



St Oswald's CE Primary School

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School Diary Dates

December

- 17th Worleston Church Carol Service 5pm
- 19th St Oswald's Carol Service Church 2pm
- 20th Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th Pantomime Cinderella R-Y6
- 20th Christmas Lunch Day
- 20th Late night shopping
- 21st Break up for Christmas
- 21st School closes at 3:15pm
- 24th Crib Service Church 4:00pm
- 25th Merry Christmas

January 2024

- 1st Happy New Year
- 8th Back to school
- 25th Forces workshop Y5/6

A reminder to please check your School Money account for arrears as we head towards the end of term.

Attendance of the week

Foxes 96%

Happy Birthday to you

Happy birthday to Poppy, Ed, Dottie, Albert, Dougie, Mrs Pink and Mrs Jordan who all have birthdays between today and 8th Jan.



"Let your light shine"

Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating Compassion

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord

In this third week of advent, remind us that the 'joy of the world' is on the way.

Help us to stop and reflect on all the good things in our own lives and say thank you.

In the next busy week, we pray that it brings opportunities for laughter and time spent together.

Amen

Childcare for 2 year olds

From 2 January 2024, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours of childcare for their two-year-old. Parents have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a code, with mid-January to the end of February being the optimum time to apply in case they need to provide further information to support their application.

To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the Childcare Choices website, where you can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Late Night Christmas Shopping

On Wednesday 20th December we are offering you the chance to leave your child at St Oswald's until 8pm to enable you to finish any last minute Christmas Shopping.

The price is £20 per child, cash only, to be brought to the office. This price includes pizza and chips, ice-cream, festive crafts and more.

For more information or to book please contact the office

Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is the last newsletter of the term, and indeed 2023, we look back at the year at all we have achieved and the fun we have had! From the Panto visit in early January, to movie nights, Chemistry with Cabbage and Dodgeball competitions, then the Easter Service in Church, residential for KS2, trips to bowling, the beach and water polo, a new school year with new staff and new pupils leading into Harvest, Children in Need and a wonderful countdown to Christmas full of singing and story telling. I have now been Principal of this amazing school for almost a year, and what a privilege it has been to work with so many fantastic staff, fantastic children and fantastic families. I cannot wait to see what 2024 will bring for us all!

Next week

We have our Christingle Service at Church on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. Everyone is welcome for the last school service of 2023. We will also be off to see Cinderella at the Crewe Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday, and then back to school for Christmas Dinner! Children can also wear Christmas Jumpers over their uniform on Wednesday too. There will be class parties on Thursday 21st December. Children will be in normal uniform and there will be a sheet of suggestions party food and drink for parents to sign up to and donate by Thursday morning.

Uniform

There will be a uniform sale on Tuesday after the Christingle Service, set up in the school hall. We have brand new blazers for £10 and many jumpers and cardigans for £5, payable in cash.

I have noticed that over the past few weeks that some children have started wearing trainers instead of school shoes and non-uniform items such as hoodies and sweatshirts have been creeping back into school. Please can all children return to school in January with the correct uniform.

Volunteers Supporting the School

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that help us in school. The governors are volunteers who, in their own time, visit school, attend meetings, read policies and plans and actively support myself and the staff regularly. The PTA members and helpers plan and run amazing events for our pupils and families whilst raising much needed funds for the school. Our baking group runs fortnightly, where volunteers plan and then help pupils to prepare and cook a tasty treat to take home. Without the generous time given by all of these volunteers, we wouldn't be able to run so successfully. A huge thanks for all you do for the staff and pupils at St Oswalds.

Have a wonderful Christmas break, filled with family time and rest (where possible!), and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th January. 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 - Noah and Jess for their brilliant reading and presenting during the services this week. Eleanor and Olivia for stepping in at the last minute to cover Mary and the Innkeeper. Poppy for stepping in at the last minute as a fantastic Angel Gabriel and Ziggy for his 2 part performance, despite feeling a little under the weather

Owls - All of Reception for their wonderful Nativity performance and all of Nursery for behaving so beautifully at their singing and crafting afternoon

Deers - All of Deer class for their fantastic Nativity

Hedgehogs - All of Hedgehogs for their fantastic singing in our Carol Service

Foxes - All of Foxes for their fantastic singing in our Carol Service

PE Star of the Week - Mollie, Izzy, Stanley and Fleur for outstanding sportsmanship in PE this week

