



ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The weekly newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date with life at St Oswald's school.

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School First Aid

Congratulations to Mrs Armitage and Miss Wilde who renewed their First Aid certificates this week after completing a two day refresher course.

Congratulations also to our new First Aiders who completed a three day First Aid (with paediatrics) course and assessment:



Miss Lennon
Mrs Orwin
Miss Morris
Mrs Thomason
Mrs Gambles
Mrs Davies
Mrs Hayes
Mrs Turner
Mrs Stapylton
Mrs Birchall



In addition to the above, Mrs Brady also continues to be one of our registered First Aiders.

Thank you to the staff who have undertaken this training to help keep our children safe in school.



Welcome

This week we welcome into our school Mr Dave Searle who is covering the school security and maintenance work during the current absence of Mrs Lee.

Mr Searle is a neighbour of the school and we thank him for temporarily covering this role.



Movie Night

Thursday 5 October

3:30–5:45pm (School Hall)



This week your child should have brought home details of our forthcoming Movie Night. This will take place in the school hall on Thursday 5 October 3.30-5.45pm. Tickets cost £5 including the film 'Boss Baby' a drink, sweets crisps and a cookie. Please return slips with your payment as soon as possible.

Money raised from the Movie will be used to purchase new reading books for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to help further raise standards in reading.

All fundraising throughout this academic year will be used to purchase new books.

RAISING STANDARDS IN READING

2017/2018

This week we have received our first order of new school reading books. This year we are making some changes, particularly in KS2, to how children develop their reading in school and access appropriate reading resources. Instead of children moving onto 'Free Readers' at the end of KS1 Book Bands we are extending our Book Bands to run throughout KS2. Teachers in all KS2 classes will be giving each child this half term an age appropriate individual school reader for home reading which they will be expected to read and complete in a maximum of three weeks. Faster readers can change books before this time as and when ready. Teachers will be directing children to texts which are age appropriate, enjoyable and challenging.

Eco-News

Waste Less, Live More

This week 18-24 September is the Keep Britain Tidy 'Waste Less Live More Week'. The theme of this year's campaign is food waste. You can join the seven day challenge at www.wastelesslivemore.com and receive tips on how to reduce waste and save money!

Tips we have received this week so far....

1. Bypass perfect looking veg

Perfect veg may look lovely but the ones with lumps and bumps taste just as delicious and nearly always get thrown away. So look past the imperfections and love those wonky carrots!

2. Perfect your portions

Whether your eyes are simply bigger than your stomach or you just don't know how big a portion is, cooking too much can lead to a lot of waste. An easy guide to start with is rice: 1 portion = 1/2 cup; pasta: 1 portion = a plie the size of a clenched fist; lentils: 1 portion = 1/2 cup; veg: 1 portion = 1/2 cup; meat: 1 portion = the size of the palm of your hand and the thickness of a pack of playing cards.

3. Have a use-it-up night once a week

All you have to do is wait for your leftover food to cool and store in a re-usable container in the fridge for tomorrow. Or you can freeze it to use at a later date. If it's not quite enough for a full meal, add it to whatever you're cooking the next day.

4. Write a shopping list

Avoid the pitfalls of food waste and save money simply by making a list. Stick some paper to the fridge or make a list on your phone... when something runs out, add it to the list. Plan meals for the week and make a list of what you need for the week. Don't be tempted by special offers on food that doesn't keep well - it might look like a bargain but unless it has a long shelf life or can be frozen, it might end up in the bin!

More tips next week...

Young Gardeners/Environmentalists

Our environmental club along with Miss Lennon and Mr Lawless will be busy over the coming weeks tidying up the school garden ready for winter. The last of the school grown potatoes and onions were sent home this week. Fingers crossed the sprouts will be ready for Christmas!

