



ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL

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The weekly newsletter aimed at keeping you up to date with life at
St Oswald's school.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Oswald's School,

I write to you all again as our country's lockdown continues. It is certainly a strange time for us all. During these most difficult of times please be assured that our children, their families and all within our school community are very much in my and thoughts and I sincerely hope you are all keeping well. Over the last couple of weeks I have had telephone conversations with a number of parents and was to delighted to hear their happy and upbeat reports on the children - it was very uplifting! Teachers will now this half term start to make calls home to check that all is well and good and that nobody is struggling to access any of the home learning we are providing.

Our school remains partially open for the children of our parents who are key workers. The numbers of children in school each day are small and staff have been working in the school on a rota basis to look after the children and serve our key worker families. The skeleton staff in school continue to do a fantastic job by following strict controls to keep the children socially distant to keep their families and themselves safe in these difficult circumstances.

We now know that the lockdown measures are set to continue for a while longer and at this stage it is impossible to know when we are likely to return to school; so for now we will continue as we are doing and I will keep you updated as and when I am made aware of any changes to our current situation. Although it is difficult to make too many future plans until we have a clearer picture of the timescales we are working towards, please be assured that we are thinking ahead. We will be working with our feeder secondary schools this term to ensure that the transition for Year 6 is well prepared for and although I can't confirm when inductions for the new Reception September 2020 children will be able to happen, I will be contacting the parents of these children soon to officially welcome them to our school community.

Finally on behalf of all the staff and Governors of St Oswald's, I once again send to you all my good wishes to remain, strong, positive, happy, calm and safe throughout these most challenging of times.

H T Lennon Head Teacher



Thursday Clap for Carers!

It is lovely to see so many rainbows and messages of support in the windows of homes in our community when we go out for our daily exercise. Lots of you will have joined your neighbours - at a safe distance of course - on Thursday evenings at 8pm when we all go outside and give a big round of applause for the NHS and all key workers who are working hard at the moment to keep us fed, safe and well. Some of you might also have been banging pan lids or playing musical instruments! Well done to all for showing support to our key workers. The Thursday 8pm clap is quickly becoming a highlight of the week for so many.



We know that many of our parents, relatives, friends and members of our parish and community are currently doing a brilliant job in critical roles during this time and we sincerely thank you all for your hard work and dedication.

School Website

Please remember that general updates and messages from Teachers are posted on the school website. Check the dedicated COVID-19 page and individual class pages regularly to ensure you are kept up to date with messages, documents and resources.

Your support as always is very much appreciated.

Studying at Home

This week a number of new links and resources have been posted on the school website with details of activities for the children to try at home. Teachers are directing children in their classes to specific tasks including online tasks, work to be completed in workbooks and also creative activities and practical challenges around the home such as cooking and helping out with chores - don't forget to keep active and have some time away from your screens! Teachers love to receive your messages and photographs by e-mail and have been amazed by some of the creativity they have seen!

There are a many free online resources available at the moment including the following:

PE with Joe Wicks (daily at 9am)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

BBC Bitesize Daily Lessons

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Oak National Academy

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Maths with Carol Vorderman - The Maths Factor

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Sir Linkalot

details on how to access this app are on the website

Story Time with David Walliams (daily 11am)

<http://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

There is also a home learning document for RE on the website. This includes learning activities for all year groups taken from 'Come and See' which is the RE scheme set by the Liverpool Archdiocese and which all catholic primary schools in the archdiocese follow.

Please remember that we are not currently in 'normal times' and that for the period of the school closures, the National Curriculum has been suspended. Teachers are doing a great job in setting suitable work for the children to do at home which will keep their brains working and help to keep their knowledge and thinking skills sharp. You, parents and carers, are also doing a fantastic job at home by helping your children with their learning and also by keeping them calm, happy and safe during this uncertain time.

Our primary concern is that the children are happy, safe and well at home. Teachers will be making telephone calls home to check in with you and see how you are all doing, so if you haven't already received a call you can look forward to that at some point next week.

Please look after yourselves and remember that we are here for all our families.

Stay safe.

Teachers' Temporary E-mail Addresses

for use during the school closure period.

Teachers are available on e-mail during normal school hours between 8.45am and 3.30pm.

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Birthday Wishes

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays since the school closure period began on Monday 23 March 2020 :

Reception

Joel Gawne-Sheridan, Lidia Sopol, Archie O'Brien

Year 1

Lucas Longworth, Lenny Eyres, George Dewis

Year 2

Yumi Lennon, Poppy Heywood, Gabriella Heavey, Martha Caswell

Year 4

Eve Dickenson, Billy-Ray Haslam, Lenny McGinty, Jessica Bird

Year 5

Jack Marsden

Year 6

Matthew Rendall



Happy birthday also to Amelia Mazurowska in Year 5 who celebrates her birthday this Saturday 25 April.

STAY AT HOME

PROTECT THE NHS

save lives