



Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well.

Attendance

We have had a fantastic start to the year in regard to attendance. Our attendance this week was 99%, making an average of 98.9% since we started back after the summer holidays – a wonderful achievement!

Curriculum Evenings

A reminder that Curriculum Evenings will be taking place in school over the next three weeks when teachers will give an insight into what your child will be learning and experiencing in their new class (please see Dates for Diaries below for individual class dates and times). Like last year, we have staggered the start times and dates to give the opportunity for those families who have children in different year groups to attend more than one if they wish. Mrs Wills will be delivering a Reading workshop for Reception. If you are unable to make the meetings, the presentations will be available on the school website soon after.

Asda donations to schools

You may have already heard via the PTA that Asda have teamed up with Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - to donate to primary schools across the UK. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. We have already gained £200 from families and friends who have signed up. All you need to do is:

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Choose our Primary School – either searching by name or postcode (**NE3 5LE**)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Anyone can sign up – you don't need to have children in the school.

Thank you so much in advance for your support with this – our school needs every penny it can get!

PTA Cake Sale

Next Friday, the PTA are organising a Cake Sale after school. If you are able to donate any bought or baked cakes (no nuts please), that would be fantastic! I look forward to seeing you there.

Class Blogs & X (formerly Twitter)

A reminder that throughout the year, information and photographs of what your children have been doing in school can be found in the 'Class Blogs' page on our school website within the 'Pupils' tab. Photographs of our Headteacher and Monthly Achiever Award winners can also be found within the same section under 'Photo Gallery' at www.stoswaldsnewcastle.co.uk

You can also get an insight into life in school by following us on X (formerly Twitter) at: @StOswaldsRCgos

PTO for Dates for Diaries:



Dates for Diaries

Please find below some updated key dates for the Summer term (recently added dates in red):

September

Monday 23rd September – Reception Reading meeting for parents 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Monday 23rd September – Year 1 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Monday 23rd September – Year 2 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 26th September – Brain Development Parent Workshop in school 9:00am

Friday 27th September – Year 2 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

Friday 27th September – PTA Cake Sale after school

October

Tuesday 1st October – Year 5 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Tuesday 1st October – Year 6 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday 2nd October – PTA AGM in school 8:45am. All are welcome (Details to follow)

Wednesday 2nd October – Year 3 Curriculum Evening 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Wednesday 2nd October – Year 4 Curriculum Evening 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Friday 4th October – Year 6 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

Monday 7th – Friday 11th October – Book Week in school

Wednesday 9th October – Book Fair arrives in school

Friday 11th October – Book Character Day (Children can dress up as a book character or wear non-uniform)

Monday 14th October – NSPCC Workshops in Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6 (Details to follow)

Friday 18th October – Sponsored Bounce in school (details to follow)

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:20pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 24th October – Reception & Year 5 'Special Friends' Liturgy for parents from both classes in school 9:00am

Thursday 24th October – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:20pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 24th October – Break up for half term holidays

November

Monday 4th November – School re-opens for children

Friday 8th November – Year 4 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

Tuesday 12th November – Reception & Year 6 Height and Weights (Details to follow)

Thursday 14th November – Year 4 Hawkhurst Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

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Friday 15th November – Year 3 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

Thursday 21st November – Year 5 Keswick Residential meeting for parents 5pm (Online)

Thursday 21st November – Year 6 Borrowdale meeting for parents 5:45pm (Online)

Tuesday 26th November – Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination for all classes in school (Details to follow)

Friday 29th November - Year 1 Celebration of the Word for parents in school 9:00am

December

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair in school 3pm-5pm (TBC)

Tuesday 10th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9:00am

Wednesday 11th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9:00am

Thursday 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9:00am

Friday 13th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9:00am

Monday 16th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 18th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm **TBC**

Friday 20th December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 20th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

PTO for other important dates:

Monday 6th January 2025 – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May 2025 – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th June 2025 – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th June 2025 – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June 2025 – Year 5 residential to Keswick

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