Sports/Health Update

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the English Half-Marathon in Warrington last Sunday. Particular congratulations to our very own Mrs Hemming (Year 1 Teacher) and Mr O'Connor (Dad of Jack Y5, Ellie Y3 and Charlie Rec) and also to our neighbouring parish school Head Teacher, Mr Anderson from St Benedict's who were all spotted running and completing the course last Sunday. Well done to them and all runners who took part! You are an inspiration!!

There was a great atmosphere at this event with supporters cheering on the runners throughout the 13.1 mile course.



Running or jogging is a fantastic way to keep fit - you can run, jog or walk anywhere, any time, free of charge!

Don't forget the Warrington Parkrun takes place in Victoria Park every Saturday morning at 9am. The 5k Parkrun is for adults and families and is free to enter. Park-Runners can run, they can run-walk or walk—you can even take the dog or run with a buggy! Park-Runners just need to register beforehand at www.parkrun.org and turn up on the day. On average there are over 300 runners every Saturday—why not be one of them?



Later this academic year we will be introducing 'The Daily Mile' at St Oswald's. The daily Mile concept is that children in all classes run, jog or walk the one mile everyday. The Daily Mile will happen in most weather conditions, is social and non-competitive, with children taking part in their uniform and school shoes. It is a simple and effective way to introduce physical exercise to young children and keep them fit.

Look out for further announcements in future newsletters. Until next time...keep running and as Nike says...Just do it!

Safeguarding Policy

Can we please remind junior parents if you have any queries or messages for the class teachers, that you leave these with Teaching Assistants on gate duty in the mornings and do not enter the junior corridor from the infant classes or across the junior playground. Messages will be passed directly to the teachers that morning and teachers will always be available at the end of the day at the classroom doors.

ANTI-BULLYING

All children to day have been given a leaflet to remind them what to do if they are upset or worried about bullying. Teachers will be talking with all classes next week in RE and PHSE lessons about appropriate and inappropriate behaviour in and out of school.

WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY

This week Thursday 21 September 2017 marked World Alzheimer's Day. The day aims to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.

More and more today than ever before we are hearing of people and families that are sadly touched by dementia.

We take this time to remember sufferers and their families and friends in your prayers. We pray that they will be comforted by peace and care and all touched by dementia will be given the strength to deal with the difficulties it brings.

STARS OF THE WEEK

- ★ Year 1: Kacey-Mae Leather & Will Reddecliffe
- ★ Year 2: Annie Walsh & Dominic Langton
- ★ Year 3: Madison Edmonds & Lily Hughes
- ★ Year 4: Riley Ward & Max Sydney
- ★ Year 5: Neve Oakes
- ★ Year 6: Abigail Gamble

Congratulations to all our stars!

Well done to all our stars, Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children.

Our new Reception children will join us for assembly later in the term once they are settled in to school life. Keep your eye on the newsletter for the date of their first assembly.

Congratulations Reception!



Congratulations to our Reception Class who today have completed their first full week in school. The children are settling in really well - Miss Morris, Mrs Fox and Miss Ross have been very impressed with how quickly they are learning their class routines.

Well done children!

Nut Free

Health & Safety



Please be aware when choosing your child's snack and lunches that we have children in school who have severe nut allergies.

Please go Nut Free!



Could we please remind you all that we now have a school app which you can download to your mobile phones and devices.

OurSchoolsApp is a personalised app for our school which allows us to keep you updated with school information, news, calendar events. As well as being useful for parents, the app may also be useful for grandparents and other family members so that they can be kept updated on school events such as holiday dates, assemblies, masses, sports day etc.

The app can be downloaded for free on android and apple devices.

If you require any help please contact the school office 01925 813015

Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	93.3%
YEAR 1	96%
YEAR 2	100% Outstanding
YEAR 3	98.6% Outstanding
YEAR 4	98% Outstanding
YEAR 5	99.3% Outstanding
YEAR 6	93.6%

Whole school attendance

98%+ Outstanding

96–97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance is

96.9%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

