



St Oswald's CE Aided Infant and Nursery School



News Letter – May / June/July 2011

Diary dates for May, June and July are at the end of this newsletter

Clubs in Term 3

Cookery & Gardening	Y2	Mon	3-4.30	9/5, 23/5, 20/6, & 4.7.11(Strawberries)
Cookery & Gardening	Y1	Mon	3-4.30	16/5, 13/6, 27/6 & 11.7.11 (Blueberries)
French	R, Y1, Y2	Tuesday	12.00 - 12.30	
		Friday	12.00 - 12.30 & 12.30 - 1.00	
Outdoor Activities	Y1 & Y2	Tues	3-4	alternate weeks
Skipping	Y2	Thurs	12-12.25	
Football	Y1, Y2	Thurs	3-4	



Sunny Weather



During the summer months can parents please ensure children have a (named) hat to wear at playtimes? Reception class and Nursery children play and work outside throughout the day, so a sun hat is essential. Most sun creams are effective for up to 3 hours and some last all day. Therefore, can sun cream be applied at home and if necessary sent in children's bags for them to apply again themselves at lunch time.

Staff will supervise children but are not permitted to apply any non-prescribed creams.

Waterproof Coat

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school at all times.

Class 1 Assembly

On Tuesday 26th May, parents of Class 1 children are invited to join our assembly, which will be led by Class 1. After the assembly they will be invited into the classroom to look at the children's work between 9.15 and 10am. Siblings are welcome; however, if they become restless please can you take them into the library in order to avoid the class losing their concentration. Thank you.

Easter Garden Competition

The children made a huge effort with their gardens which all looked beautiful. The winners all received an Easter egg. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all those who entered.

Fund Raising

Thanks to all who supported our fundraising event last term. We sold Easter Toys on behalf of St Cuthbert's Hospice. We raised £163. 55, for which St Cuthbert's are extremely grateful.

Water Bottles

If your child loses his/her water bottle we can supply another one for £1. Please see Mrs Colwell in the office. Children **must** bring their water bottle to school particularly this term as there will hopefully be some warm days. Research shows that children's concentration improves when they drink water as well as the obvious benefits of being well hydrated.

PE Kits

Please can parents ensure all children have a named PE kit, including plimsolls that fit correctly in school every day? Can those children who use their PE kits for football club and then go home wearing them, please bring them back to school on Monday morning?

Punctuality

If your child arrives late please can you ensure a member of staff knows he/she has arrived? Thank you.

Attendance

Thank you to all parents for ensuring children are not unnecessarily off school or arriving late. It is vitally important that children arrive for school on time and are ready to commence their activities. Lateness can cause disruption to the class and can make the child feel unsettled. It may also mean that the important teacher input part of a lesson is missed resulting in children being unclear of what they are being asked to do.

It is also important that Nursery children learn about arriving for school on time and get used to the routine of school and nursery life. Late arrivals in Nursery are unsettling for the other children.

If you need to remove your child from school for extended holidays, we ask that permission is granted prior to the event. Requests for more than 2 weeks of absence within a school year will in future be discussed by the governing body of the school. Additional absence from school can result in gaps in children's knowledge, so we ask that you seriously consider this before taking additional holidays.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Students visiting school

During week commencing 13th June we welcome two Hong Kong students. They will be spending the week in Nursery. Their visit is planned by Durham University as part of their B Ed English Language Immersion Programme. The students are training to be Early Years Teachers in Hong Kong.

National Sports week

Events will be held in school during Week commencing 27th June to celebrate the forthcoming Olympic Games. Further details will follow from Mr Handy. This will also be a time to celebrate Olympic values and will include events surrounding a celebration of all of the countries in the world represented in this school.



Transition sessions

Children will be visiting their next classroom and working with their new teacher on various days during June and July. Parents are invited to attend a transition session on Tuesday 12th July at 3.00pm along with your child to have a tour of their new classroom.



Celebration Assembly - Infants Only

On Tuesday 19th July a celebration of children's dancing and musical talents will take place (for children only). If your child would like to sing, dance or play an instrument please complete the attached form and return it to school by 14th July.

Parent Teacher Appointments

Children's reports for class 1, 2 and 3 will be issued on Friday 1st July and Nursery final reports on Monday July 11th. The report will have a reply slip for you to complete to advise the teacher if you would like an appointment to discuss any issues or would like further clarification about progress.

New class teachers information

In July an information sheet will be sent out for you to return to your child's new teacher. This sheet will request valuable information about your child's likes, dislikes, hobbies and interests. This will give a valuable insight into how the teacher may be able to capitalise on the information in order to enrich your child's educational experience within this school. The sheet can be returned to the appropriate class teacher following the Transition visit on Tuesday July 12th.



