



St Oswald's C of E Aided Primary and Nursery School

Summer Term 2018 Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope that you all had a fun and restful Easter break.

We warmly welcome some new starters to our Nursery and Sunshine Club this term. Welcome to the St Oswald's School community!

Clubs

Monday 3.15-4.15: Cookery and Gardening Club (check weekly newsletter for groups) R-Y2

Monday 3.15-4.10: Chess Club KS2

Tuesday: Techy Tots Nursery

Tuesday 3.15-4.20: Techy Tots R-Y2

Tuesday 3.15-4.15: Spanish Club Y2-5

Tuesday 3.15-4.15: Cheerleading Y2-5

Tuesday 3.15-4.15: Y6 Booster

Thursday 3.15-4.15: Wet Felting

Thursday 3.15-4.15: Bat & Ball KS1

Friday 3.15-4.15: Striking & Fielding KS2

Music

Monday afternoon: Kingsgate guitars and violins

Wednesday lunchtime: recorders

Wednesday afternoon: Dunelm & Neville guitars and violins

Thursday morning: Year 5 Bassoons

Neville Class-Led Worship

This will take place on 23.5.18 at 9.05am.

Parents/Carers with children in Neville are warmly welcomed to join with this class-led worship and can then spend some time in the classroom looking at their child's work.

Elvet Class-Led Worship

This will take place on 4.7.18 at 9.05am.

Parents/Carers with children in Elvet are warmly welcomed to join with this class-led worship and can then spend some time in the classroom looking at their child's work.

Church Services

Parents, Carers, Grandparents and others connected to St Oswald's School and/or Church are warmly encouraged to join us at 9.05am on the following dates:

Wednesday 9th May: Ascension Day Service (Ascension Day is on Thursday 10th May but we have two classes on a trip that day).

Thursday 28th June: School Eucharist

Thursday 19th July: School Leavers Service

School Reports

Annual school reports will be sent home on Friday 6th July 2018. There is no parents/carers evenings in the Summer Term but you are encouraged to make an appointment via the school office if you wish to discuss any arising issues.

Sunny Weather

It feels like it has been a long wait for sunshine! During the summer term, parents are strongly encouraged to ensure that each child has a clearly named hat to wear at break times. Elvet & Nursery work outside throughout the day so a sun hat is essential. Sun protection cream should be applied at home before school. Children can keep a clearly named bottle in their bag for re-application during the day if necessary. Staff will supervise application but are not able to apply cream directly. Please remind your child(ren) that sun cream should **not** be shared between friends due to possible skin sensitivities or allergies.

Nursery & Sunshine: please refer to the Nursery newsletter for sun cream procedures.

Singing at the Institute

Elvet Class will sing on 8th May.

Kingsgate & Neville Classes on 10th July

Sunshine Club – September 2018

Mrs Donbavand will shortly be contacting parents to ask about requirements for before and after school care for the school year beginning in September 2018. You are strongly urged to submit the booking form for your child as soon as possible after that.

Sunshine Club - Holidays

Sunshine Holiday Club will be open during the Half Term and Summer Holiday periods with the exception of bank holidays. Please email sunshine@stoswaldsdurham.net with enquiries and to book a place for your child(ren).

PE Kits and Uniform

Please ensure that your child has a full and **named** PE kit in school each day. This should include a house t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms, socks, black plimsolls and **outdoor trainers**.

Parents are asked to keep our uniform policy in mind when purchasing new items. Our pupils are proud to wear the St Oswald's school uniform and our policy helps to ensure that children are smartly and appropriately dressed. This includes suitable school footwear. Our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

Please note that 'smart' watches are not suitable for school (but a small traditional analogue or simple digital watch is permitted). Jewellery is not permitted in school.

Music Concert

Mrs Leckie is organising a music concert for those who attend her music lessons/clubs. This will be on Wednesday 11th July after school.

Nursery & Sunshine Places

We will shortly be offering nursery places for September 2018. If you know of anyone who may be interested in a place for their 3-4 year old then please encourage them to apply before 30th April.

Mrs Hassall

Mrs Hassall will be returning to St Oswald's on 21st May, following maternity leave. She will also be in school for part of the week prior to this. We look forward to welcoming her back!

Transition Sessions

Our Nursery 2 pupils will have transition sessions to their new Reception classes/schools.

Our Year 6 pupils will have transition sessions at their new secondary schools.

Pupils in Reception to Year 5 will have transition sessions in their new classes after the half term holiday. Class structure and staffing will be shared with parents when it is confirmed.

Strictly St Oswald's, St Oswald's Got Talent, The S-O Factor...

The format is a work in progress but our annual talent celebration (pupils only) will take place on Monday 16th July during the school day. A registration form will be made available on Parentmail closer to the time.

Summer Fair

The annual school summer fair will take place on Friday 29th June 3.15-5pm. This is organised by the Friends of St Oswald's School and further details will be sent out closer to the time. Save the date!

