

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **Attendance**

Congratulations once again go to our Year 3 children who had the highest attendance last week with 98.7%. Cuddles the bear will be in Year 3 this week and the class will be able to spend the class voucher of £5.00. Y3 - 98.7%, Y5 - 96.7%, Y4 96%, Y6 - 95.5%, R - 94%, N - AM 93.9%, Y2 - 92%, Y1 - 91%, N - PM - 88%  
The winner of last half term was Y3.

### **School Baptism**

A school Baptism service has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 10.00am. Thank you to all those families who have shown an interest. I am sure all the children will enjoy sharing the service with you.

### **St. Oswald's fund raising hero!**

Mr Everett, a parent of one of our Year 6 children, has secured a fantastic donation of £500 from Jaguar Land Rover that will help to create and maintain a sensory garden for all children to enjoy. It will be filled with plants to encourage wildlife and leaves of different shapes, colours and scents. This will enable all the children in school to study the plants using all their senses and to monitor the wildlife we attract.

He also raised a fantastic total of £1000 from his sponsored bike ride. This is an amazing achievement and thanks to Mr Everett and to those of you who sponsored him the trip to the Unity theatre is now back on for the children this Christmas. We had cancelled this trip due to funding cuts but this can thankfully go ahead now. A massive thank you to those of you who helped raise the money and supported Mr Everett.

### **Firework Competition Winner**

Congratulations to Taylor in Year 2 who won the firework poster design competition ran by L30's Million. She had the opportunity to press the start button on the firework display on Monday night at the NAC.

### **Poppies**

Poppies are now on sale in school. This year along with poppies, there is poppy merchandise available, which is on display in the school foyer.

### **WOW! Walk to School**

A month ago, we had a visitor who introduced the WOW walk to school programme. This aims to encourage children to walk to school as often as they can. We learned about the many benefits of walking to school including:

- improving our fitness levels
- protecting the environment



- providing an opportunity for conversation
- reducing costs
- providing opportunities to practise road safety skills.

As part of the WOW programme the children will be working towards a monthly WOW badge which they will achieve if they walk, cycle or scoot to school at least three times per week. They electronically record how they have travelled to school each day and the results are collated over a month.

The children are very excited about collecting each badge and some have already received their badges. Please continue to encourage and support your child to walk to school. If it isn't possible to walk all the way please encourage them to:

- Park and stride: park away from school and allow them to walk part of the journey.
- Get off the bus 1 stop early and walk the rest of the way.
- Walk with a friend's family.
- Can you collect all 12 badges?



### GB Athlete visit: 6<sup>th</sup> November

Yesterday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Paralympic blind footballer - Roy Turnham. The day began with an inspiring assembly led by Roy, sharing his sporting journey with the children, allowing them to understand the hard work and dedication he has needed in order to achieve success. Each year group completed a challenging fitness circuit with Roy and had the opportunity to meet him. They also learned about healthy living and the importance of developing a growth mind-set. Thank you for sending in your sponsorship money for the event, if you haven't sent it into school yet, please send it in asap.

### Meet the Teacher Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Appointments for our first Meet the Teacher next Wednesday were sent home last week. If you cannot attend please do get in touch with your child's teacher as we will all do our best to see you. We all want the children to do the best that they can so look forward to working with you and seeing you there.

### Dates and Events for the Rest of the Year

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

#### November 2018

8<sup>th</sup> November - 100% attendance trip.

9<sup>th</sup> November - Individual photos for all children. PM -Inspire Event at Liverpool parish church for Year 6.

12<sup>th</sup> November - Anti - Bullying week. 11.15am - Mini church for Nursery and Reception children and families at St. Oswald's Church. 2.30pm - School nurse drop in session.

14<sup>th</sup> November - 10.00am - Whole School Communion at 10.00am - all families welcome. 2.00PM onwards - Meet the teacher.

**16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day. All to wear spots.** 1<sup>st</sup> session of Bikeability for Y6

19<sup>th</sup> November - Enterprise week.

**20<sup>th</sup> November - Universal Children's Day - All to wear blue for the Day!**

23<sup>rd</sup> November- 2<sup>nd</sup> session of Bikeability for Y6

26<sup>th</sup> November - Final week of after school clubs. Book fair to start, everyday this week.

29<sup>th</sup> November - Advent workshop at the Cathedral for Year 3.

30<sup>th</sup> November - Final day for book fair.

#### December 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> December- Experience Christmas Y1 & Y2

4<sup>th</sup> December- Experience Christmas Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

5<sup>th</sup> December - Choir Carol Singing at St Oswald's Court.

7<sup>th</sup> December - MUFTI day for PFA.

Unity Theatre - Years 2 to 6.

10<sup>th</sup> December- Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance

2.30pm - School Nurse drop in.

11<sup>th</sup> December- 1<sup>st</sup> Performance 1.30PM.

12<sup>th</sup> December- 2<sup>nd</sup> Performance 9.30AM PFA Christmas Fair 3.00PM

13<sup>th</sup> December- 10.00AM Carol Singing in Marion Square. 3<sup>rd</sup> Performance 1.30PM

14<sup>th</sup> December- Making Day, Christmas Dinner 2.15PM Stay n Play

17<sup>th</sup> December- Bitesize Theatre Company, Coverdale Puppets, Class Party PM

18<sup>th</sup> December- Christingles, Mentor Lunch & Santa Dash

20<sup>th</sup> December- 09.45AM Christingle Service & **Term Ends 2.00PM**

Yours sincerely,



Miss E. Murtagh

Headteacher

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I am interested in having my child or myself Baptised in a whole school service: and wish to discuss this further with Rev'd Elliot.

My contact details for him to contact me are as follows:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_