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Year 6 Residential Trip to Conover Hall

We are excited to once again this academic year be able to offer the children in Year 6 the opportunity to take part in a residential trip to Conover Hall. The trip will take place 19th to 22nd April 2022.

A letter has been sent home with the children this week and is also available [here](#).

If you wish to reserve a place for your child, please pay your deposit on Parent Pay by Friday 27 September.



Whole School Photograph 2021

As is our tradition since the millennium, every 7 years we have a whole school photograph taken. To go alongside our 2000, 2007 and 2014 photographs, we are delighted we can bring our school together for the 2021 photograph to keep our tradition and make a little bit of St Oswald's history.

The school photographers will be in school on Monday 11 October to take this picture and we ask that all children wear their full school uniform on the day with shirt and tie - no polo shirts or summer dresses please. Hair accessories should be small, plain bobbles, hair slides or hair bands with no large, extravagant decorations.

Could we also ask that Reception children wear plain black shoes, pumps or trainers with no white/colours or logos. These children will be sitting at the front of our photograph.

Thank you for your support. The school photograph will be available for parents to purchase.



School Uniform

Thank you to all parents for the children being so extremely smart and proud in our school uniform as we opened the new school year. The two main reasons we have a uniform at St Oswald's is for equality and to show how proud we are of our school.

To help to maintain and promote the highest standards at our school, the children need to wear the correct school uniform. This year we have introduced our PE uniform for all children to follow. We have purposely kept the costs of the PE uniform to a minimum by choosing plain navy joggers and a navy sweatshirt (no hood) which can be purchased from supermarkets at approximately £8 each. The uniform also consists of a plain white t-shirt and royal blue shorts. Other colours, sports gear and cycling shorts are not allowed.

Full Uniform

This consists of the following:

Girls

- grey pinafore, skirt or trousers
- white shirt/blouse (short or long sleeve)
- royal blue cardigan with school logo
- silver and royal blue tie (elastic for infants)
- Trainers (black, velcro for infants)
- black/grey/white socks or black/grey tights

Boys

- grey trousers (long or short)
- white shirt (short or long sleeve)
- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo
- silver and royal blue tie (elastic for infants)
- Trainers (black, Velcro for infants)
- black/grey socks

PE Uniform

A full PE kit is compulsory for all children and is as follows:

Girls and Boys

- royal blue shorts (not cycling shorts)
- plain white T-shirt
- plain, navy jogging trousers
- plain, navy sweatshirt—no hood
- trainers (black, velcro for infants)

If any parent struggles to provide the correct school and PE uniform, please contact the Head Teacher in confidence, who will assist you and provide you with the correct uniform items.

We thank all parents who have made a tremendous effort to find and provide the correct uniform to help keep our standards high at St Oswald's.

Secondary School Applications

Parents of Year 6 children should now have received a letter from Warrington Borough Council, inviting you to apply for secondary school places for September 2022.

The online application form is open now and is available until midnight on 1st November 2021.

A copy of the WBC letter is available on our website [here](#) and the Secondary Information Booklet 2022/23 is available [here](#).



First Holy Communion

This Saturday 18 September 2021 at 2pm, a group of our Year 5 children will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion in St Oswald's Church. The second group will receive the sacrament on the following Saturday 25 September.

Please keep the children in your thoughts and prayers as they take this next step in their journey of faith.

We thank Fr Dave for his work with the children and for preparing these Masses.

Could we please remind parents that all adults are required to wear a face mask in church throughout the service.



Reception/Pre-School Queue

Thank you all for supporting our new entry and exit arrangements at the start and end of the school day to get our school off to a sharp and effective start and end our day with the smooth and safe handover of children.

For the safety of children and parents could we please ask that when queuing for the Reception/Pre-School entrance, the queue extends beyond the zebra crossing, along the pedestrian footpath beside church and not down the main school driveway.

Please do not stop on the zebra crossing and keep the crossing clear at all times.

Diary Dates

Monday 11 October

Whole school photograph

Friday 22 October

School Closes for half term

Monday 1 November

School opens for Autumn 2



After-School Clubs

Two after-school clubs which are organised by external providers will start next week:

Tuesday 21 Sep

Multi-Skills (Y1 & Y2) to 4.15pm

Thursday 23 Sep

Judo (Y2 to Y6) to 4.30pm

School led clubs will commence the following week as follows:

Key Stage 1

Mondays: Board Games (Y1 & Y2)

Tuesdays: Multi-Skills (Y1 & Y2)

Thursdays: Judo (Y2 to Y6)

Key Stage 2

Mondays: Choir (Y3 to Y6)

Art (Y3/Y4 & Y5/Y6)

Wednesdays: Girls Football (Y3 to Y6)

Boys Football (Y3 to Y6)

Thursdays: Book club (Y5 & Y6)

Fridays: Environment (Y5 & Y6)

Further details will follow and places will be allocated on a first-come first served basis following payment of subs on ParentPay.

Walking to School

It is lovely to see so many children walking to school.

Walking is a great form of exercise and is also kinder to the planet. Leaving the car at home or even parking a little way from school reduces congestion and air pollution at the school gates and improves road safety.

Walking can also have a positive effect on a child's emotional wellbeing. It can encourage road sense and for older children who walk to school unaccompanied, it develops independence and can be an opportunity to chat with friends.

Children who walk all or part of the way to school get some exercise and fresh air before they come into class refreshed and energised and ready to learn.



READING / NUMBER CLUB

Reading and Number Club (formally Reading Club) is now open to Y1 to Y6, 8:00 to 8:45am (no admittance after 8:20 am) Payment of £3 per session must be made via the ParentPay App in advance.

In addition to making payment, it is essential that you book in advance [here](#) to book the days that your child will be attending. This will need to be completed each week and can be found on the school app (next to the newsletter button).

Children will be registered when they attend and payment deducted from your child's account. If you have more than one child please ensure payments are made to the relevant child's account.

Please drop your child/children off at the office entrance (please ring the bell provided) and your child will be collected by a member of staff.

Staff will not be able to admit children before 8.00am.



Staff will not be able to answer the door and admit children after 8.20am so please make sure you arrive on time.

The Reading and Number Club will be open to Reception Class children following the half-term holiday.