Water Bottles

Parents/carers should ensure that ALL children have a clearly named water bottle in school each day. This is particularly important during the warmer weather. Please speak to Mrs Wass or Mrs Daghish in the school office to purchase a new one, if required.

Current Staffing

Nursery: Mrs Terry is now working Monday & Tuesday as a nursery nurse with Miss Jewell working Wednesday to Friday.

Sunshine Club: Mrs McGraw has replaced Miss Hunter and is working Monday to Wednesday.

We welcome both Mrs Terry and Mrs McGraw to the team.

	<i>Teacher(s)</i>	<i>Support Staff</i>
Nursery	Mrs Kirkup Mrs Stanley	Miss Jewell Miss Swanston Mrs Terry
Elvet	Miss Preece	Mrs Ryan
Dunelm	Mr Handy	Mrs Lang
Neville	Miss Hadley	Miss Rycroft
Kingsgate	Mrs Ribchester	Mrs Middleton Mrs Cantwell

Mr Davison (teaching assistant) works across all classes. **Mr Rooney** is our French teacher. He will work with Dunelm and Neville classes this half term. Dunelm and Kingsgate will have French after the half term holiday.

Teaching assistants frequently work with children across all classes but are based in the classes as per the table above.

Trips

There are several sports trips already planned for this term and the classroom staff are currently planning other trips. Please look out for information and consent forms via Parent Mail.

Thank you to everyone has been (or will soon be!) a parent/carer helper on trips. Our trips could not go ahead without your support.

Volunteers in Classes

Elvet, Dunelm, Neville and Kingsgate Classes all have some student volunteers from Durham University for some sessions.

Mrs Henniker-Major is a governor who volunteers in Dunelm Class most Tuesdays.

Mrs Miller is a volunteer in Kingsgate class on Mondays.

Mr Pennal (Simply Sports Coach) is also now a volunteer in Dunelm, Neville and Kingsgate classes.

Parent Mail

99% of St Oswald's pupils have at least one parent who receive texts.

94% receive emails.

92% have a Parent Mail account.

68% use our personalised Parent Mail mobile app.

Parent Mail allows us to communicate quickly and easily with parents/carers regarding clubs, events, parents evenings and more!

Please contact the school office if you are not registered and would like more information.

Search your App store for: St Oswald's School Durham to download our app.

Calendar of Dates as at 19/4/18

Please check weekly newsletters and Parentmail Events for updates

Mon 23 rd April	Cross Country Final for Hector and Ewan (Good luck from all of us!)
Thurs 26 th April	KS1 Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival
Mon 7 th May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 8 th May	Elvet Class singing at the Institute (Tuesday Club)
Wed 9 th May	Ascension Day Service in Church
Thurs 10 th May	Elvet and Dunelm Classes Trip to Durham Castle
Thurs 10 th May	Year 3 Tennis Festival
Mon 14 th May	Year 6 Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Test
Tues 15 th May	Year 6 Reading Test
Tues 15 th May	KS1 Multiskills Trip
Wed 16 th May	Year 6 Maths Test
Thurs 17 th May	Year 6 Maths Test
Wed 23 rd May	Neville Class-Led Worship in School
Fri 25 th May	Last day of half term
Mon 28 th May	Bank Holiday – School and Sunshine Club closed
Tues 29 th May to Fri 1 st June	Sunshine Club Open (School closed for half term holiday)
Tues 5 th June	Year 5/6 team athletics competition
Wed 6 th June	Kingsgate Ford Castle parent meeting 5pm
Thurs 7 th June	Year 6 cricket trip
Wed 13 th June	Nursery trip to the farm
Wed 13 th June	KS2 team for the Durham Dash (after school)
Thurs 14 th June	Year 6 at the Cathedral for Durham Leavers Service (pupils only)
Wed 20 th to Fri 22 nd June	Kingsgate Ford Castle Residential Trip
Tues 26 th June	Year 3/4 team for Quad Kids Festival
Thurs 28 th June	School Eucharist Service
Mon 2 nd to Wed 4 th July	Kingsgate Class Bikeability
Tues 3 rd July	Reception Sports Festival
Wed 4 th July	Year 4/5 team for cricket festival
Wed 4 th July	Elvet Class-Led Worship in School
Thurs 5 th July	Bikeability for Y5 cricketers
Fri 6 th July	Kingsgate Class Bikeability
Mon 9 th July	Y5/6 Judo festival
Tues 10 th July	Kingsgate and Neville Classes singing at the Institute (am)
Tues 10 th July	Kingsgate Class Show 2pm
Wed 11 th July	Mrs Leckie Music Lessons After-School Performance
Mon 16 th July	Annual Talent Show (pupils only)
Wed 18 th July	Nursery Leavers Assembly in School 2pm
Thurs 19 th July	School Leavers Church Service 9.05am
Thurs 19 th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri 20 th July	Staff training day – school AND Sunshine Club closed to pupils.
Mon 23 rd July	Sunshine Holiday Club opens