



8th March 2024

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Parents' Consultation Evenings

Our Spring term Parents' Consultation Evenings will take place on **Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th March**. An email/text message has been sent out - if you have any difficulty making an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. The appointment slots are for 10 minutes. If you feel you need to speak to your child's teacher for longer than this, please make an alternative appointment on another day to ensure appointments are kept to time. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Children's Cancer Run 2024

We would love for you and your family to join our school team for the Children's Cancer Run at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park on **Sunday 19th May 2024**. When we have entered as a school in previous years, it has been a fantastic way to make a difference as a school community and to have lots of fun at the same time. If you are planning to join us, **there is an early bird discount on the entry fee up until the 31st March**. Families or family members who have left St Oswald's are also very welcome to come along and join us – it would be lovely to see you! To register to run, follow the link [HERE](#). For further details, please see the attached letter.

Key Stage 2 Performance Recognition

Last week, Damian Hinds, the Minister for Schools, wrote congratulating St Oswald's for the very high standard of achievement demonstrated last year in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of KS2. Our results showed that 90% of children in Year 6 reached or exceeded the expected standard, placing us in the top 2% of primary schools in the country. I would like to thank the children, staff and families for all of their hard work that helps prepare our children for the next step in their education – what a fantastic team effort.

Easter Egg Competition

This year, we are once again holding our very popular Easter Egg Competition in school! For those families who may not have been in school when we have run the competition before, children are invited to decorate a hardboiled egg(s) which will then be judged by members of staff. Each class are allocated an area to display their eggs in the hall and a winner and runner up will receive a prize in each year group. This year, the decorated eggs should be brought into school on **Monday 25th March**. Families are invited to come to the hall at the end of the day to have a look at all the amazing entries. Good luck!

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Sacred Heart Newcastle SCITT

We, at St Oswald's, are proud to be part of the Sacred Heart Newcastle SCITT, an Initial Teacher Training partnership in the north-east. If you, or anyone you know, have a degree and are interested in pursuing a career in teaching, please see the information on the poster that is attached to this email.

Dates for diaries:

Please find below some key dates for the Spring Term:

Friday 8th March – Year 1 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Friday 15th March – Year 3 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Monday 18th March – Year 6 visit to the 'Safety Works' interactive safety centre

Monday 18th March – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:10pm – 6pm (Reception - Year 6)

Tuesday 19th March – Year 1 visit to the Castle Keep

Wednesday 20th March – Parents' Consultation Evening in school 3:10pm – 6pm (Reception - Year 6)

Thursday 21st March – Year 4 Dance Festival (details to follow)

Friday 22nd March – Year 6 Liturgy for parents in school 9am

Monday 25th March – Easter Egg Competition in school

Tuesday 26th March – Year 4 Stations of the Cross with other Catholic schools at St Mary's Cathedral

Wednesday 27th March – Year 4 & Year 5 Easter Production at Sacred Heart Church 7pm

Thursday 28th March – Reception Easter Story for parents in school 9am

Thursday 28th March – Break up for the Easter holidays

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

Other Important Dates:

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

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

With my very best wishes,

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