



# 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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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Staff and Governors of the School I would like to wish all our children, parents, families, parishioners and friends of the school a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

I truly hope you all had a joyous and God filled Christmas and that you thoroughly enjoyed the holiday.

It is hard to believe that we have already completed one term of our 2017/18 academic year. I am sure this 12 week Spring term will fly by and before we know it we will be in our final term. This week we talked to our Year 6 pupils and shared with them that they are entering their final two terms at our school. This in itself seems hard to believe as it feels like no time at all since most of them joined our school in the Reception class. Next term they will sit their final Primary School assessments in May - this is now only 14 working weeks away for them!

We will be continuing this academic year to make further improvements in our standards and we ask all children to continue to work hard and do their best in all their work. We also ask parents to continue to support the children at home. Our main curriculum improvement area this academic year is Reading and we ask all parents to help their child/children every night with their reading. I will be updating parents as this year progresses on ways to help your child's reading.

I very much look forward to working in partnership with you all throughout 2018.

Best Wishes,

Miss H T Lennon - Head Teacher

### SATs Meetings

Information meetings for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 will take place on Tuesday 16th January at 3.40pm and 5.00pm (you may attend at either time).

At these meetings you will be given advice on how the SATs will be administered and ways in which you can help your child(ren) to prepare for the tests.

Meetings will take place in the Year 2 and Year 6 classrooms.

### Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum - Panto Fun!

Last Friday 5 January there was great excitement when our Infant classes went along to the Parr Hall in Warrington to watch this year's Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Everyone had a wonderful time and really enjoyed getting in to the spirit of panto...oh no they didn't, **oh yes they did!**

The adults who accompanied the children were all really impressed with their excellent behaviour both in the theatre and on the coach to and from school.

Well done children.

### Cold Weather Reminder

During this cold weather it is essential that the children come to school in a warm coat for playtimes. The children have three playtimes each day, including lunchtime which is a long break, therefore they need warm winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves



### Reading Club

We continue to offer a Reading Club each morning from 8.00am to 8.45am in our school library. Children can be dropped off any time from 8.00am and are escorted to class at 8.45am for the start of the school day.



Reading Club costs £2 per child per day which can be paid on the day or in advance.



## Parent Sharing Time

This term we are re-introducing 'Parent Sharing Time' sessions which give parents the opportunity to 'drop-in' to school during the appropriate session and spend a short time with their child to look at their books and share their work and achievements.

This special sharing time will take place outside the classroom in the school corridors between 2.45pm and 3.15pm on set days each week. The teacher will carry on with his/her normal class teaching responsibilities as children quietly slip in and out of the classroom to meet with parents. The teacher will not be available to meet with parents during these sessions.

We ask all parents to sign in at the school office on arrival and to please leave the building by 3.15pm to allow children to return to the classroom for end of day messages and routines. Children will be dismissed from the classroom onto the playground as normal at 3.30pm.

It is not necessary to drop in each week or to stay for the full half hour: 10/15 minutes once or twice per half term is a great way to keep up to speed with your child's learning and progress in their work books. Your children will love it too!

I very much hope you will take this opportunity to partake with your child in this 'special sharing time'.

Sharing Time will start week commencing 22nd January. Class days and times will be on next week's newsletter.

Please note we will not be able to accommodate parent sharing time outside of our set times.

## POLICY REMINDER

### *New Year, New Start:*

### *Time-keeping and Attendance*

### *Keeping the standards high at St Oswald's*

Can we please ask all parents to help and encourage children to arrive to school on time in the mornings.

Children can feel very self-conscious and uncomfortable if entering the classroom after the lesson has started and it is also disruptive to their own learning and that of the class. We appreciate that circumstances beyond your control can sometimes mean that an occasional late arrival is unavoidable but repeated lateness is unacceptable. Children must arrive in school between 8.45am and 8.55am. The door will close at 8.55am and all late arrivals after this time will be recorded on your child's school report.

Good attendance is also essential for your child's learning and again we ask for your support in making sure your child does not miss any days in school unnecessarily.

Letters will be sent home this term to parents of children with poor attendance currently falling below 90%. The trigger for the school to seek advice from the Attendance Officer at Warrington Borough Council is 90%.

**Thank you as always for your support in this matter.**

## After-School Clubs

### Spring Term 1 2018

Letters were sent home this week for our after school clubs which start next Monday 15th January. If your child wishes to take part in any of the clubs, please return the forms as soon as possible to ensure they are allocated a place in their chosen club.

Clubs this half-term are as follows:

#### Monday

Construction Club 3.30-4.15pm (Key Stage 1)

Netball 3.30-4.30pm (Key Stage 2)

#### Tuesday

Activity Club 3.30-4.30pm (Key Stage 1)

Choir 3.30-3.15pm (Key Stage 2)

#### Wednesday

Clubbercise 3.30-4.30pm (Age 7+)

Rugby 3.30-4.30pm (Key Stage 2)

#### Thursday

Football 3.30-4.30pm (Key Stage 2)



## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 16 January

SATs meeting for Y2 & Y6 Parents  
3:40pm and 5:00pm

### Thursday 25 January

Reception Rejoice Assembly at 9:00am

### Thursday 8 February

Movie Night 3:30–5:45pm

### Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday Service  
Parents' Evening

### Thursday 15 February

Parents Evening

### Friday 16th February

School Closes for half term 3:30pm

### Monday 26 February

School Opens for Spring Half term 2



Thank you to all parents who are using the school app which is a quick and efficient way to keep up to date with all our school news, dates, events etc.

Please note that all general messages/reminders are now only sent out via the app rather than by text message. To keep up to date, if you haven't already done so, please download the app. If you need any advice on how to access the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



# Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	94%
YEAR 1	98.7% Outstanding
YEAR 2	96.6%
YEAR 3	95.3%
YEAR 4	89.3%
YEAR 5	98.7% Outstanding
YEAR 6	95.3%

## New Year, New You!



### Clubbercise and Yoga Classes at St Oswald's



This half term Clubbercise and Yoga classes will be taking place in the school hall. If you are keen to burn off your Christmas excesses in the new year then this could be for you!

#### Clubbercise

Wednesdays

6.30-7.30pm - Adult Class (check-in 6.15pm)  
7.30-8.15pm - Family Class (check-in 7.15pm)  
Children aged 7+ only must be with an adult

Classes will be led by instructor Dawn Bate—for more information contact Dawn on 07795621520

Website: [crystalbeautyandfitness.vistaprintdigital.com](http://crystalbeautyandfitness.vistaprintdigital.com)

Facebook: Clubbercise Warrington with Dawn

#### Yoga

Thursdays 6.15-7.30pm - Beginners  
7.45– 9.00pm - All levels

Classes will be led by Helen Fiddler—for more information contact Helen on 07525626709

Facebook page: Yoga Panacea

Twitter: @Yoga\_Panacea

### Warrington Parkrun

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](http://www.parkrun.org) and turn up on the day. On average there are over 300 runners every Saturday—why not be one of them?

The Junior parkrun follows a 2km course and takes place at 9am on Sunday mornings at Orford Hub. The Junior parkrun is for children aged 4-14 years old.



#### Whole school attendance

98%+ Outstanding

96–97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance is 95.4%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 1 AND YEAR 5 FOR THE BEST  
ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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