

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 5 who had 98.5% attendance last week. They get to have "Cuddles" the bear in upstairs in class all week. Y5 - 98.5%, Y4 & Y1 - 97.3%, Y2 - 97.1%, Y3 - 96.3%, Y6 - 96.2%, R - 95%, N - AM - 90.9%, N - PM - 85.2%

### **Class Assemblies**

Year 1 assembly was held today .Thank you all for your fantastic support in joining us for our class assemblies, our last one will be for Reception class next week, 29<sup>th</sup> March. All family and friends are welcome. Tea / Coffee and refreshments will be served afterwards and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

Year 6 will be holding their own special service before they leave in July.

### **End of Term Service**

As we always do at the end of each term, we will be holding a special End of Term service - this service will be our Easter service. We will all be going to St. Oswald's Church for a 9.45am start.

I do hope you will be able to join us, following the service we will drawing the PFA raffle ticket for the Easter hamper first prize!

Tickets are still available and there is not long left to buy your raffle tickets! Please see Mrs McNally in the school office if you would like more books of tickets.

### **Swimming**

Year 2 will continue as normal after the Easter holiday.

Year 3 will be swimming on the last Friday - unfortunately this means they will return to school after the other classes finish at 2.00pm - Year 3 normally return between 2.30-2.45pm. We will happily look after siblings of that class until that time.

Year 5 - the last swimming session will be next Wednesday as normal.

Year 6 - They will be swimming each Wednesday afternoon for the next term. All children require a swimming cap. Girls need a one piece suit, boys need trunks, not shorts. Caps are available to buy from the school office, priced at £1.90 each.

### **Specsavers glasses collection point**

We are collecting used glasses on behalf of Specsavers. If you have any pairs of old glasses, please send them into school to be recycled. Thank you

### **Asda Green Token collection**

We have been lucky enough to have been granted a green token collection box at Asda Bootle from April until June. We will be collecting tokens for this, so if you do shop at Asda, remember to ask for the tokens at the till. They don't always give them out when you pay!! Please bring any green tokens into school now and we can start collecting in advance. Once the box is open we will let you know when it is live in store.

## Easter Bonnets

As we do each year we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition. This year it will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a first and second prize for each class and a participation prize for every child who enters.

We do hope you enjoy making the bonnets with your children at home - please do not go to great expense buying a bonnet as the commercial bonnets rarely win the competition. Have fun making your bonnets!

## IXL

The new online programme has already received good reviews from both the children and parents. We had been asked if we could run workshops for parents in SPAG and Maths, however there was not enough numbers interested to make this viable.

As a compromise this new programme also helps parents with an explanation of how to do either the calculation or what the grammatical phrase means. This is clearly shown before you do any of the work.

We thought this would help as I know we teach very differently today as to how we were all taught at schools ourselves and it can be difficult to help with your child's homework etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## March 2017

27<sup>th</sup> March - Last week for after school clubs

29<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Class assembly 9.15am - school hall

Experience Easter (pm year 1 & year 3)

30<sup>th</sup> March - Experience Easter - all day (years 6, 4, 5 & 2)

31<sup>st</sup> March - Last day - End of term Easter service at 9.15am in Church. All welcome to join us.

Finish at 2.00pm. Please note that Year 3 will still be swimming, and will return to school at approx 2.30pm.

**Easter Holidays - 31<sup>st</sup> March - 18<sup>th</sup> April.**

## April 2017

18<sup>th</sup> April - School opens at normal time.

Breakfast club and RM Maths continue as normal. Year 2 swimming as normal.

19<sup>th</sup> April - **Year 6 start swimming.**

21<sup>st</sup> April - Year 3 swimming as normal.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh  
Headteacher

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

I wrote to you on 3<sup>rd</sup> March to invite nominations for the vacancy for a parent governor.

I am delighted to say that there has been a good response and there are 2 candidates for the 1 vacancy. This means we must now hold a ballot.

I enclose a ballot paper. You can vote for up to 1 of the candidates. As indicated on the ballot paper you should vote by marking an X alongside the name of the parent you support.

Also enclosed are two envelopes. This is intended to ensure that how you vote remains confidential. Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the unmarked envelope. Then put this unmarked envelope containing the ballot paper into the second envelope. You should then fill in the details as required on the outside of the second envelope and add your signature. The closing date for the return of ballot papers is 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 09.00AM.

When the envelopes are received we check the outer envelopes to make sure that they are from parents who are entitled to vote. They are then opened and the inner envelopes are placed unopened in the ballot box. This ensures that when we later open the inner envelopes to count the votes there is no way of telling who voted for whom.

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Murtagh  
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## Statement of Steve Booker

As a Parent Governor, my aim is to help and support St Oswald's school in any way possible; aspire to be inspired.

I am happily married to Lyndsey, who is currently a Teaching Assistant in Year 6 at St Oswald's. I am the proud Dad to two beautiful daughters and fantastic son, all who have had a fabulous primary education thanks to St. Oswald's CE Primary school.

I am currently a Commercial Underwater UXO Clearance Operator, responsible for conducting UXO clearance operations globally. Having spent 24 years in the Royal Navy as a Bomb & Mine Disposal Clearance Diver, where I served during operations in the Middle East. I was a member of the United Kingdom's Worldwide Fast Response Combat Diving Unit, who operated closely with the United States Mine Counter Measures dolphin teams. As a member of a Commercial Underwater UXO Clearance Team, I have removed Ordnance from the seabed and Styx surface to air missiles from their launch pads whilst still in position on the wreck of a warship which had been sunk next to the Al Basra Oil Terminal in Iraq.

During my four year term I have worked as part of a team and am committed to the school's vision and ethos. I served on the former Building Sub Committee and have experience of premises and facilities management. I have an understanding of current education policy, and should I be re-elected, I would continue to challenge the Headteacher along with other board members.

## Statement of Paula Donnahey

I am a stay at home mum of 4 children who have all attended St Oswald's. My youngest children are currently in Years 3 and 4.

Just like every other parent at St Oswald's, I want the very best for our children. I want them to be happy, confident and become the very best they can be. As a parent we need to support the school, but when necessary, we should be able to express our views when needed. I am not afraid to ask difficult questions and I am use to speaking out for what is most important. Frankly, there is nothing more important than our children.

The role of parent governor is a vastly responsible one and I would like a chance to make a positive impact. I feel that I would be suited to this role as I have been a member of the PFA for 5 years and have helped raise funding to pay for fun activities, rewards and educational equipment that the school budget will not stretch to.

I am a qualified Level 2 Teaching Assistant and regularly volunteer in school with supported reading, school trips and swimming lessons. I therefore, know the children, staff and a lot of the parents well and feel that this would be a great advantage in carrying out my duties as a Parent Governor.



Election date: 29.03.17

The total of votes each parent or carer may cast equates to the number of vacancies for parent governors on the governing board. In this election, parents may each cast 1 vote.

Two envelopes are provided to ensure confidentiality. Please place this voting paper inside the first 'inner', blank envelope.

Write your name and your child's name and class on the second envelope; place the blank envelope inside it.

Your vote should be returned to the Headteacher/Clerk to the Governors in the envelopes provided, to arrive at the school by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 09.00AM.

Vote by placing an X in the small box below the candidate name.

I would like to vote for

Steve Booker	
Paula Donnahey	

Please note that you must clearly mark in the box an X.

Any votes received at school which are not clearly marked will be classed as spoiled.