



St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I look forward to welcoming you all back tomorrow from what I hope was a lovely Christmas holiday! In this newsletter you will find some key information and dates for the term ahead.

Jemma Dunne

Learning for all

Last term ended with a series of celebratory events that reflected how far our pupils have come over the course of the autumn term. I was incredibly proud of their confidence, creativity and sheer joy in the performances they gave. It was lovely to be able to share this with so many supportive parents and carers. Thank you!

Our school website has continued to develop over the autumn term and now includes lots of information about the breadth of quality learning that takes place here at St Oswald's. You can find this under the 'Our Curriculum' tab. <https://www.stoswalds.york.sch.uk/>

We are now operating a **start time of 8.45am**. Gates to the playground continue to open at 8.30am, with doors opening at 8.40am and will now close promptly at 8.45am. **Any arrivals after 8.45am** will need to enter school through the Front Office. End times will continue to be staggered with reception at 3.05pm, KS1 at 3.10pm and KS2 at 3.15pm. Please could we encourage you to be on time collecting your child, as this impacts teachers' ability to attend meetings which are often booked directly after the school day.

All parents and carers are welcome to join us each Friday this term for collective worship at 9am. On **Monday 22nd January at 10am**, there will be a commissioning service held in the school hall, which takes place when a new headteacher takes up post in a church school. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us for the occasion.

Caring for each other

We are continuing to look at ways to improve the entryway in/out of school as we know it is a tight squeeze during the start and end of day. In the meantime, could we ask that all families try to walk on the left side of the path to allow passing space for others. Thank you.

Reminders from previous newsletters:

Places at our Night Owls after-school club are very popular, with certain nights of the week booking up very quickly far in advance. **If you have booked a space that you no longer need, please contact the school office as soon as possible** so that we can make the place available for another child to use. Any bookings that are cancelled 24-hours in advance, will be refunded. We have also expanded our extra-curricular provision to try and provide other activities on the evenings that are most in demand with our families and have proved to be very popular. Extra-curricular information can be found on our website.

We have several families that rely heavily on the disabled car parking spaces in the school car park. Unfortunately, these are still often being taken by drivers without disabled parking badges. Please can I ask you to show due care by parking your car elsewhere and leaving these spaces for those who need them most. Careless parking also poses a very real danger to our children leaving school on an afternoon, and we have had some near misses reported to the school office. If you are able to, please walk to school and if not, consider other places to park outside of the car park if it is full.

For safety, bikes are not to be used in the playground at drop off and pick up time.

Preparing for the future

We have many exciting opportunities planned for the children over the coming term to enrich their learning and stretch their horizons. Our KS2 choir will be performing at the Young Voices concert in Sheffield; our new Y6 Debate Club will be visiting London's Houses of Parliament; Purple Pig Farm will be visiting Early Years and Zoolab visiting Year 3/4; KS1 and Year 5/6 pupils will be visiting The Deep and Magna respectively.

Dates for the diary

- Tues 9th Jan: School opens for the Spring Term
- Fri 12th Jan: Celebration collective worships restart (9am each Friday)
- Mon 22nd Jan: Mrs Dunne's commissioning service 10 am (parents/carers welcome)
- Weds 24th Jan: Football Freestyle workshops in school (PE kits in school please)
- Mon 29th Jan: KS1 visit to The Deep
- Tues 30th Jan: Zoolab visiting Year 3/4 in school
- Tues 6th Feb: SEND Coffee Morning (more information will be shared in the SEND newsletter)
- Weds 7th Feb: Year 5/6 visit to Magna
- Fri 9th Feb: School closes for Half Term
- Mon 19th Feb: School reopens – Choir attending Young Voices
- Tues 20th Feb: Farm visiting Early Years classes
- Thurs 7th Mar: World Book Day (more info to follow)
- Tues 12th Mar/Weds 13th Mar: Parents Evenings
- Thurs 21st Mar: Y6 Debate Club visit to London
- Fri 22nd Mar: School closes for Easter

Dates for the Diary – Term Times

- Mon 8th April: School opens for Summer Term
- Fri 24th May: School closes for Half Term
- Tues 4th June: School reopens
- Fri 19th July: School closes for Summer Holidays