

Wednesday 5th October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance

Congratulations to Y3 who last week had 99.7% attendance. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in class with them for another week. Well done Year 3!

Y2 - 99.2%

Y4 - 98.7%

Y6 - 98.4%

Y1 - 98.2%

R - 96.7%

Y5 - 96.3%

Harvest Festival Sunday 2nd October

A huge thank you to everybody who attended our Harvest Festival and made donations this year. It was a great success and lovely to see so many families join us. The Harvest gifts have been shared between our elderly neighbours, nominees and the local food bank.

Parent/Governor Meeting.

We would like to thank Mr Donnelly for his service on the Governing body as a parent Governor for the last 4 years. Miss Murray will now be taking over his role and is offering our first parent/Governor meeting on Thursday 13th October in the family room, at 9.00am. Many parents have been asking for workshops now the new curriculum is in place, we will be asking parents what other workshops they would like us to run. It is also an opportunity to meet the Governors and raise any concerns you may have. Thank you.

Shoe Boxes

Once again this year, we are collecting shoeboxes for the charity Blythswood Care. Shoes boxes will be distributed to children in Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine before Christmas. Children and families at St Oswald's have always donated generously to this appeal. Please return your shoeboxes by 5th November. Thank you

Reading at Home

It is vital that your child reads as often as possible at home as this help to develop their fluency and understanding. Please read every night. Reading regularly is one of the targets which will help your child become a golden apple. Books bags should be returned to school daily and a short comment written in the box by an adult.

After School Clubs

It is vital that all children who applied for a club attend and don't decide to turn up some weeks and not others. They must do at least 80% to be accredited for Children's university. Also staff are either giving their own time or school are paying for other providers to run the clubs. Simply not turning up some weeks is not acceptable. If children do not regularly attend the clubs they sign up to they jeopardise their chances of being invited in future. Children and parents need to show the same level of commitment the staff are providing.

Internet Matters App

'Internet Matters' is an app designed to help parents talk about e-safety issues with their children, and to ensure that they make smart choices to stay safe online. The app is aimed at children aged between 8-10. The split-screen collaborative app helps children and parents to think about what they would do if they were faced with different situations online; from cyber bullying to sharing content with someone they don't know. The link for downloading the app can be found on our internet safety page. It is available on the app store and Google play.

School Nurse Drop In

A school nurse drop in session has been arranged for Friday 7th October at 9.00 - 9.30AM in the Family Room. No appointment is necessary.

Firework Posters

Information was sent home last week regarding a competition taking place for children to design a fireworks poster. The deadline for the entries is Thursday 6th October.

Dates and events for this year

Please visit the school website for details: www.stoswaldsnetherton.com. All dates for forthcoming events have now been added.

October 2016

6th October - National Poetry Day

10th October Year 1 visit to Liverpool Museum

13th October - Parent/Governor meeting 9.00am - all welcome.

20th October - Stay n' Play Reception Class

21st October - St. Oswald's 57th school birthday.

24th October - Half Term

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh
Headteacher