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The Newsletter Summer Term No.12–14th July 2022 Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the final week of the school year, just some policy updates that you need for September.

I feel I have now honoured all the covid holiday cancellations, change of flights etc so from September 1st we are returning to the original Attendance Policy which permits no holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The attendance figure for school this academic year is 95.9% which is low compared to our normal attendance figure of 97.5% so please do not book holidays during term time.

A reminder that school starts at 8.50am. The school gate will continue to open in the mornings from 8.40am but will close at 8.50am. This allows lessons to start with the whole class in attendance promptly. Late attendance does disrupt lessons.

The children will return to school in winter uniform on Monday 5th September. Please note that trainers are not school uniform. I have been very understanding over the past 2 weeks as I know children have outgrown school shoes etc but this is not the expected standard of uniform and school shoes must be worn when we return.

If your child is having their ears pierced over the summer, please do it at the beginning of the holidays as jewellery is not to be worn to school and time can be wasted by asking children to remove their earings etc.

Last week of term:

Monday 18th July

PTFA Cake Sale on the playground 3.15pm.

Tuesday 19th July

Y6 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Performances for Y5/Y6 parents at 10am 2pm or 6.30pm. Y5 will be the Joseph Choir at all the performances. Tickets that have been requested have been sent home. For the evening performance, the children need to be back at school no later than **6.20pm**.

Reception visit to the Library and picnic in the park. The weather forecast is very hot. Please ensure that you apply suncream to your child in the morning and they bring a sun hat/cap and a filled water bottle. Children will have their lunch (provided by the kitchen) in the park in the shade. Children will return back to school at 1.30pm.

PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground 3.15pm.

Wednesday 20th July

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Y6 Leavers Mass 6pm followed by Fish and Chip Supper and party on the field. Any Y6 families who have ordered food, please ensure that you have your food ticket on the night (food tickets sent home Wednesday 6th July).

Thursday 21st July

Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am in the school hall. Y6 Parents most welcome. Following the Assembly, Y6 will be spending the rest of the day on retreat to Liverpool Cathedral; then onto Crosby Beach for picnic lunch and games on the beach.

Reception Stay and Sing 2-3pm. This session will include singing round the campfire and toasting marshmallows! Don't forget to complete and return the slip if you wish to attend – copies of slips are available from the school office.

Friday 22nd July

The whole school will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.30am to give thanks for the school year.

School closes for Summer 1.30 pm

Class & Team Photographs:

Class and Team photographs have been delivered and will be sent home today for anyone who has placed an online order.

Beginners' Group Guitar Lessons with Miss Galea:

Don't forget - if your Y2, Y3, Y4 or Y5 child is interested in learning to play the guitar, please ensure that permission slips are returned to school no later than **Tuesday 19th July.** Miss Galea will be in touch regarding places.

Final Finance Reminder!

ParentPay accounts MUST be cleared before the end of the summer term as a deficit balance MUST NOT be carried forward to the next academic year.

And finally ...

The weather is due to be very hot on Monday and Tuesday next week. Regardless of what is being reported in social media, St Oswald's will remain open and continuing as normal following common sense procedures! Please apply a high factor sun cream to your child before they come to school and provide a sun hat/cap (labelled with your childs name). It is essential that your child has a water bottle in school.

Many thanks for supporting all the PTFA Events this year.

The circus raised £2,842 so it looks like we are almost there for our Forest School Firepit; any sponmoney from the Tough Kidder yesterday is going to make all the difference and we can hopefully order before the end of term, ready for September Forest School sessions. Just send your child's sponsor money in an envelope by Wednesday 20^{th} July. Many thanks.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch and we will do our best to help. Yours sincerely

B Wood Headteacher