Wraparound care star of the week - Benjamin for being so polite and happy in after school club

Christian Value - Compassion

Owls - Joseph Ma for being a kind and compassionate friend

Deers - Aine for being a kind and thoughtful friend

Hedgehogs - Stanley for being so helpful during football this week and helping friends and teachers

Foxes - Fleur and Layla for being so kind and helpful during the KS1 Nativity

Top 12 Mathletes of the Week



Cara	Amelie
Daniel	Leonardo
Joseph	Olivia
Ed	Jamie
Herbie	Edward
Ophelia	Callum



School Lunch price increase from 01.01.2024

Due to increased costs, the price of a school lunch will be increasing to £2.75.

The price of a Friday bacon bap and a drink will also be increasing to £1.60.

School Attendance

Dear Parent, our overall school attendance figures are in the bottom 20% of schools in England and this does not take into consideration COVID related absence which does not affect attendance figures.

These high level of absences are mainly due to a marked increase in term time holidays and other unauthorised absences. I have noticed a marked increase in the number of parents requesting term time holiday absence. With the tough couple of years we have all experienced, I can fully appreciate the temptation to take your child out of school during term time for a holiday or even a long weekend. The school cannot authorise term time absence for holidays even if the reason is given for the parents' work schedules or family commitments. Term time absence has an undoubted negative impact on your child's learning.

If they miss even just a day or two of learning in school your child will miss:

An important chunk of a genre writing sequence that will be taking place in their English lessons which will be hard to catch them up on.

An important next step in a maths lesson that is related to a method in the previous lesson and connected to the next lesson in a step-by-step progressive manner.

Lessons related to our topic work (connected curriculum) that are planned out in a way for the children to make connections in their learning by building on prior knowledge.

Infants will miss an important phonics sound (Grapheme or Phoneme) which has been planned out carefully to happen in a progressive manner.

Juniors will miss an important spelling pattern that will be focused on during the spelling lessons that week.

RCSAT Attendance Notification

What the law says about school attendance:

The law requires all children between the ages of 5 and 16 to be in full time education.

Under Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 it is the duty of the parent/carers of a child of compulsory school age to ensure that they attend school regularly.

Supervision Order Children's Act 1989: The local authority can apply to the courts where attendance remains poor. A named education supervisor would be appointed to work with the family for up to 12 months to ensure the young person receives full time education.

School Attendance Order Education Act 1996: If this is issued; parents would be directed to register their child at a school named by the local authority.

Penalty Notice: A warning letter can be issued when a pupil has had 10 or more unauthorised absences from school. The warning letter gives parents a period of 15 days of monitoring. If at the end of this period there has not been an improvement or an improvement has been made but not sustained, a Penalty Notice will be issued. Each parent/carers would have to pay £60.00 per child. If this is not paid within 21 days, the payment increases to £120.00 per child per parent. Payments will not be accepted after 28 days. If parents do not pay, the Local Authority will prosecute in the Magistrates' Court. If convicted the parent will have a criminal record and may receive a fine of up to £1000.

The Department for Education have a range of information available regarding attendance.

Why attendance at School and Punctuality is important

98% attendance means your child has missed 4 days in the school year

95% attendance means that your child has missed 10 days in the school year

90% attendance means that your child has missed 19 days in the school year

80% attendance means that your child has missed 38 days in the school year

5 minutes late each day means 3 whole days lost each year

17 days missed from school each year equates to a whole GCSE grade

Attendance affects learning, future earning, wellbeing and a sense of belonging



CHRISTMAS 2023

Family Market

DECEMBER
17TH 2023
11-4PM
Sunday

STALLS - MULLED WINE- LIVE
SINGER - ELF PONY - MEET SANTA
- ELSA - CHOIR- MAGIC-
FAIRGROUND RIDE- BOUNCY
CASTLE- FACEPAINTER- CRAFTS &
MORE

Wychwood Park
Hotel, Crewe.

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#HAFWINTER2023



N.A.R

Winter CAMP



Free...
For children in Rec
to Yr6 on IRFSM
Income Related
Free School Meals

JANUARY
2024



**Art, Games, Sport &
Adventure**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday - Friday
Day 1 - Jan 3rd
Day 2 - Jan 4th
Day 3 - Jan 5th



Central Venue:
Wistaston Academy Trust



Department
for Education

BookYour space at:
<https://eequ.org/experience/5333>

