



# St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

## April 2024



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I hope you all had wonderful Easter and Eid celebrations if you were celebrating, and I am delighted to welcome you back for the summer term. As always, we have a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks, and I have tried to include all key dates at the end of this newsletter to help you plan ahead. A heartfelt thank you, from myself and the team here in school, for your patience and support this week while we had our Ofsted inspection. Your parent view feedback was overwhelming and reaffirmed just how special our community is. You are wonderful – thank you!*

*Jemma Dunne*

### Learning for all

This promises to be another action-packed term and we are really looking forward to teaching the summer curriculum. There are likely to be more activities and events added over the coming weeks, and we will keep you updated about these with as much notice as possible. We have pupils preparing for their end of KS2 Statutory Assessments (SATS), Y1 phonics screening checks and Y4 multiplication tables checks. For you to be able to support your child as much as possible, we are holding information evenings for each of these key assessment points. Please see the dates overleaf.

We are proud of our high attendance rates at school as every day counts when it comes to learning and progress. Missed learning is very hard to catch up on as our curriculum moves quickly and builds upon prior learning. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring your children attend school well, and good communication when absence is unavoidable. It really does make a difference.

### Caring for each other

This half term we are exploring our value of 'Trust'. All phases in school are competing to be recognised for 'doing the right thing' over each week. A reward will be given to the winning phase in our final collective worship before half term.

We are pleased to have increased capacity at Night Owls by another 5 places per session, however we continue to be oversubscribed. If you have booked a space that you no longer need, **please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can make the place available for another child to use.** Any bookings that are cancelled 24-hours in advance, will continue to be refunded.

We have been made aware of an increase in anti-social behaviour around Fulford among high school aged pupils. We have spoken to the older pupils in school about what to do to stay safe if they were to see this when walking home. If needed, they can return to school and staff will ensure they get home safely.

It is really disappointing to hear that some of our families who need to use the disabled parking bays are still unable to do so on a regular basis as they are being taken by drivers without a blue badge. We are seeking advice from our local PCSOs as to how we can improve this situation. In the meantime, can I please ask you to be considerate of those with additional needs, and park elsewhere if all regular spaces are taken.

### Preparing for the future

Our Y6 pupils have now been allocated secondary school places, and will be beginning to think about moving on to the next stage of their education. In the second half of this term, we will ensure that all children feel prepared for the step in their school journey and will share more information with you nearer to the time.

For now, we want the children to enjoy every day in their current classes. It really is over the coming term that we see the greatest amount of growth and enjoyment within classrooms. We are so excited to see the children flourish as they reach the end of year, and are especially looking forward to our enrichment week that has been planned for next half term. This, we hope, will be a real celebration of the diversity within our school community and St Oswald's curriculum.

## Dates for the diary

- Please remember to place your child's **school dinner orders by Tuesday** for the following week -

- Mon 8th April: School opens for Summer Term
- Wb 15<sup>th</sup> April: Extra-curricular clubs restart/Year 6 Mock SATS week
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April: Y4 Multiplication Tables Check parent information evening 5.30pm online
- Weds 24<sup>th</sup> April: Y6 Parents Meeting (SATS/Robinwood) 5.15pm School Hall
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank holiday Monday – school closed
- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> May: Y1 Phonics Screening Check parent information evening 5.15pm online
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May: Y1/2 African Drumming workshops in school
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May: Y5/6 wellbeing morning
- Wb 13<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATS week and assessment week in school
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May: Y5/6 wellbeing morning
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May: SEND Coffee morning
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Y3/4 Visit to Wheldrake Woods
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Y5/6 Home learning gallery 3.15pm to 4pm (hall)
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May: School closes for Half Term
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June: School reopens for all pupils
- 3-5<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Residential to Robinwood
- Wb 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Y4 Multiplication tables check
- 12<sup>th</sup> June: Class photos
- Wb 17<sup>th</sup> June: Enrichment Week to include sports days, art day, diversity day and STEM activities
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June: Arts Day in school/ Arts Evening for parents (more info to follow)
- Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June: KS1 Sports Morning/EYFS Sports Afternoon (more info to follow)
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June: Year 5/6 Sports Day (more info to follow)
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June: Year 3/4 Sports Day (more info to follow)
- Wb 8<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5/6 Performance (more info to follow)
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July: Final open evening for all classes 3.30-5.15pm
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July: School closes for summer holidays

**Term dates for next academic year are now available on our school website.**

*As per all York Maintained Schools, days taken off from school, with no exceptional reason, will be unauthorised and any family holidays taken over 5 or more days, will incur a fixed penalty notice by the City of York Council.*