



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Christmas Fair

A reminder that the Christmas Fair is taking place in school this year between 3pm and 5pm next Friday (8th December). Thank you so much for the very kind donation of toys, games, bottles and chocolates etc. Donations can still be made to the school office at any time ahead of the big day. Additional raffle tickets are also available on request.

Christmas Nativities

Nativity rehearsals are well under way and we are all very excited about inviting you into school over the next few weeks to see them. Like last year, due to cost and availability, we will not be having the performances professionally recorded. Parents can take photographs etc on the day but, as always, we ask that these are not shared on social media or anywhere online. To help limit audience numbers in the hall, we have scheduled two performances for each year group. To avoid overcrowding, can I ask that individuals do not attend both performances. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Residential Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Residential meetings in school over the last few weeks. The presentations can be found in the Class Blogs section of the school website under the 'Pupils' tab. The trips are now available on ParentPay for those who wish to pay for the visits in installments.

End of term Reports

End of term progress reports for children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be sent out before the end of term. Parents of children in Reception will be invited to have an additional Parents' meeting with Mrs Wills in the new year instead.

School Attendance

Information relating to the importance of regular school attendance, including guidance about when you should keep your children off school and for how long if they are unwell, as well as advice about when you don't need to, can be found on the school website by following the link [HERE](#).

Class Blogs & X (formerly Twitter)

A reminder that 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 key dates for the Autumn Term (recently added dates in red):

December

Monday 4th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Team Games session led by the Newcastle Sports Service

Monday 4th December – Year 3 trip to the Great North Museum

Wednesday 6th December – Year 5 Carols at St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 7th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair in school 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 12th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Wednesday 13th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity in school 9am

Thursday 14th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Friday 15th December - Year 3 & Year 4 Nativity in school 9am

Monday 18th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch day

Wednesday 20th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 22nd December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other Important Dates:

Monday 8th January – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 24th May - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th June – Year 4 residential to Hawkhirst

Saturday 15th June – Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration at Sacred Heart Church

Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th June – Year 5 residential to Keswick

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st June – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley