

# St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School



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## We are an Operation Encompass School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you all for your fantastic support. Your children continue to flourish because of the great connections we have between home and school.

It has been great seeing so many of you at our school events this term including the Summer Fayre, Sports Day, Year 6 leavers events and our Class 'Celebration of the Word'. Your feedback has been really positive and I appreciate the time you give up to support our school community. It has been an extra special year celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so thank you to everyone who helped plan and attended the events.

I would also like to thank our fantastic staff and governors, who have worked so hard to ensure your children continue to thrive and make good progress as they journey through our school.

My final and biggest thank you must go to our amazing children who have worked so hard this year and whose behaviour has been exemplary.

I am so proud to be Headteacher of such a happy and vibrant school and I would like to thank you for your continued support. Thank you for all of the great written feedback we have received from parent surveys and reports – this really supports the school moving forward.

I wish you all a safe, restful and happy summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

Best wishes,

Mr D Woodhouse

### Staffing Update:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Miss Footes to our teaching team. She is really looking forward to starting her new role at our school in September. I am sure she will be very happy here with us at St Oswald's.



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**INSET Day:**

Our summer term will end **today at 1.15pm**, and school will reopen on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Please note that **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** is an INSET Day – school will be closed to children. **School will now begin at 8.55am and finish at 3.25pm every day.**

**Ice Cream Van:**

On Wednesday we were visited by an ice cream van. The children all enjoyed an ice cream or lolly in the sun, this was made possible by the money raised at our summer fayre.

**Reading Books:**

If you have any school, reading books at home can you please return them to school when the children return to school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** so that we can re-stock our library in preparation for the new academic year.

**Uniform:**

Please read and follow our uniform policy on our website. Uniform with our updated badge on will be available from Initial Images and BE Uniforms. Children may also wear a non-badged jumper/cardigan in royal blue.

A reminder that earrings of any kind are **not permitted** in school. For health and safety reasons, if your child does have their ears pierced, earrings should be removed before coming into school each day. Children wearing earrings in school will be asked to remove them. Fake nails and make up are also not allowed.

**After school clubs:**

Please note that after school clubs will start up again from **Monday 9th September**. A letter will be sent out on the first day of the new term to announce which clubs are running and to allow you to book a place.

**Attendance**

Attendance at school is compulsory. This means that every child should be in school every day. In all year groups (Nursery-Year 6), new learning is introduced daily and so it is essential that gaps in learning are not created because of unnecessary absence from school. Please do **everything possible** to ensure that your child is in school from the start of the new school year in September.

You have received a letter about the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by the Government. If you have any questions regarding absence and fines, please contact the school office.

**Safety on the metro:**

We have been contacted by Tyne and Wear Metro to remind children about keeping safe on and near the metro. There are hidden risks such as high-speed trains and 1500 volts of electricity running through the live wires. Please take a moment to talk to your children about how to stay safe whilst using public transport.

**Water and Sun Safety:**

We hope that you manage to spend some relaxing holiday time in or near the water, along our beautiful coastline or in our great swimming pools. This is another chance to talk to your children about keeping themselves safe whilst taking part in water-based activities. Hopefully the weather improves and we get some sunshine. Remember to use sun cream, hats and sunglasses on warm days.

**Dogs:**

Please remember that we **do not allow dogs** on our premises, including all our outside space and the two yards.



### **Our Year 6 Children:**

Thank you for being fantastic role models for the younger children in our school. You have worked so hard and should be extremely proud of the progress you have made. It has been a pleasure seeing you all grow during your time spent at St Oswald's and I know that you will all continue to flourish as you move onto the next stage on your journey.

***'Behind you, all your memories  
Before you, all your dreams,  
Around you, all who love you  
Within you, all you need.'***