



# St Oswald's CE Primary Newsletter

## May 2024



### Learning for all

We have continued to develop our provision across school and it is great to see how much our children are enjoying the new spaces. We are definitely beginning to make the most of our outdoor areas and some special places in the local area too.

Our first Enrichment Week will be taking place in the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June. We hope to make this a week of practical and exciting learning activities across a range of curriculum areas. Within this, we will be enjoying lots of sport, arts, STEM and a diversity day. As part of this, our Celebration of the Arts Evening will be taking place on **Tuesday 18th June at 6.00pm**. The evening will showcase and celebrate the different talents of children throughout the school in music, drama, dance and art. Parents, carers, staff and governors are all invited to the event (no tickets needed) and we sure it will be a wonderful evening. We are planning to sit outside for the concert so feel free to bring a blanket and snacks. In the event of bad weather, we will reschedule the concert, but will keep our eye on the forecast and give you as much notice as possible.

We are very thankful to Mrs Walton for her committed and passionate leadership of music in school. Not only does she run two choirs and a recorder club, she invests a lot of time engaging with outside agencies to provide the best opportunities for our pupils. This term, our Year 1/2 children have enjoyed African drumming workshops and our Y3/4 pupils are participating in a wonderful project with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

We try to update our X feed (formally Twitter) each week – please do take a look and share the learning we have to celebrate. Our website area, ‘look what we have been learning’, is also a great place to find out more about your child’s learning journey. It is full of photos and information of the fantastic learning happening in each phase of school.

We are proud of our continuing high attendance rates, 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

Our next school value is Justice. Over the next half term, we are going to be thinking about courageous advocacy and putting into action the line from our school prayer ‘teach us to take pride in our work and be courageous in our beliefs’. Watch this space!

FOSOSF (our parent teacher association) continue to do a wonderful job of raising funds for projects, trips and resources for our school. Their summer fair promises to be a fantastic event, but can only go ahead with enough support from the wider parent/carer population. Any support you can give will make such a difference. At the moment, just two parents manage the majority of the planning and organisation so please do get in touch if you can offer to lend a hand. [stoswaldsfriends@gmail.com](mailto:stoswaldsfriends@gmail.com)

Our choir children will be visiting residents in the local care homes/village café over the coming weeks and performing some of their favourite songs. It promises to be a lovely experience for both young and old!

## Preparing for the future

You will see some key dates below for the remainder of the summer term. We intend to spend each week enjoying the time we have left in our current classes, while gently preparing to move on. Some of our pupils benefit from a more supported transition into their next stage of learning, and our pastoral team at school have planned additional activities to support this process. If your child is particularly anxious, or finds change difficult, please speak to their class teacher who will endeavour to ensure appropriate support is given.

## Dates for the diary

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

- Tues 4th 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 6-7.15pm (weather permitting)
- 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)/ Beside the seaside themed lunch day
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June: Y3/4 Away Day to Yorkshire Wildlife Park & pizzas back at school
- Weds 26<sup>th</sup> June: New reception starters open evening
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July: End of year reports out to parents
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Transition mornings across school/ Y6 transition day at Fulford High School
- Wb 8<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5/6 Performance Mon 8th 4pm/Tues 9th 6pm
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July: Final open evening for all classes 3.30-5.15pm
- Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Fair 4.30-6pm (weather permitting)
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July: Summer picnic themed lunch day
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July: School closes for summer holidays
- Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Sept: School reopens to all pupils

**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.*