



St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end this half term, I would like to share some school updates with you. We have packed so much in since Christmas and have much more to look forward to before Easter. Attached to this newsletter, is some information from the Family Information Service, which includes activities that will be running over half term, a measles update, and a service families' newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful half term break!

Jemma Dunne

Learning for all

We have been so pleased with the engagement our pupils have shown with their learning this half term. The enjoyment we have shared through the special events in school such as the football freestyle day, Zoolab and collective worships, alongside the trips out of school has been infectious. Our pupils have been brilliant ambassadors of St Oswald's and we are very proud of them.

Assessments have been taking place this half term to help us measure the progress your child is making in their core areas of learning, and to inform our teaching moving forwards. We have been really impressed with the resilience and can-do attitude our children have displayed. Feedback from the assessments will be shared with you at the next parents evening.

We love reading at St Oswald's and as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we would like to welcome parents and carers into school for a 'stay and share a story' session. For those who are able to join us, please enter school at 8.45am with your child via the library entrance (on the relevant day - see overleaf). The school hall will be set up ready for an enjoyable and relaxed session where you can share a story with your child. The Early Years story session will be held in the classrooms. World Book Day itself will be celebrated in school on Thursday 7th March, and children are invited to come in costume as their favourite book character.

Caring for each other

Places at our Night Owls after-school club next half-term are oversubscribed. 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 continue to be refunded.

We are delighted that our after-school provision is so popular with our families and are very grateful to our staff who co-ordinate and lead the clubs. If your child is booked to attend a club, and needs to miss a session, please inform the relevant member of staff or the school office. Staff are careful to ensure every child is safely where they need to be, and time is lost checking up on children who have been collected from school earlier than expected. Extra-curricular information can be found on our website if you would like to see what is on offer.

Our school value this half term has been friendship. This week, our Y1/2 children led their parents and carers in a collective worship in church on this theme, and did so beautifully! In class worships, we have tailored our discussions around the joys and challenges of friendship at the different ages, as well as how to be kind in different social situations. We will continue to support our children to make the right choices and to be good friends as they move through school together, with a kind and 'can-do' attitude.

Preparing for the future

We said goodbye to Mrs Payne today, who is retiring. Mrs Payne has served at St Oswald's for over 20 years and has helped so many children in that time. We wish Mrs Payne a long and happy retirement!

Mrs Lyon also leaves us today to start her maternity leave. We wish her and Mr Lyon all the very best over the coming weeks and look forward to being able to share happy news with you in our next update. After half term, we will welcome Mrs Hopwood to the KS1 team, where she will be teaching Honeybees Class.

Our school choir and debate club have been working hard in their own time to prepare for their upcoming events. Choir will be performing in Sheffield Arena as part of the Young Voices concert. They sounded amazing in collective worship today, and we know they are going to have an fantastic experience. Debate Club will be travelling to London next half term to visit the Houses of Parliament. This is an incredible opportunity for our oldest pupils to experience a day in our capital city seeing where their debate skills could take them!

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- Please remember to place your child's **school dinner orders by Tuesday** for the following week -

Mon 19th Feb: School reopens – Choir attending Young Voices

Tues 20th Feb: Farm visiting Early Years classes

Weds 21st Feb: Skip2Bfit day (Years 1-6 to come to school in PE kit)

Tues 5th Mar: Stay and share a story session for Year 1/2 (school hall)

Weds 6th Mar: Stay and share a story session for Year 3/4 (school hall)

Thurs 7th Mar: Stay and share a story session for Year 5/6 (school hall)

Thurs 7th Mar: Stay and share a story session for Year EYFS (EYFS classrooms)

Thurs 7th Mar: World Book Day – fancy dress as favourite book character

Tues 12th Mar/Weds 13th Mar: Parents Evenings

Fri 15th Mar: Year 3/4 trip to Wheldrake Woods

Mon 18th Mar: FOSOSF Easter Fair 3.15-4.30pm in the school hall

Thurs 21st Mar: Y6 Debate Club visit to London

Fri 22nd Mar: 9am Easter Service led by Y5/6 in the school hall.

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