Leavers' Assembly

The Leavers' Assembly takes place in St Oswald's Church on Wednesday 20th July at 9.15am. Everyone will be made welcome.

Friends of St Oswald's

The date for the summer fair will be decided at the friends meeting on May 18th. A decision was made to cancel the table top sale due to a high proportion of school families being unable to attend. This event will now be combined with the school fair later in the term.

Anyone who would like to come along and find out how you can contribute to the friends activities will be made most welcome. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm at the school.

Vouchers

Please send in your Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers by Wednesday 15th June. We will be posting them on Monday 27th June. Many thanks to all who have been saving and sending in these vouchers.

Lost Property

Please note that all lost property remaining in school at the end of the summer will be given to a charity shop. Please ensure you come in and look for anything you may be missing.

Sunshine Club



The Sunshine Club Holiday Club will open 8am-6pm from Tuesday 31st May until Friday 3rd June to cover the half term holiday and the summer holidays from Thursday 21st July until Tuesday 6th September inclusive. There will be a wide range of activities for the children to enjoy during the holidays, as well as themed days. The aim of the child care centre is to provide parents with a service that reflects your needs. If, therefore, you wish to leave your child for a period not mentioned in the prospectus, e.g. 11.30-3.00 please write this on your application form. For further information contact Liz Donbavand on 0191 3868322.

Parent Governors

Karen Barrie, Joshua McKim and Kath Rochester are parents on St. Oswald's School's Board of Governors. As parents and governors we are here for you and would be happy to speak with you about any ideas, concerns, or accolades relating to the school and its operation and raise these with the school. In addition, if appropriate, these can be raised at one of the three meetings each year of the Board. Of course, you should always feel free to contact your child's teacher, Mrs. Harrison or any other staff at St. Oswald's as well. We look forward to hearing from you.
Joshua McKim (Colby - Class 2, Simon - Nursery)

CRB's

We will offer parents the opportunity to help with their child's class or company them on school trips. We are required to ensure all helpers in school are police checked. If you would like to help in your child class or on a school trip, please ask Mrs. Colwell for a CRB form. Please also note that if you have a CRB clearance which is not for St Oswald's School the regulations state that you must complete a new form for this school.



Music and Dance Celebration - Tuesday 19th July

Name Class would like

to take part in the Music and Dance assembly. He/she can

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bring the necessary resources on that day.

Please return to school by Wednesday 13th July

Diary Dates

Day	Date	Event
MAY		
Tue	3rd	School opens for new term
Wed	4th	Story teller for writing workshop with class 2 & 3
Thurs	5 th	NSPCC / Child line Launch fundraising through assembly
Wed	11th	Class 2 Outdoor Sports morning Sherburn Leisure centre -AM
Mon	16th	National Walk to School week
Mon	23rd	National Vegetarian Week
Tue	24th	Cranmer Hall students in school for 3 days
Thurs	26th	Class 1 Assembly 9.05
Fri	27th	Last day before half term
JUNE		
Mon	6th	INSET day school closed. Sunshine Club open
Tue	7th	School opens
Tue	7th	Multi Skills event at Durham Johnston's for class 2 and 3
Fri	10th	Togs for Dogs event -hearing dogs for the deaf. Non uniform day
Mon	13 th	Students from Hong Kong in Nursery this week
TUE	14th	Class 2/3 trip to Whitehouse farm
Wed	15th	Class 1 trip to Nature's World
Thurs	16th	Full Governing Body meeting 4.00 pm
Fri	17 th	New Nursery children for Sept to visit
Tues	21 st	New Nursery children for Sept to visit
Wed	22 nd	Nursery trip to Hall Hill Farm
Thurs	23rd	New Nursery children for Sept to visit
Mon	27th	Durham high School Work experience week
Mon	27th	National School Sports week
Mon	27th	Sports day weather permitting
Mon	27th	Whole school art exhibition in hall
Tue	28th	Whole school art exhibition in hall
Wed	29th	EXPO Chef International Food event class 2 & 3
JULY		
Fri	1st	Children's reports sent out- class 1,2 & 3
Tues	5th	New reception children 2.30 - 3.30
Mon	11th	St Leonards & Easington School work experience week
Thurs	14th	New reception children 2.30 - 3.30
Wed	20th	Leavers service St Oswald's Church. Last day of term
Thurs	21st	INSET day for teachers school closed Sunshine club open
Fri	22nd	Holiday (Royal Wedding designated day) Sunshine Club open
SEPT		
Mon	5th	INSET day for teachers
Tue	6th	INSET day for teachers
WED	7th	School opens for new term