

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to the winners for last week who were Year 3 with 99.7% attendance, well done everyone in Year 3 for brilliant attendance. Y3 - 99.7%, Y4 & Y1 - 98.6%, Y6 - 98.5%, Y5 - 96.7%, Y2 - 96.5%, R - 94.8%, N - AM - 95.3%, N - PM - 86.7%

### **PE Kits**

Could all children please have their PE kit in school at all times as there are a number of sports events taking place locally that your child may be attending.

### **UNICEF - Shoe Collection**

As part of our continued work with UNICEF we will now be taking part in the Clarks 'Shoe Share' scheme. In exchange for used and unwanted shoes that are donated, Clarks will provide much needed school equipment to schools in poorer parts of the world.

There is a bin in school where used and unwanted shoes can be donated, alternatively please drop them off at the school office. We will then take the shoes to the Clarks shop in Aintree Retail Park where they have kindly agreed to take our donations.

### **Punctuality Matters**

If your child is late at the beginning of the day, they miss out on registration and the start of the daily maths lesson. We want all our children to achieve well at St Oswald's and being on time each day is crucial.

### **Homework & Reading books**

Whilst we appreciate most parents are supportive in children reading regularly at home and encourage children to complete all homework on time, we will have to charge for both lost homework books and lost reading books.

The school budget is under strain and we cannot afford to keep replacing lost or damaged books. Thank you for your support in this.

### **Changes to Netherton Children's Centre**

As you will know there have been several cuts to council services due to funding cuts. There is currently a consultation process underway to take into account families views on the proposed changes at Netherton Children's Centre. Julie Finch (Manager at NCC) and possibly other staff members would like to speak to parents who access the Centre and support parents in the consultation process.

It is important if you use the Centre and the services it has to offer that you are involved in the consultation and 'have your say' while you can! The support given to families in the community is vital and has provided many with a safe and supportive environment to go to for help with many issues. We must make it clear to those who are listening what it is you value and what it is you need.

Please do come along to one of the proposed meetings on Tuesday 31st October at either 9.00am or 2.30pm. The meetings will be held in the family room. Please indicate in the slip below if you intend to come to either meeting - refreshments will be provided so we need to make sure we have enough! Thank you.

### **School App**

We are nearly ready to start using the school app, however, we still need more parents email addresses, as this is the way that the setup is completed. If you haven't already given us your email address, please keep an eye out for the text message coming out to you, please reply to it with your email address, this will help to speed up the initial set up.

### **Year 3/4 Parent Meeting**

Year 3 and 4 have now began Accelerated Reader everyday in class. We will be running a parent session after half term on Thursday 2nd November at 3.30pm to explain the process and also model how to log in as a parent to check your child's progress. More information will follow in a letter.

### **Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal**

Once again this year, we are collecting shoeboxes for the charity Blythswood Care. Leaflets are being sent home today with all children and 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. Leaflets will be coming home today and the last return date for a Shoe Box if you wish to participate is 01/11/2017.

### **Contact Sheets**

Contact sheets and other paperwork was sent home with your child on 6<sup>th</sup> September. There are still some children who have not yet returned the forms. It is vital that we have up to date contact information for all pupils. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **October 2017**

16<sup>th</sup> October- Assessment Week

17<sup>th</sup> October- Football Match V Queen of Peace at home 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> October - Diwali. Football match Peter Dowd Cup 1pm

20<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 Pearl of Africa Performance

Schools birthday tomorrow (21<sup>st</sup> October) - 58 Years old

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October- Half term

30<sup>th</sup> October- Back to school

For further dates for the rest of the year please see the school website.

Yours sincerely



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