



23rd May 2024

Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

Miss Rushton

After 4 very successful years as a class teacher, Miss Rushton is leaving St Oswald's at the end of the summer term to begin a very exciting new role at Hadrian School in Newcastle. Miss Rushton will be a huge miss to the children, staff and parents of our school but I'm sure you will join me in wishing her every success for the future. The children and families at Hadrian are very lucky to have her working with them.

Summer Fair 2024

St Oswald's Summer Fair will be held in school on Saturday 29th June, from 11am until 1pm.

The PTA committee are already working hard to get things ready for what promises to be another great event but would really appreciate any help from parents, grandparents and friends. Can you bake something for the cake stall? Work on a stall for an hour? Help to set up or clear away? If you are in a position to volunteer in any way, please speak to a committee member or email them at stoswaldspta@gmail.com

Historically, families have been very generous with donations to the summer fair raffle. If you have a connection to a local business who would be keen to donate a prize, then please speak to one of the committee or contact them via the above email.

We will also be very grateful for the donation of toys and games for our ever-popular toy stall. Please bring unwanted items (which can be pre-loved but in good working order) to the school office after half term. Thank you in advance.

Children's Cancer Run 2024

Last Sunday, we had another amazing turnout at Gosforth Park Racecourse for the Children's Cancer Run with over 100 runners representing St Oswald's! Children and families took part in a mini-mile, 3-mile or 5-mile run. The atmosphere was amazing as always even if the weather wasn't as kind as it has been in the past! 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!



Staff INSET day

A reminder that school will be closed to children tomorrow (**Friday 24th May**) for a staff INSET day. School will re-open after the half term holidays on Monday 3rd June.

Online Safety Meeting for Parents (via Zoom)

Alongside our school safeguarding partner, we are holding an online meeting for parents to address the very important issue of keeping your children safe online.

The presentation will take place via Zoom at **5pm on Tuesday 11th June**. Even if you have attended meetings previously, I would advise you to do so again as things like computer games and Apps change and develop at such a speedy rate that it is hard sometimes to keep track with what you need to be aware/concerned about.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible – I will send the link nearer the time.

Changes to PE days:

After half term, 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 & Friday

Year 1: Thursday & Friday

Year 2: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 4: Monday & Thursday

Year 5: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6: Monday & Thursday

Dates for diaries:

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

June

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

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

Tuesday 11th June – Parent Online Safety session via Zoom (link to follow)

PTO



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

Friday 28th June – Non-uniform day in aid of tombola stall for Summer Fair

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

July

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 5 & Year 6 Science workshops in school

Wednesday 3rd July – Year 1 and Year 6 trip to Beamish

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

Friday 5th July – Year 5 Drama club's performance of 'Hamlet' at the Northern Stage 6pm

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 half term break.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

