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School Diary Dates 2024

March

1st High School offers released
7th World Book Day
11th Y5/6 Easter Hope Journey
12th Paralympian athlete visit
15th Non uniform day
21st World Down Syndrome Day
22nd Easter Bingo
25th Parent coffee morning
26th Y3/4 Blue Planet Aquarium
27th Easter Service 2pm
28th Academy photography
28th Break up
29th Bank Holiday

April

12th Funky Choir concert @ Church
15th Back to School
15th Y5/6 Residential
17th Y3/4 Residential
22nd Y4-Y6 Swimming Lessons week

May

6th Bank Holiday
13th SATs week Y6
17th Parent coffee morning
21st Sports Day
24th Break up

June

3rd Inset Day
11th Reserve Sports Day

July

4th Book Fair arrives
11th Y5/6 Primary College
18th Y6 leavers service
19th Last day of academic year
22nd Inset Day

"Let your light shine"

Matthew 5:16

This term we are celebrating forgiveness

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord,
Thank you for showing us the importance of forgiveness.
Help us to forgive, even when we find it difficult.
Show us how to be strong and courageous,
and how to choose the correct path.
Through your eyes.
Amen

Important Notice

We will be changing our payment system from School-Money on 1st June 2024, could you please log into your account and ensure all balances are cleared before this date.

Thank you for your assistance

Attendance of the week

Owls

98%



Happy Birthday to you

Happy birthday to Connie-Rae and Harley.
We hope you both have a magical day.



Mrs McDonough's Messages

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all the children and families following half term. We hope that you had an enjoyable break. It is hard to believe that we are half way through this academic year already! Thank you to all those who had parents evening appointments before we broke up. We hope you found them useful and are aware of how your child is doing and how you can support them.

Spiritual Development

Our Christian Value for this half term is 'Forgiveness' and we have spent some time in worship this week learning about how Jesus taught us to not hold a grudge and let go of feelings of anger and resentment. Our symbol on the worship table this half term is a rock/stone to represent the stone rolled back from the tomb, when darkness turned into light and the forgiveness Jesus' showed upon his death (Ephesians 1.7). Our Ethos team are working closely with members of the Church to create a display in the hall, demonstrating how we at St Oswald's show Forgiveness.

Easter Bingo

School and the PTA are running an Easter Bingo evening on Friday 22nd March in the school hall. Doors open at 5.30pm and eyes down for 6pm! We are expecting the event to run until 8pm. We will be offering food and drink, as well as an Easter raffle. There will be a non-uniform day in exchange for Easter Eggs/chocolate on Friday 15th March. These will be put together as bingo prizes. More information will be sent out soon, but it promises to be a fun evening for all the family, young and old!

World Book Day/Comic Relief/Science Week

World Book Day is next Thursday 7th March. We are inviting all pupils (and staff!) to come to school dressed as a book character of their choice, or in pjs or a onesie; anything comfy! We will be doing lots of reading and book based activities across the day. Keep your eyes out on our Facebook page to find out more!

Science Week begins on Monday 11th March, and Mrs Tomlinson, our Science champion, has been busy planning some fantastic activities, visitors and events for all classes throughout the week. If anyone you know who works in a scientific capacity and would be willing to come in and speak to the children, please let Mrs Jordan or Mrs Tomlinson know as soon as possible!

Comic Relief is on Friday 15 March, which is the same day as our Easter Bingo non-uniform day. If you would like to send your child in with a donation for Comic Relief, there will be a bucket by the school gate for contributions.

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 - Layla for being super helpful and kind towards EYFS children, Dougie for welcoming visitors and being very polite, George for being brave and confident around school and Stanley for showing kindness and being a supportive friend

Owls - Leonardo for joining in with phonics with enthusiasm and effort, also Joseph Mu for being a kind and caring friend to the children in the class

Deers - Finley for his great work in maths this week, also Aine for her excellent writing and ideas in English

Hedgehogs - Gretl and Isaac for being so brave and remembering to wear their lovely new glasses

Foxes - Sienna for making fantastic progress on her Accelerated Reader quizzes also Joseph for his excellent attitude towards English

PE Star of the Week - Poppy, Gwyn, Edward and Jess for outstanding sportsmanship in PE this week

Ethos Team choice - Mya for always being forgiving

Wraparound care star of the week - Sienna Skellon for being extremely helpful in wraparound care

Christian Value - Forgiveness

Owls - Olivia for being a kind and forgiving friend to her classmates

Deers/Hedgehogs - Herbie and Noah for forgiving each other when they accidentally bumped into each other

Foxes - Walter for always showing forgiveness to others

Medication in school

A reminder school can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor, is in its original packaging and has the pharmacy label with the child's name in place.

If your child needs medication during school hours, please come to the school office where a form will need completing. The medicine will be kept in a secure place and administered by 2 trained first aiders.

If your child is asthmatic and needs an inhaler during school hours, then please come to the school office to complete a medication form. The form and inhaler will be kept in a safe place in your child's classroom and will be accessible to them at all times. We will monitor expiry dates and let you know when we are needing new items.

Please note all medication will be kept in a secure place. Please inform the school immediately if there are any changes to regular medication and when regular medication is to be stopped. Please remember to collect any unused medicine from school for disposal.



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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/carer 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.



March 2024

Newsletter

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Thursday
21 March
19:00 -20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION
Understanding Addictive
Behaviour - Screens, gaming,
drugs and more

Tuesday
19 March
19:00 - 21:00
£24



What is ACT?
An introduction to Acceptance
and Commitment Therapy

Thursday
28 March
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
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giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Addictive Behaviour

FREE



FREE

21st March (7pm to 8pm)

Available to book now via the website
facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENT page



Location: Granary Arts cafe, Welsh row

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