



# 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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### Lenten Reflection

Jesus came to show us how to live and how to treat others. This Lent we can look at our own lives, and think about the changes that we can make so that everyone can live their lives to the full. It might be hard, but we can make a big difference to communities around the world.

*Loving God, show us how to share your love and hope with others around the world, and to make a change so that all your children may live the life you want for them. Amen.*



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### YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018

On Thursday 8 March our Y2 class invited everyone to join them for the class assembly. The theme for the assembly was 'Giving Thanks.'

Through poetry, song and drama the children focused on how we give thanks to God during Mass and giving thanks for their mums and all the hard work that they do.

Mrs Neiland thanked the Y2 children, Mrs Furness and Miss Wilde for their hard work and wonderful presentation.

Thank you to parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support the children.



### GOOD SHEPHERD WEEK—NUGENT CARE

Once again this year we will be raising funds for the Good Shepherd Appeal which helps to look after people including children, disabled adults, people who have little or no money and homeless people.

From Monday 12 March—Thursday 15 March the children will be running stalls at morning play with themes such as guess the name games, raffles and cake sales. All children are welcome to take part in the event either by creating and running a fundraising game or supporting the stalls.

If you would like to donate cakes for the cake stall please drop them off at the school office on any of the appropriate days.

The children enjoy both buying and selling goods for the Good Shepherd and a great sense of achievement is felt within the school when we announce the grand total.

Infant parents please put any money in an envelope or purse with your child's name and class clearly visible.



### MOVIE NIGHT—TUESDAY

**20 MARCH 2018**

**3:30—5:45PM**

St Oswald's staff are holding a Movie Night after school on Tuesday 20 March 2018.

3:30—5:45pm. Admission is £5.00 and includes a drink, crisps, sweets and a cookie.

To secure your child's place please complete and return the order form sent home last week or if you require a replacement order form please call at the school office.





## Special Easter Events 2018



### Film Night—Tuesday 20 March 3.30-5.45pm

Following the success of our last Film Night, by popular request, staff will be organising another film night for the children. Tickets priced at £5 including a drink, sweets and crisps will be on sale soon—look out for further details.

### Easter Passion Play—Tuesday 27 March at 2pm

Our traditional Easter Passion Play will once again be performed by our Junior classes in school hall. Parents, family and friends are all welcome.



### Infant Easter Bonnet Parade—Wednesday 28 March at 9.10am

Infant children can get creative at home and bring their Easter bonnets to school for a special parade in the school hall. After they have all modelled their wonderful creations there will be a free prize draw for the children to win Easter Eggs kindly donated by the school Governors.



Parents, family and friends are all welcome.

### Easter Raffle

On the last day of term there will be a free Easter Raffle for the children. Eggs will be kindly donated by staff and Governors. Finger crossed, the Easter Bunny might also pay a visit to our infant classes!

### Easter Holiday Dates

In advance of the Easter Holiday period, please see below the holiday/term dates for the Easter period.

Please note that the Easter weekend falls OUTSIDE of the Spring break:

#### Thursday 29 March

Maundy Thursday—School Closed

#### Friday 30 March

Good Friday—School Closed

#### Monday 2 April

Easter Monday—School Closed

#### Tuesday 3 April—Friday 6 April

School Open

#### Friday 6 April

School closes for the Spring holiday 3.30pm

#### Tuesday 17 April

School opens 8.45am

Holiday dates are shown on the school website and also via the school app.

### SCHOOL LEVY

Last week we wrote to all families at our school to request the annual family voluntary contribution to the Archdiocese School Levy for this academic year 2017/18.

Thank you to all you have returned their contributions we are most grateful.

We kindly ask that if you are in a position to contribute this year, please place your contribution in the envelope provided and return it to school as soon as possible. If you cannot contribute, please seal the envelope and return the empty envelope to school. This will ensure that you do not receive any reminders.

Reminders will be sent out next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Study Books

Thank you to all parents who have bought study books for the children in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

If any parents would still like to purchase books and would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, the Head Teacher or the school office.

Your support of the children's learning is really beneficial and is very much appreciated. Many thanks.

## Family and Individual Photographs



Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 12 March to take individual and family photographs.

If you have pre-school children and you would like to have their picture taken with their sibling, please bring them along to the school hall from 8.45am.

### 3 BIG REASON TO PICK UP A BOOK AND READ!

1. Young people who enjoy reading very much are three times more likely to read above the level expected for their age as young people who do not enjoy reading at all.  
*-Children's and Young People's Reading in 2015 National Literacy Trust 2016*
2. Reading for pleasure is more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status  
*-Organisation for economic co-operation and development (OECD) 2002*
3. The advantages of reading for pleasure go beyond academic achievement. Other benefits include increased breadth of vocabulary, pleasure in reading in later life, a better understanding of other cultures, better knowledge and even 'a greater insight into human nature'.  
*-Reading for Pleasure: A research overview, National Literacy Trust, 2006*



### Monday 12 March

Individual & Family Photographs

### Monday 12 -Friday 16th March

Good Shepherd Week

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# Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
RECEPTION	94.6%
YEAR 1	94%
YEAR 2	100% Outstanding
YEAR 3	98.6%
YEAR 4	99.3% Outstanding
YEAR 5	99.6% Outstanding
YEAR 6	99% Outstanding

### Whole school attendance

98%+ Outstanding

96—97% Good

95% Satisfactory

91-94% Unsatisfactory

<90% Poor

Whole School attendance is 97.8%

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 2 FOR THE BEST ATTENDANCE  
THIS WEEK

