



28th March 2024

Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Holy Week

Holy Week is always a very special time to be in school and over the course of this week, the children have been given a number of opportunities to reflect and engage in lots of different ways to acknowledge this very important time of the year.

On Tuesday morning, our Year 6 Faith in Action team invited families into school as they led a lovely Easter reflection. Year 4 joined children from other Newcastle Catholic Primary Schools to take part in a Stations of the Cross service at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle while the rest of the school observed the Stations in school, led again by our Faith in Action team.



On Wednesday evening, Year 4 and Year 5 performed their retelling of the Passion at Sacred Heart Church. It was an incredibly moving and spiritual version of Jesus' journey to the cross, told very emotionally through words, music and dance - staff, families and members of the parish were so proud of them.



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Today, the children in Reception class told their very special version of the Easter story for families and friends. The children sang, danced and prayed beautifully – it was such a pleasure to see!



Catholic Life Questionnaire

The Catholic Life of a Catholic school should be reflected in its mission statement and how it is lived.

St Oswald's School Mission Statement:

'At St Oswald's, we aim to promote a learning community based on the Gospel values of love, trust and respect where the achievements of everyone are recognised and celebrated.

Living, Learning and Loving together with Christ'.

The copy of this newsletter that was sent out via email to parents contains a link to complete a short survey around the Catholic Life of our school. Your responses will allow us to reflect on the Catholic Life of the school at St Oswald's. The email was sent out on Friday 28th March. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Easter Egg Competition

On Monday, the children showed off their amazing talents and imaginations with some fantastic decorated Easter Eggs! As always, we were overwhelmed by the fabulous range of entries. It was a very difficult task judging them, but votes from staff were counted, and winners were chosen. Please see below for examples of some of the entries, along with the children who won.



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Children's Cancer Run 2024

A reminder that the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park is due to take place on Sunday 19th May 2024. If you are planning to join us, there is an early bird discount on the entry fee up until the 31st March (this Sunday). It would be great to see you there. You can sign up by following the link [HERE](#).

Changes to PE days:

After Easter, many classes will have PE on different days (again!) due to the fact that there will be a number of external coaches working with the children in school. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes but unfortunately, it is unavoidable.

Children will have PE on the following days (classes whose days have changed are highlighted):

Reception: Monday & Thursday

Year 1: Thursday & Friday

Year 2: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3: Monday & Thursday

Year 4: Thursday & Friday

Year 5: Monday & Wednesday

Year 6: Tuesday & Friday

Dates for diaries:

Please find below the dates of events planned for the Summer Term (Other dates of trips and class liturgies etc will be added soon):

April

Monday 15th April – School re-opens for the start of the Summer term

Wednesday 17th April – Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop 8:45am

Thursday 18th April – Year 2 visit to the Rising Sun Country Park

May

Wednesday 8th May – Reception visit to the Great North Museum

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

Monday 13th – Thursday 23rd May – Year 4 Swimming sessions every afternoon at Gosforth pool (details to follow)

Thursday 23rd May – School closes for the half term holidays

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

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June

Monday 3rd June – School re-opens for the second half of the Summer Term

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

Friday 14th June – Photographer in school

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

Monday 17th June – Photographer in school

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

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

Saturday 29th June – Summer Fair in school 11am – 1pm (TBC)

July

Tuesday 9th July – Year 2 visit to the Discovery Museum

Wednesday 10th & Friday 12th July – Year 6 Feeder Secondary school transition days

Friday 19th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Friday 19th July – School closes for the Summer holidays

I hope you have a lovely Easter break.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

