



St Oswald's CE Primary School

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School Diary Dates 2024

February

- 1st Safety Central trip Y5/6
- 2nd Residential meeting 2:45pm
- 8th Book Fair arrives
- 8th Y5/6 netball Malbank 3:30
- 12th Y6 SATs meeting 3:15pm
- 13th Parents Evening
- 13th Y1/2 Chester Zoo trip
- 13th Parent coffee afternoon 1pm
- 15th Parents Evening top up
- 16th Break up for half term
- 26th Back to school
- 27th Y4 TT meeting 3:15pm
- 31st National Hot Chocolate Day

March

- 5th Paralympian athlete visit
- 28th Academy photography
- 29th Bank Holiday

April

- 15th Y5/6 Residential
- 17th Y3/4 Residential

Attendance of the week

Foxes 96%

Happy Birthday to you

Happy birthday to Harriet T and Skylar,
We hope you have a magical day.



"Let your light shine"

Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating courage

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,
Remind us to keep going when it gets hard.
Please remind us to have courage when faced with a challenge
and to encourage others.
Amen

School Coats available from Badged

We are excited that Badged have designed warm, windproof and waterproof coats for school. Please see the below link.

https://www.badged.co.uk/blank_product/268481671/St-Oswalds-CE-Primary-Micro-Fleece-Lined-Jacket



Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have missed being out on the front gate this week; I think I only managed it on Monday! I have been attending ill-timed meetings, appointments and other commitments but thankfully I will be back consistently on the playground from this afternoon.

Homework

Thanks to all those who have completed the homework survey—we have gathered all of the information and made some changes to our offer. Due to price increases and therefore trialling other programmes, we have made the decision to cancel our subscription to Mathletics and instead replacing it with My Maths. It is a very similar programme used by the other schools in the trust, but provides pupils with more problem solving and reasoning opportunities, and staff can better track pupils' progress. We will be setting up logins and training the children over the next 2 weeks. A letter with more information will be sent out early February.

We will also be offering some optional homework books at a heavily reduced cost to parents, for those that would like paper-based homework. Work will be set from these books each Friday, to be returned on a Thursday. Again, a letter regarding these work books will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Uniform

Just a quick reminder that all pupils from Year 1 upwards should be wearing a tie. There is a noticeable amount of children not having them. We have a small amount of ties in the school office for £3 each, or Badged, our uniform supplier. We also have a number of jumpers, cardigans and blazers in school. We will be selling them from 2.45pm on Tuesday 30th January.

PTA news

The PTA are planning a few events this term, as voted for by the school and via the School Council. Please keep an eye out on the Facebook page for dates and news of events. We really appreciate your support with not only providing much needed funds for school, but also hosting many great opportunities for children to get together and have fun.

Holly Holy Day

This is an important annual event for our town, which commemorates the lifting of the Siege of Nantwich during the English Civil War in January 1644, which serves to remind us of Nantwich's rich history. There are many events taking place tomorrow in and around Nantwich—take a look at www.battleofnantwich.org for more information.

Have a great weekend, and if you need to speak to me or contact me for any reason, please don't hesitate to telephone or email principalstoswalds@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk.

Kind Regards,

Louise McDonough



Let Your Light Shine, Our Stars of the Week



Mrs McDonough 's Star of the Week - Sonny for showing resilience and positivity in a challenge, Caleb for always setting a good example to others with super manners, Margot for excellent effort in her writing and Benjamin

Owls - Pip for joining in with the colour monster activity, also Nell for her amazing writing about the gingerbread man

Deers - George for his wonderful writing and all round excellent attitude

Hedgehogs - Skylar for her fabulous enthusiasm for Times Tables, also Jessica for trying so hard with her maths

Foxes - Dora for her fantastic enthusiasm and contributions in music lessons, also Eleri for always being such a sensible, helpful role model to others

PE Star of the Week - George K, Jamie, Harriet T and Willow F-H for amazing hard work and resilience in PE this week

Wraparound care star of the week - Eden-Rose for always having a smile on her face and joining in with activities

Christian Value - Courage

Owls - Elliot for bring really brave when he hurt himself

Deers - Eva for always persevering happily with everything

Hedgehogs - Milly for coming into school with a smile on her face

Foxes - Sonny for showing courage in maths

Top 10 Mathletes of the Week



Aggie H	Callum
George E	Cara
Abigail A	Edward
Leonardo	Jamie
Ed	Nell



School Lunch/Snack price increase

From 01.01 the price of a school lunch has increased to £2.75 and bacon sandwich with a drink is now £1.60

Children and Families Service Education Welfare Service

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TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME A guide for parents and carers

Frequently asked questions

Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

No. Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis. The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to "*fail to secure their child's regular attendance at the school*". The amendments to the 2006 Regulations remove any reference to *family holidays, extended leave and the statutory threshold of ten school days*. The amendments make clear that **Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**. The amendments give **parents no entitlement** to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time. The Head Teacher and Governing Body will determine what the exceptional circumstances are.

If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

The parent/carers with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school.

The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence.

What will the school do then?

The Principal will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies; if not, the application will be declined.

Only the Principal has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision, the protocols and criteria laid down in the school's attendance policy must be followed.

Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication;

that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time.

You will receive a written response from the Principal letting you know if your application has been approved.

If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

What will happen if the absence is unauthorised?

The school will decide if a Fixed Penalty Notice should be issued. If the school decides that a Fixed Penalty Notice is to be issued, you will receive a letter from the school advising that it has referred the matter to the Local Authority and that a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued;

The school will inform the Local Authority that a Fixed Penalty Notice needs to be issued.

A Fixed Penalty Notice will be sent to you, accompanied by an explanatory letter; the Notice gives you the opportunity to pay a penalty fine instead of being prosecuted in the criminal courts.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance.	You will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your children's regular attendance.



24 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and that the start of the School Spring Term has been smooth.

I have asked your child/children's school, to kindly share with you details of our upcoming Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent Carer Workshops and our delivery schedule, for this half term. The workshops are free to attend, and we welcome families/carers in Cheshire East or families/carers of children who attend a school in Cheshire East. Details of the workshops and how to book them can be found in the information attached.

Should you be unable to attend a workshop of interest due to the date or timings, please contact us via FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk.

We also provide Family Wellbeing support for parents and carers, which is tailored support and guidance for families, at an early stage, when it is needed most. This support can be accessed via a Visyon Parent Open Access Appointment (details can be found in the attached information), which can be booked directly by yourselves via our Initial Contact Team on 01260 290 000.

Thank you once again for taking the time to read my letter and the attached information, I appreciate, that as a parent time can be in short supply. I wish you and your family a productive half-term and if you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at louise.marsh@visyon.org.uk

Thank you.

Louise

Louise Marsh | She/Her

Wellbeing, Families and Communities Manager

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Visit www.visyon.org.uk, or call 01260 290000, to learn more about how our charity supports children, young people and their families with mental health & emotional wellbeing across Cheshire East.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP



Self-harm Awareness (90 minutes)

Wednesday 31st January 2024, 10.30 am – 12.00 pm.

Visyon's Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer workshop**. This workshop will provide you with relevant information to help your understanding of self-harm and will explore ways in which you can support a young person who is self-harming. It aims to break down some of the stigma associated with self-harm. This workshop also explains where to get further support for a young person if needed.



The Programme is available to parents/carers in **Cheshire East** and will be held **at Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the workshop, please contact FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.

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PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Blended Families

Wednesday 07th February 2024, 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

Our Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer workshop**. This workshop explores what we mean by the term 'Blended Family' and how to navigate your blended family to make it a family. This workshop looks at challenges faced when families blend and will explore step-parenting, co-parenting, bonding, boundaries and the general challenges you and your family may face.

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FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TEAM



PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP

Supporting your child's transition to their next school.

Wednesday 14th February 2024, 10:30 am – 12.00 pm

Our Families and Communities Team is pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent/Carer Workshop**. This workshop explores how you can support your child through the important transition. We look at understanding your child's needs, their worries and behaviours. We will look at how to plan their transition with them and explore any possible barriers. We will look at ways you can help them to say goodbye correctly and how you can explore with them their hopes and dreams.



The Workshop is available to parents/carers in **Cheshire East** and will be held at **Visyon in Congleton** for **face-to-face** delivery. If you would like to book a place on the workshop, please contact FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come basis.



Yoga

&

Well-being camp

9- 4pm

Ages 4- 12years

yoga, dance, craft, outdoor activities

Mon 8th- Fri 12th April 2024

Location: Granary Arts cafe, Welsh row

£140 for the week- £30 non-refundable
deposit required at time of booking.

For more information please contact

Fiona: musicboxmeditations@gmail.com



HOLLY HOLY DAY

THE BATTLE

of NANTWICH

SATURDAY

27th JANUARY

Nantwich Town Centre: 10am
Battle - Mill Island: 2pm



RHINO

SAFETY