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Advent

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent when we light the second candle on the Advent Wreath.

All classes have enjoyed Advent assemblies this week. These will continue until the end of term.

Advent is a season of preparation and hope and Pope Francis reminds us, "Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God."



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the hope you bring to our lives. Please help us to bring hope to others as we journey through Advent. Amen.

Wednesday Word
2.12.20

Google Classroom

Thank you to all children and parents who were able to join the homework sessions on Google Classroom this week. The sessions were a great success and Teachers were very impressed with the children. Mr Jones was on hand to offer IT support and will be available next week for the Year 1 and Year 2 sessions.

If you haven't already done so already, please register your child with Google Classroom. Year 1 and Year 2 should register prior to your scheduled 'live' class homework session on the days listed below.

If you have any difficulty with this, Mr Jones will be available to help on 07764609589.

Monday 7 December, 4.00-4.30pm

Year 2

Wednesday 9 December, 4.00-4.30pm

Year 1

Instructions on how to register can be found on your child's class page on the school website and are also attached to the back of this newsletter.



Nativity Garden

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, we have some lovely activities planned for the children to enjoy in the run up to Christmas (dates at the back of this newsletter). This week the Year 4 children have been very busy with Mrs Armitage and Mrs Fitzsimmons tidying the school garden ready for winter. They have created a beautiful 'Nativity Garden' and all classes will have the opportunity to visit the nativity garden over the next two weeks in the run up to the Christmas holidays.



Stars of the Week

This week the following children have been celebrated for their achievements...

- Rec Karlee Crank & Alex James
- Y1 Jessica Armstrong & Archie O'Brien
- Y2 Lidya Celik & Joseph Giblin
- Y3 Lydia Cartwright & Bobby Redmond
- Y4 Alfie Cooper & Jack Hughes
- Y5 Maisie Sutch & Ava Rowe
- Y6 Ellie O'Connor & Isaac Dohoney

**Well done to all
our stars!**



Winter Grant Scheme

Parents may now be eligible for help from the Covid19 Winter Grant scheme. This grant provides additional funding for families in hardship, to help to support them over the winter months with food and basic utility bills during the December to March period.

Families already in receipt of Free School Meals should have received a letter from Warrington Borough Council explaining how to apply for the grant. This letter and accompanying FAQs are posted on the ['COVID-19 page'](#) our school website so parents can check to see if they qualify for the grant.

Applications should be made online - **Please note, you will need to apply by 13th December in order to receive the December payment before Christmas.** A further three payments will be made in January to March.

'COVID Reporting' e-mail address

We have a dedicated e-mail address for parents to report a child's positive COVID result. If your child has taken a test and receives a positive result, please notify us immediately by e-mailing

covidreporting@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk

This e-mail account will be monitored in the evenings and over the weekend therefore please notify us immediately as soon as a positive result is received. This will enable us to quickly identify and contact any close contacts of the confirmed case who may need to self-isolate.

Please note, this e-mail address should only be used to report a confirmed POSITIVE test result. If your child is self isolating or awaiting a test/result, please notify us of their absence by contacting the school office on 01925 813015 as usual.

Thank you.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be provided for children in school on our 'Christmas Celebration Day' Wednesday 16 December.

The menu for this festive feast is attached to the back of this newsletter.

Junior children who would like a Christmas Lunch should pay for a school meal via ParentPay in the usual way.

Please indicate by **Wednesday 9th December** if your child would like a Christmas Lunch by completing the short form [here](#)



Thank you.

Poetry Success at St Oswald's

Last academic year, the current year 2 class took part in a poetry competition put on by the Premier League Primary Stars Team. The children had to write a poem about their ambitions and goals for the future.

All the children spent a number of lessons thinking about their dreams, and learning about the structure of poetry. Once they had completed their poems both individually and in groups, they were sent to the Premier League HQ.

It wasn't long before Mr Coppenhall was contacted with the exciting news that Oscar's poem, below, had been judged 'Highly Commended', earning it a place in the published book, alongside celebrities such as Rio Ferdinand and Rachel Riley! This success also meant that the school won a prize of a poetry sack full of exciting poetry books that will be used to inspire the children in St Oswald's for many years to come!

Well done Oscar and Year 2 for all your wonderful poems last year!

My Ambition

*My ambition is to play football
So I'll keep practicing, even in the hall
My dream is to score an amazing goal,
It will feel great in my heart and soul.*

By Oscar, Year 2

Also writing impressive poetry this week is Sophia in Year 4. Sophia was inspired by Year 4's work for National Poetry Day on 1st October, and has since been writing her own poems at home. Sophia shared this poem with the class this week and Mrs Foy and Mrs Armitage were so impressed, they asked Sophia if we could share it with you. Well done Sophia!

