

Dear families,

21st July 2023

I hope you are all well.

Year 6

As we come to the end of another academic year, our Year 6 children will be leaving us today to begin new adventures away from St Oswald's. Every single one of them have been an absolute pleasure to have in school in their final year (and throughout) and have been a real credit to their families and us all. They have conducted themselves brilliantly in everything they have done - their new schools are so lucky to have them. I wish them and their families every happiness and hope they will all come back to see us very soon.



Summer Fair

As you know, our Summer Fair took place last Saturday and was a huge success as always, raising an amazing £1,881! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic PTA who had prepared for the day so meticulously only to then have to demonstrate unbelievable versatility to turn an outside Summer Fair into an inside one at the very last minute! A huge thank you also to all those who braved the conditions to help out on the day and to everyone who came along to support it. It was great to see so many people together having such a lovely time. A special thank you to the very kind individuals and businesses who donated prizes for our raffle - it is greatly appreciated.

Internet Safety Meeting

Thank you to those parents who attended our Online Safety Awareness session at the end of June. It was a really interesting session containing a lot of information and guidance about keeping children safe online. One of the websites that was flagged up of particular use was [Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/). This site includes valuable age-specific online safety checklists and guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices amongst many other things.

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School Games

We were very proud last week to upgrade our Gold School Games Award to Platinum! We continue to strive to provide the children with a range of sporting opportunities both inside and outside the curriculum and already have even more planned for next year. Congratulations to Mrs Summersby and our Sports Crew for all of their continued hard work.

Training Days 2023-24

As previously communicated, the following days have been identified for staff training on which school will be closed to children:

Monday 4th September, 2023

Monday 8th January, 2024

Friday 24th May, 2024

School Uniform reminder

Ahead of the school holidays when new uniform etc will no doubt be purchased, can I remind families that children should continue to come to school on days they have PE in their PE kits. This should be a pale blue T-shirt (with or without the school name on) and navy blue shorts. School hoodies may also be worn on PE days. The children may also wear plain navy blue or black joggers. On non-PE days, children should wear black school shoes and not trainers. Can I also ask that children avoid 'extreme' hairstyles such as mohawks, tramlines and patterned or brightly coloured hair. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We hold a large stock of donated uniform in school (in all sizes) that families are welcome to collect by calling in at the school office.

Class Blogs

A reminder that Class Blogs containing information and photographs of what your children have been doing in school throughout this year can be viewed on our school website at www.stoswaldsnewcastle.co.uk You can also follow us on Twitter at @StOswaldsRCgos

Finally, I would like to thank you all once again for your continued support and kindness this year – it is massively appreciated. Thank you also for the very generous gifts and lovely messages that you have given me and staff at the end of this term.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff - they have once again supported the children brilliantly in so many ways. We are so lucky to have such a caring and talented team who always go above and beyond to try to make the children's experiences in school as happy and as rewarding as possible.

On behalf of myself, Governors and staff, I hope that you and your family have a lovely, well-deserved break over the summer and I look forward to welcoming you back when we return in September.

With my thanks and very best wishes,



P Marley

