

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### **Attendance**

Last year we had a huge drive to improve attendance. This is a shared objective in schools across the country and in Sefton. **'You can't teach an empty chair.'**

St. Oswald's own message is:

***'You have 190 days to come to school and 175 to do everything else!'***

We hope that by working together, attendance will improve and children will achieve fully in school. Please click on the [link](#) to see the guidance for parents regarding attendance:

We reward good attendance each week and are aiming for at least 96% or better attendance.

**Congratulations to Year 1 who had the highest attendance for the last week with 98.61%.** Other class attendance was as follows:

**Y6 – 97.33%, Y4 – 96.07%, Y2 - 94.48%, Y3 – 92.76%, N- 92.33% R- 90.97%, Y5 – 90.34%**

The classes in **green** are above our target of **96%** and those in **red** are below, some significantly below. We will be targeting those with poor attendance.

We are running the scheme again in March – if children are in all of March they will get a cream egg.

### **Expert Support For Every Parenting Challenge**

This is a [free website](#) that offers lots of parenting advice on a whole range of everyday topics and challenges such as friendships, screen time, school life and mental wellbeing. There are short videos and articles that you can access that offer you reassurance and strategies to use with your child/children. It is well worth a look, is free to sign up to and you can unlock a wealth of parenting know how.

### **Parents Evening**

Our Parent's evening is on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 starting at 2.00PM. Bookings can be made for appointments from 3.30PM today via the School Spider App. Bookings close at 9.00AM on Wednesday 26.03.25. Appointments will then be allocated to parents. If you need help with accessing the School Spider App, please contact school.

### **Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets will be coming home with your child today. Your support is much appreciated as the funds raised for PFA pay for many extras for the children. If you would like extra tickets, please contact school.

### **Slow Cookers**

We have very few slow cookers still available to parents, if you are interested please call in at the office – cookers will be given out on a first come first served basis.

### **CAMHS**

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) put together a monthly newsletter for parents and professionals, signposting support such as groups, training and workshops. Click the [link](#) to have a look and see if there is anything of any interest. If you have any questions you can contact our SENCO via the school office.

### **Easter Bonnet Competition**

Our Easter Bonnet competition will take place on 4th April. There will be a first and second prize winner in each class.

### **Dates for 2025**

For school term dates for the forthcoming academic year and upcoming events for this year, please see the school calendar on our [website](#)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **March**

24<sup>th</sup> March Assessment week

25<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am Year 3 Class Assembly in school hall. All Year 3 families welcome

3.45pm Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents  
 26<sup>th</sup> March 2pm - Year 4 swimming  
 28<sup>th</sup> March TT Rockstars competition  
 31<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am – Stay N’ Play Nursery. 2.15pm – Stay N’ Play Nursery & Reception  
 Year 3 sponsored silence for WWF

**April**

1<sup>st</sup> April 9.15am Year 2 Class Assembly in school hall. All Year 3 families welcome  
 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2pm - Year 4 swimming & Parent meetings in the school hall  
 3<sup>rd</sup> April Easter Bunny Fun run  
 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.45am – End of term service at church – all parents and families welcome  
 Easter Bonnet competition  
**2pm – School closes for the Easter holidays**

**After School Clubs after Easter Holidays**

Details on After School Clubs being offered after Easter can be found [here](#). Please note that our spring clubs are at the top of the page, the summer clubs are lower down. Please send an email to [childrensuniversity.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:childrensuniversity.stoswalds@schools.sefton.gov.uk) to apply for a place. If children are opting to take a place the expectation is that they attend **EVERY WEEK**.

Please note that clubs commence w/c 28.04.25 and run for 10 weeks. Please note that there will be no clubs w/b 02.06.25

We still have places in the following clubs:

Mon	<i>All clubs are now full.</i>	
Tues	Speed Stacking	Y4/Y5
	Yoga	Y1/Y2
Wed	Choir	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
	Yoga & Dance	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
Th	Glockenspiel	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
	Study Support	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
Fri	Football	Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

**Article 22:** If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

**Our School Vision**

Through valuing all individuals as children of God we believe in promoting an inclusive school community, rooted in mutual respect, understanding and kindness towards others. As God taught us:

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.' (Proverbs 22:6)

Our school's vision is to nurture a resilient community where the love of learning thrives. We foster an environment where every member feels supported in order to flourish, be empowered to overcome challenges, embrace growth and contribute positively to God's world.

' Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

**Christian Values** This month's Christian Value is **Justice**.

**Romans 12:19** Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

**A Prayer for our School**

*This is our school,  
 Let peace dwell here,  
 let peace begin with me.  
 Let the room be full of contentment  
 Let love abide here  
 Love of human kind, love of life itself  
 And love of God  
 Let us remember that as many hands  
 build a house,  
 Many hearts build a school.  
 Amen*

Yours sincerely,



Miss E Murtagh  
 Headteacher

