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With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Reminders:

Friday 7th May – All Hallows transition morning at St Oswald's.

Tuesday 11th – Thursday 13th May – Catch up phone calls. Your child will have come home today with slip confirming your appointment time and date. If you have not yet returned your slip, please contact the school office to request a telephone appointment.

Monday 17th May -Y6 Bike checks by Mrs Cookson. Y6 will need to bring their bike and helmet to school for the day.

Thursday 20 May - 'Spring into Summer' School Meal Promotion – please return the slip back by Friday 14th May if you would like your child to have a school meal on this date (slip on Newsletter dated 22nd April).

Monday 24th -Friday 28th May - Y6 to complete the Cycling Proficiency Programme and the Bikeability programme. Bikes and helmets are to be brought into school (letter was issued to Y6 on Friday 30th April).

Monday 24th May - Class Photographs by School Photographer.

Friday 28th May – 'Fun Friday'! Children can come dressed as a teacher for the day and staff will be wearing school uniform! Just make a donation in the buckets provided at the gate.

Monday 31st May - Friday 5th June - Half term

Coming up: Please keep an eye on the dates as more will be added over the next few weeks.

Tuesday 22nd June

Year 1 Sports Day 2.30pm.

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New Intake Parents Meeting 6.30pm in the hall (1 adult with mask and no children please).

Wednesday 23rd June

'Little Owls' programme starts for our new intake! 9.15am – 11.45am.

Wednesday 23rd June

Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows (letter will be issued w/c 7th June).

Thursday 24th June

Reception Sports Day 2.30pm

Friday 25th June

Y6 visit to All Hallows (Children who are not attending All Hallows are to be in school as normal).

Monday 28th June

School Nursing Team will be in school carrying out vision screening checks for Reception.

Monday 28th June

Year 2 Sports Day 2.30pm

Thursday 1st July 2.30pm

Year 3 Sports Day 2.30pm

Monday 5th July 2.30pm

Year 6 Sports Day 2.30pm

Monday 5th July

End of Year Reports to be sent home

Tuesday 6th July 2.30pm

Year 5 Sports Day 2.30pm

Wednesday 7th July 2.30pm

Year 4 Sports Day 2.30pm

Friday 9th July

Y6 Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 9.30am and 11.00am (Y6 Parents to be invited)

Monday 12th July

Y6 Visit to Borwick Hall (further details to be issued shortly)

Wednesday 14th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am

Friday 16th July

School closes for summer 1.30pm.

Message regarding Y6 Leavers' Party from Mrs Bamber (Year 6 Parent):

Parents of the Y6 children have organised a school leavers' party on Friday 2nd of July in the evening at The Dolphin Inn. We hope with government guidelines permitting, that we will be able to give the children a party to celebrate with their friends before starting their new high school adventures! We are hiring a DJ and photo booth and food will be provided plus lots of treats and surprises along the way!

Anyone we have not been able to communicate with, please feel free to contact Vikkie Bamber and all the information will be sent to you. We do not want any of the children to miss out! My contact details are 07478648828 or if email is easier for its vikkie.bamber@gmail.com. Thank you.

Please note that this event is organised by willing parents from Y6.

Updated COVID-19 Testing Information in Educational Settings for Parents:

What tests are available?

There are two main types of test to check if you have coronavirus:

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are for people with symptoms and must be run through a laboratory to get a result.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests – which are commonly referred to as rapid tests – are for people without symptoms and can yield results within 30 minutes of taking one.

The type of Covid-19 test you should take depends on whether you have any symptoms.

Testing for people without symptoms

People who do not have any symptoms can test themselves for coronavirus with rapid tests. Free rapid testing is available to everyone in England, with people encouraged to test themselves twice a week.

How to get a rapid test

There are a number of other ways you can access rapid testing:

- Order home testing kits online.
- Many business offer workplace testing programmes, on-site or at home.
- You can collect home testing kits at your local test site
- You can collect a box of 7 rapid tests to use twice a week at home at participating pharmacies. Find your nearest site: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

What to do if you test positive using a rapid test

If you or your child's rapid test result is positive, you and your close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS as soon as possible. You will need to communicate this with your child's school.

Testing for people with symptoms

If you or your child have one or more of the following Covid-19 symptoms you must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You may want to tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have COVID-19. They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. But they should take extra care to follow social distancing advice, including washing their hands often. If they get any symptoms of COVID-19, they must self-isolate and get a test as soon as possible.

What to do if you don't have any classic Covid-19 symptoms

If you or your child have other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can still get a PCR test. However, you do not need to immediately self-isolate for 10 days.

What to do if the PCR test is positive

If the result is positive, you and your close contacts must self-isolate immediately for 10 days from the day you took the test.

What to do if the PCR test is negative

If the result is negative, you do not need to isolate.

Outbreaks in education settings

In the event of an outbreak of Covid-19 at a school, your child may be asked to self isolate for 10 days if they have come into close contact with a positive case.

And finally...

I need to take this opportunity to let you know some recent staffing news. Firstly some of you have been asking how Mrs Little is as she has not been in school over the past few months. Sadly, Mrs Little's husband was very ill after heart surgery and he died a couple of weeks ago. Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers have been with Mrs Little and her family and continue to be with her at this very difficult time.

Mrs Maguirre- Dorr has decided to take early retirement from the end of August and we wish her all the best as she starts her new adventure into a long, active and healthy retirement. Mrs Maguire Dorr has served St Oswald's for almost 25 years and will be missed by everyone and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best.

Mr Ingram has decided to leave teaching and follow his dream career in the Police so Lancashire Constabulary are very lucky to be getting such a great recruit starting with them in August. It was a tough decision for Mr Ingram to make but if ever there was a time to follow your dream, it is now! We wish him all the very best as he takes up his new career.

Myself and the Governing Body are already making plans to advertise for two teaching posts to start in September.

Take care,

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher