



St Oswald's News - Summer 2 , 2023

Learning for all...

Reading is really celebrated at St Oswald's and staff have enjoyed compiling the list of **100 books to read at St Oswald's**. The full list will be shared with you in September, when Mrs Dunne's new reading space is launched. We are so grateful to all of the parents who have kindly donated books from our wish list—it has been so exciting seeing them arrive in school. Thank you!

As I have previously mentioned, the City of York is clamping down on **term time holidays**. We have held off issuing fines for as long as possible, as we knew that some families were still catching up with visiting family abroad in the aftermath of Covid, but from September any family taking a child out of school for 5 or more days for a holiday will be issued with a fine. This includes those absences where parents inform us that their child is ill but we know that they have been on holiday. The children learn so much in every school day and unauthorised absences can have a huge impact on learning. Some children also find it hard to reintegrate into social groups after extended periods of absence.

We received one nomination for the role of **Parent Governor**, and I am delighted to announce that Katya Krieger-Redwood has been appointed. Katya has two children in school and she is vested in seeing the school succeed for many years to come. She is also looking forward to acting as a link with the governors for parents of children with SEND.

Caring for each other....

I am greatly saddened to report that over recent months several **bikes and scooters** have been stolen from outside the school. We are working with the police and another local school to try and identify the perpetrator, but in the meantime I urge anyone leaving a bike or scooter at school to securely lock it. This is currently the only way we can ensure that nothing is taken. As you know, our car park is public and anyone can access the bike storage when visiting the library, etc.

In response to our **Night Owls** Parent Survey (with 82% of families saying that a 5.15pm finish would be helpful) we will extend our provision until 5.15pm starting from September. All bookings will be made via ParentPay and automatically capped at 30 children. To help to cover the cost of staffing, each session of Night Owls will be charged at £7.50.

I want to take this opportunity to say a personal **thank you** to all of our St Oswald's families for the support and friendship you have provided during my time as headteacher. As I prepare to retire, I will take many happy memories with me, and you and your children will remain in my heart.

Preparing for the future...

We constantly strive to improve St Oswald's and your views help us to be the best that we can be. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the **parent survey**. You can still access the survey by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PD6S9PH>. It will remain open until the evening of Friday 14th July and replies will be treated in the strictest of confidence.



Two new teachers will be joining our staff team in September. As Mrs Dunne steps into the role of headteacher, we have appointed **Mr James Barker** as deputy headteacher. He will also be teaching 3 days a week in Ladybirds Class.

We are sad to be losing **Miss Bell**, as she relocates over the summer. She has worked incredibly hard over the last 6 years, teaching in Y5/6, and more recently also supporting our SEND children across school. She will be greatly missed, but we are very pleased that her teaching role will be filled by **Mr Stephen Airey**. Both Mr Barker and Mr Airey bring with them a wealth of experience and we are delighted to welcome them to St Oswald's!



Let us encourage one another – Hebrews 10.25

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and the very best for the future!

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Y5/6

Mr Waterfall-Smith, **Badgers**

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Miss Mondon, **Foxes**

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Miss Bell, **Dragonflies**

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Future diary dates

Thurs 13 July: FOSOSF Summer Social

Fri 21 July: Staff Leavers' Assembly, 9am
Y6 Leavers Awards, 2pm

Fri 21 July: School closes for Summer holiday

Wed 6 Sept: School opens for Autumn term

Wed 18 Oct: Individual school photos

Fri 27 Oct: School closes for half term

Mon 6 Nov: School reopens

Fri 22 Dec: School closes for Christmas holiday

Tues 9 Jan: School opens for Spring term



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