My Poem

*In my mind
Somewhere in the sky.
Where I could go
If only I could
Never be sad hopeless or lonely
Or angry or
Frustrated or even moany.
Never doubt the past
Or the pain
When all the sadness
Has gone down the drain
When you are happy
Or some of us upset
Remember these words
So you'll never forget.
Moral, be the best person you can be no matter what people say.*

By Sophia, Year 4

Google Classroom - Registration Instructions

We have now established pupil logins for Google Classroom. In order for your child to be able to join in with live sessions, please register your child beforehand by following the relevant link below. You will need to agree the google terms and conditions then join the relevant class as a student:

Year 1

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTcxNjU3NDk0MjU1?cjc=aygdimr>

Password: Password123 Class code: aygdimr

Year 2

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTcxNjU3NDk0Mjk5?cjc=mq7u2di>

Password: Password123 Class code: mq7u2di

Year 3

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTcxNjU3NDk0MzMw?cjc=csjdtmt>

Password: Oswald987\$ Class code: csjdtmt

Year 4

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTcxNjU3NDk0MzQ0?cjc=xdsznqf>

Password: Oswald987\$ Class code: xdsznqf

Year 6

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTcxNjU3NDk0MzU1?cjc=wqmqlzr>

Password: Oswald987\$ Class code: wqmqlzr

Your child's username is their first name followed by their second name followed by [@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk) for example, Paul Wood would be paulwood@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk

(Where names are hyphenated, use the full name without the hyphen eg Paul Taylor-Wood would be paultaylorwood@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk)

If you have any problems registering, please contact our IT support, Ian Jones, directly: itsupport@stoswaldscatholicprimary.co.uk or 07764609589

Please register before class homework meetings begin next week.

To join a live session, log in to your child's account, open the relevant classroom and click the 'Meet' link at the top of the page.

Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents

We are in the process of planning some festive activities for the children to celebrate Christmas at St. Oswald's. Christmas will be very different this year, but we are doing our utmost to ensure that the children have an enjoyable time in school on the run up to Christmas.

The wider curriculum will remain in place until Friday 11th December, allowing the following week to be filled with activities related to the real meaning of Christmas, through the teaching of 'Come and See', Christmas craft activities and other fun, festive events. We are planning for these events to take place during week beginning 14th December. Please see the attached schedule of events.

This year, all classes will have their Christmas Celebration day, on the same day, Wednesday 16th December, within their bubbles. They will have their Christmas Dinner at lunch time and then an afternoon of fun activities in class, with some treats provided by school.

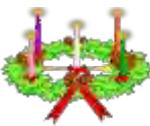
This year, we ask that there be no exchange of Christmas cards between friends in school, but children may bring in one card for the class and Teacher, if they wish, and these will be displayed in the classrooms for all to see.

We look forward to celebrating this festive time in school with the children even in these difficult times. Santa's little helpers may even drop into school on the last day and leave a little treat for each child in a class sack.

Thank you for your continued support.

From all the Staff at St. Oswald's

Christmas 2020—Schedule of Events

<u>Date:</u>		<u>Activities:</u>
Wednesday 2 nd December 2020		Virtual Advent Assembly
Monday 7 th December 2020		Virtual Advent Assembly An Advent activity will be sent home to be completed and returned to school to contribute to the Class Advent book.
Friday 11 th December 2020		Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children (£1 donation) (School uniform is to be worn apart from the jumper).
Monday 14 th December 2020		Christmas Craft Day – in individual classrooms.
Tuesday 15 th December 2020 Weather permitting		Santa Dash/Christmas Activities – All classes separately. (Children to wear outdoor PE kits & Santa hats/Reindeer head bands etc. Treats afterwards in the garden.
Wednesday 16 th December 2020		Christmas Celebration day – Children to wear their own clothes (please remember the cold weather!) Christmas Dinner in school. Fun activities and treats in the classrooms.
Thursday 17 th December 2020 Reserve date for Santa Dash		Santa Dash/Christmas Activities – All classes separately. (Children to wear outdoor PE kits & Santa hats/Reindeer head bands etc. Treats afterwards in the garden.
Friday 18 th December 2020		Virtual Christmas Assembly
Friday 18 th December 2020		Christmas Film Afternoon – in individual classroom.



Christmas LUNCH



Christmas Menu 2020

Traditional Christmas Lunch

*Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing,
creamed and roast potatoes,
carrots, peas and gravy

OR

Sandwich (Cheese, Tuna or Ham)

–
Satsuma

Christmas shortbread biscuit

–
Fruit Juice



* Vegetarian alternative available