

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Attendance

Year 2 had the highest attendance again this week with 99.3%, just slightly less than last week. They will have Cuddles the bear and the class voucher. Y2 - 99.3%, Y6 - 98.9%, Y4 - 98%, N - AM - 97.8%, Y3 - 97.7%, R - 97.3%, N - PM - 96.9%, Y1 - 95.2%, Y5 - 94.5%

Christian Aid Big Brekkie

Last Thursday, every class had breakfast together to help show love for people living in poverty and suffering injustice around the world. The big brekkie was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by the children. We raised a total of £150.53. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

Military School Day

Tomorrow, all children will be participating in an activity day with UK Military School. This is a great fun day filled with activities they would not normally do in the school curriculum... including an inflatable obstacle course. All children will need their PE kit in school so that they do not miss out.

Walk to School Week 2018

Walk to School Week is currently taking place and we would like as many children to walk to school as possible.

If you can't walk all the way, because you need to travel by car or bus, you can still participate by parking a distance away from school and walking the rest of the way, or by getting off the bus at an earlier stop.

Please take this opportunity to walk with your child and enjoy the health benefits walking can give; especially now the weather is fine. It's a lovely time to enjoy a conversation too.

Those children who walk every day will be able to enjoy "Happy Shoesday!" on Thursday 24th May. They can come to school wearing comfortable (sensible) footwear of their choice.

We will collate how many children walk each day to find out which class has had the greatest number of walkers. Which class will be the walking champions?

Staying Safe Online

It has come to our attention that many children have been downloading and playing a game called Bendy and the Ink Machine. After extensive research and reviews it is deemed unsuitable and inappropriate for children to play.

The game centres around characters who beat and mutilate one another. There is also references to devil worship.

When searching for the game download it does not always come under a parental rating due to the use of cartoon characters and ink replacing blood splatter, however, it has been given a "T" rating in America which is for 13 years and older.

Please check your children's devices as many parental reviews online have shared that young children have become scared and have been left traumatised when playing the game.

I refer to Common Sense media to search for game reviews and ratings if you are ever unsure of suitability for your children.

SWACA

Thank you to everyone that sent in donations for our fundraising event for SWACA on 22nd May 2018. All donations are being sent to SWACA and we also have a collection box in our Reception area.

GDPR

New GDPR regulations are coming into force on 25th May. Due to these new regulations, you need to let us know if you'd like to keep on receiving emails and text messages from us.

Our emails and text messages to you include information about newsletters, funding, school events, parent meetings and other information - all of which could be important to you and your child.

Please can you send us a simple email at admin.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk stating:-
'I would like to receive email and text communications from St Oswald's CE Primary School.'

OR

'I would like to receive email communications only from St Oswald's CE Primary School.'

OR

'I would like to receive text message communications only from St Oswald's CE Primary School.'

School PE Kits

It has come to our attention that some children are wearing their own football strip for football practice in school. Could we remind parents that all children should be wearing PE kits. In future if children do not have their PE Kits in school they will not be permitted to stay for after school club.

Breakfast Club

All payments for Breakfast Club should be made on the day. Any money that is sent into breakfast club needs to be in a named envelope. Envelopes are available to buy from the school office for 1p each.

Mrs Ford's Retirement

Mrs Ford has worked at St. Oswald's for 22 years and has supported many families and children, as you know she will be retiring this July and will be a great loss to us all. Some parents have asked if we are doing a collection for Mrs Ford. If you wish to make a donation then we will of course welcome donations and get a gift she can remember all the children she has worked with for her. Please put in a sealed envelope and hand into the school office by 13th July 2018, entitled "Mrs Ford's retirement". Thank you.

Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

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

May 2018

24th May - Military School Activity Day

25th May - INSET - school closed

Half Term

June 2018

4th June - INSET - school closed

5th June - School open. Reception and Nursery trip to Knowsley Safari Park.

7th June - Athletics Day for Years 1 - 6

11th June - Sports for All Day

12th June - World Cup Day

14th June - Local Schools Fun Run (Horizon event)

15th June - Sporties for new Reception class. PM - Sponsored Walk

18th June - 11.15 am - Mini - Church for all families of Nursery and Reception Pupils at Church
PM - Philharmonic visit for Years 1 & 2. (Key Stage 1.)
20th June - Maths Challenge for Y5/6 pupils. Whole school communion 10.00am at Church - all welcome
21st June - Maghull High Induction Day. (Year 6) Wally Cain dress Rehearsal - Year 2
22nd June - Sporties Week 2
26th June - Year 6 Leaver's Service at Liverpool Cathedral
27th June - Transition Day at Litherland High School. 3.30pm - Open Evening, Sculpture trail and meet your child's new teacher
29th June - Sporties Week 3

July 2018

2nd July - Assessment Week and last week of after school clubs
3rd July- Football presentation evening at Bootle Town Hall
5th July 3.30pm Choir, Drumming group and Singing Stars performance for parents.
6th July - Sporties Week 4. Transition morning for all classes. Mentor lunch
9th July - PFA Mufti - Day
11th July - Times tables challenge at Litherland High School PM- PFA Summer Fair
13th July - Reports go home
16th July - Stay n' Play for Reception and Nursery Parents/Carers
18th July - Meet the teacher
19th July - Public Speaking & Attendance Awards
23rd July - Special assembly for Mrs Ford. 4.00pm - Year 6 Leaver's Barbecue
24th July - Golden Apples treat. Mentor Lunch. 6.30pm - Leaver's Service - Year 6 & their families
25th July - 9.45am - End of term Service at church - all welcome. 2.00pm - Early finish for the Summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,



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