



ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Staff and Governors of the school I would like to wish all our children, parents, families, parishioners and friends of the school a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

I sincerely hope that you managed to enjoy the Christmas break and that your Christmas celebrations went ahead without too much covid disruption. I was sorry to learn that many of our families experienced sickness and isolation over the festive period. I truly hope that the new year brings better times for us all.

We start this new spring term with some caution due to the dramatic rise in covid cases since the new year. Our school contingency plan has been revised and is available on the website [here](#).

As always, if parents have any questions or concerns about your child's learning this term, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher in the first instance.

I very much look forward to working in partnership with you all in 2022.

Best Wishes,

Miss H T Lennon -Head Teacher

SWIMMING LESSONS – YEAR 5

Year 5 children will have brought home a letter this week regarding their Swimming sessions which begin next Thursday 13 January.

There will be a total of 10 sessions which will take place on the following dates.

13 January	3 March
20 January	10 March
27 January	17 March
3 February	24 March
10 February	31 March

Can parents please ensure that all forms are completed and returned to school by Monday 10 January.



PE Days—Spring Term 2022

PE days for the children this half term are as follows:

Reception - Monday & Friday
Y1 - Monday & Wednesday
Y2 - Monday & Wednesday
Y3 - Tuesday & Friday
Y4 - Tuesday & Thursday
Y5 Tuesday & Thursday (Swimming)
Y6 - Tuesday & Friday

Children should wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days.

Plain white T-shirt, royal blue shorts, plain navy sweatshirt and joggers. No sports gear please!

Important Newsletter Announcements

The weekly school newsletter is your primary source of information for everything that is going on in school and will keep you up to date with important dates and general information on school life.

Please ensure you have access to the newsletter each Friday as you could miss out on important messages relating to your child.

The newsletter is posted on the school website every Friday afternoon and can be easily accessed via the school app. Paper copies are displayed on school notice boards and are available from the school office and in church. If you would prefer your child to be given a paper copy each Friday, please contact the school office.



Thank you to all parents who are using the school app which is a quick and efficient way to keep up to date with all our school news, dates, events etc.

Please note that all general messages/reminders are now only sent out via the app rather than by text message. To **keep up to date, if you haven't already done so, please** download the app. If you need any advice on how to access the app, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



Early Doors Club - Reading & Number Club & After School Provision

We are currently delaying the re-start of Reading & Number club and after school clubs until I am in a position to confidently secure and maintain appropriate staffing.

We will update parents as soon as we are in a position to do so.

POLICY REMINDER

New Year, New Start:

Time-keeping and Attendance

Keeping the standards high at St Oswald's

Can we please ask all parents to help and encourage children to arrive to school on time in the mornings. Children can feel very self-conscious and uncomfortable if entering the classroom after the lesson has started and it is also disruptive to their own learning and that of the class. We appreciate that circumstances beyond your control can sometimes mean that an occasional late arrival is unavoidable but repeated lateness is not acceptable. Children should be ready to enter school at 8:45am when their Teacher collects them and leads them into class. The doors and gates will close at 8.50am to allow our learning to get off to a prompt start at 8.55am. Any child arriving after this time will be recorded as late and this will be entered onto your child's report.

Prompt attendance is essential for your child's learning and helps to form good habits for their future.

Thank you as always for your support.



Absence Reporting

Could we please remind parents and carers to contact the school office on 01925 813015 by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent from school. Whilst it can be helpful to e-mail Class Teachers directly, it is essential that the office are informed before registers are checked at 9.30am. This is an important safeguarding measure to ensure the whereabouts of the child are known.

If your child is absent for a period of time, please contact us each day to update us.

Thank you for your support.



Cold Weather Reminder

During this cold weather it is essential that the children come to school in a warm coat for playtimes. The children have two or three playtimes each day, including lunchtime which is a longer break, therefore they need warm winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc.

In addition to break times, it is a statutory requirement for the Reception Class to spend some of their learning time outside everyday. It is therefore especially important that Reception children have these warm winter items.



Positive Covid-19 Cases and Reporting

Thank you to parents who used Lateral Flow Tests to test children before they returned to school on Wednesday. As was expected, we have a number of children absent from school this week who have tested positive for Covid-19.

This week we have had 14 positive cases and one suspected case.

We are required to forward details of these cases to the Local Authority, therefore it would be helpful if parents could please provide brief details of the case via the form [here](#).

A quick link to the form is also provided on the school app.

Many thanks.