send out the emails. If you have not seen this, please check your "spam" folder.



Hedgehogs/Squirrels



Over the last term, school "rebranded" class names to all have an animal name. So, Blue group became hedgehogs and yellow group squirrels. We have still been using the names blue and yellow too but will introduce our "new names" over the year. We hope this is not too confusing.



We would like to remind you of our school **nut-free policy**. Please do not send your child with any products containing nuts.

Weekly Routines



'Wild Area' visit: Blue Group Monday, Yellow Group Wednesday (Please bring wellies)

Show and tell: On Thursdays we will have 'Show and Tell' in class - your child will bring home a letter when it is their turn to bring show and tell.

Snack: Children under the age of 5 will receive daily free milk - please let us know if they won't be in need of it. When they are 5 you can continue to pay for milk if you wish - please ask at the office. Fruit snack will be provided daily.

Book Bags



Our PTA, FOSOSF, has kindly decided to give each new Reception child a St Oswald's book bag. If you have not already received yours, please go to the office to pick up.

Free School Meals

All children are entitled to free school meals in Reception/KSI. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible for 'pupil premium' funding. Please ask at the office.