



Dear families,

19th May 2023

I hope you are all well.

October 2023 Half term Holiday Club

As you know, the holiday dates for all schools in the Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust were published earlier this year and it transpired that they were not aligned to the non-Catholic schools in the Trust's 3 local authorities.

While the February 2024 half term holidays have been changed so that they do now fall in line with the other schools, the October 2023 half term break is still taking place a week earlier than the community schools.

Gosforth Park Out of School Club, who offer wraparound care before and after school at St Oswald's during term time and during the holidays at Havannah First School, are looking to see if there is any interest to open the club in our own school during the October 2023 half term (23rd - 27th October).

In order for them to be able to establish whether this would be a viable option, could you please contact Gosforth Park Out of School Club by **Friday 16th June 2023** via the email address below to register your interest. Thank you.

admin@gosforthparkoutofschoolclub.co.uk

Children's Cancer Run

Last Sunday, we had another amazing turnout at Gosforth Park Racecourse for the Children's Cancer Run with over 140 runners representing St Oswald's! Children and families took part in a 1-mile, 3-mile or 5-mile run. The atmosphere was amazing as always and the weather was kind to us too! Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day and to those who have kindly donated towards this excellent cause. I look forward to seeing you there next year!

Sponsored Bounce

Thank you all so much for your generosity towards our Sponsored Bounce earlier this half term. The children had a great time, raising an unbelievable **£1111!!** Thanks to the PTA for organising it and helping out on the day (those bounces don't count themselves!)

Staff INSET day

A reminder that school will be closed to children on **Friday 26th May** for a staff INSET day. School will re-open after the half term holidays on Monday 5th June.

Road Crossing Patrol Fundraiser

Parklands Community Crossing are once again raising funds to provide the crossing patrol warden to continue keeping our children safe on the corner of Broadway East and Granville Road. If you would like to make a donation to this very important cause, you can do so by following the link [HERE](#).

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Class Blogs & Twitter

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 Twitter at: @StOswaldsRCgos

Sun cream

Can I please ask that during any hot spells of weather we may be lucky enough to have, that children come to school with sun cream already applied. If you feel that your child will need to reapply the sun cream when they are in school, could I ask that, due to allergies, it is not shared with other children. Thank you in advance for your support with this. Children are also encouraged to wear sun hats/caps to give added protection from the sun.

Mrs Watkins

Finally, we are really sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Watkins who will be leaving us next week to take up her new role at Archbishop Runcie First School. She started at St Oswald's last April and has been a fantastic addition to our team. Good luck at your new school – we will all miss you lots!

Dates for diaries:

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

May

Friday 19th May - Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Monday 22nd May – Year 5 Geography field trip to Cullercoats

Monday 22nd May – Year 6 Bake Sale after school

Tuesday 23rd May – NSPCC workshops for Year 5 & Year 6 in school

Tuesday 23rd May – Year 6 Science workshop in school

Wednesday 24th May – Computing workshops for Year 5 & Year 6 in school

Wednesday 24th May – Year 4 trip to the Centre for Life

Thursday 25th May – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Thursday 25th May – School closes for the half term holidays

Friday 26th May - Staff Training Day (School closed to children)

June

Monday 5th June – School re-opens for the second half of the Summer Term

Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th June – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

Tuesday 13th June – Photographer in school

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Tuesday 13th June – School Nurse delivering a session in Year 5 (Body Changes)

Thursday 15th June – Year 5 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Thursday 15th June – Year 4 Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse

Saturday 17th June – Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church (10am)

Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June – Year 5 residential to Keswick

Tuesday 20th June – Photographer in school

Tuesday 20th June – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Multi-skill session led by the Newcastle Sports Service

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd June – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

Friday 23rd June – Reception Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Monday 26th June – Year 1 and Year 6 trip to Beamish (NEW DATE)

Tuesday 27th June – Year 4 trip to St Mary's High School for a 'Music and Dance Showcase'

Thursday 29th June – Year 5 Modern Foreign Language and Food Day at Sacred Heart High School

Thursday 29th June – Parents Online Safety session in school (5pm)

Friday 30th June – Year 4 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

July

Wednesday 5th July – French day in school

Wednesday 5th July – Celebration of work drop-in afternoon (3pm – 5pm in classes)

Thursday 6th July – Year 5 trip to Holy Island

Thursday 6th July – 'Rock Pool School' marine life Science session in Reception class

Friday 7th July – Year 2 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Friday 7th July – Year 4 Bikeability (details to follow)

Thursday 13th July – Sports Day (Rec & KS1 AM/KS2 PM)

Saturday 15th July – Summer Fair in school 11am – 1pm

Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass in school 7pm

Thursday 20th July – St Oswald's Primary School 60th Anniversary Day (details to follow)

Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in school 9am

Friday 21st July – School closes for the Summer holidays

With my very best wishes,



P Marley