

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 8th January 2018

Happy New Year

A huge thank you for your kindness and generosity, we were all overwhelmed with gifts and good wishes. On behalf of all staff I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Fitbit Challenge

We have discussed with the children how we can all become a little fitter, healthier and generally have a better lifestyle as a whole - staff and children!

Having met with the school council we have decided to introduce a zoned playground and the 'mile a day'. The KS2 playground will have 5 different activities in zoned areas and a free zone. Each class will get one playtime a week in each zone. We will also be doing a mile a day around the field either at playtime or lunchtime. Mr Dalton has been out with his trundle wheel and measured that 3 laps is one mile.

The school is going to invest in 'fit bit' type watches for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 and all staff. This will measure how many steps we have taken a day. The children will be challenged to beat their own targets - as will the staff and we will all be aiming for 10,000 steps for day. These watches will have to stay in school to ensure they remain here and are not forgotten in the mornings. There will be prizes at the end of each term for the highest steppers in each class - and maybe a cup of tea and a rest for the highest stepping member of staff.

Attendance

Year 4 had the highest attendance for the week before Christmas and they get to have Cuddles the bear with them in class. Y4 - 98.9%, Y5 -96.1%, Y2 - 95.2%, Y1 - 92.5%, Y6 - 91.4%, Y3 - 90.8%, R - 89.1%, N - AM - 97.6%, N - PM - 79.2%

The overall winner for the best attendance last term was Year 5 who will receive a £20 voucher for the class to spend.

Bronze attendance certificates will be given out during Friday's awards assembly for all those children who achieved 100% attendance last term.

School Nurse Drop In

The school nurse will be holding a drop in session for parents this Thursday at 3.00PM. No appointment is needed, just come along if you have any concerns or questions.

"Safe use of the Internet at Home" - Drop in Sessions for IT

We are pleased to confirm that the Safer Use of Internet at home session for parents that have expressed an interest will take place on Thursday 8th February at 1.45pm to work with our tech support. Another date to be confirmed after safer internet day

After School Clubs

Details of After School clubs that are available for this term are attached to this newsletter, all clubs begin next week.

All staff at St Oswald's provide After School Clubs for free and in their own time, therefore, we do expect a commitment to complete the full 10 weeks of clubs being offered during a term. Children need to complete 8 out of 10 weeks to receive their credits for Children's University.

If for any reason a child cannot attend a club, can you please see the member of staff running the club and explain why or provide a note for your child's none attendance.

If children do not attend the clubs regularly they will not be invited the following term or the staff may withdraw their commitment to offer the club.

Primary Admissions for September 2018

The deadline is fast approaching for Reception class places for September 2018. For more information, please visit the following link.

https://emswebaccess.sefton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f

Dates and events for Next Half Term

Please visit the school website for details <http://www.stoswaldsnetherton.com>

January 2018

15th January- Mini Church 11.15AM - all families welcome.

1st week for after school clubs

16th January KS2 Playground Leader training. (**all KS2 children need PE kits and trainers**)

17th January- Year 5 author visit to Litherland High School, Communion 10.00AM - all families welcome

18th January Year 4 Cathedral visit

22nd January Year 2 Jodrell Bank visit

25th January Year 3 / 4 Spelling Bee Competition at Beacon Primary School

30th January Year 3 trip to World Museum

31st January- Y4 Class Assembly - 9.15AM - school hall.

February 2018

1st February Year 5 / 6 Spelling Bee competition

5th February- Assessment Week & Mini Church 11.15AM - all families welcome.

6th February- Stay n' Play for reception class

7th February- Safer Internet Day, Mentor Lunch & Communion at Church 10AM - all families welcome

12th-16th February- Half Term

Yours sincerely



Miss E Murtagh
Headteacher