



Hope, Honesty, Respect, Forgiveness, Perseverance, Friendship

January 2024

Newsletter

Happy New Year Everyone!

I hope everyone has had a restful and relaxing Christmas break and are returning to school and entering 2023 feeling revitalised.

December was a busy period of time; the infant pupils were amazing performing in the school nativity- Mend the Manger. The way they sang, danced and acted on stage was just brilliant.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraising events at the end of term. This has enabled us to ensure that we can continue to provide and purchase resources for our children to enhance their education.



We would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the Moy Park Christmas Competition- we won!! This allowed us to arrange for Father Christmas to come on the last day of term and give everyone a gift as well as purchasing new books for our Outdoor reading library.



It was wonderful to see St Oswald's Church so full on the last day of term for our annual carol concert- the carol singing was wonderful and we really got into the Christmas spirit!

We are really looking forward to a fantastic 2024.

### **Congratulations;**

Congratulations to Miss Austin who is expecting her second child which is due in June. We will keep you posted on who will be covering her position whilst she is on maternity leave.

### **Attendance;**

Attendance at school is compulsory. Holidays should not be booked or taken during term time. Schools cannot authorise any holidays taken during term time. The school attendance Policy can be found on the attendance section of our school website. Any child's attendance which falls below 90% is classed as persistently absent. As a school we are required to address any persistent absences.

### **Uniform:**

Please label every item of your child's uniform. If they lose an item of uniform and it is not found in the classroom or cloakroom, we have a lost property box near the office. Children can come and look in the box at playtime or lunch time, or parents can look before or after school.

**Staying Safe** is paramount and we have a duty of care to ensure that all our children stay safe both inside school and outside school. As we know Safeguarding is everybody's business.

A reminder that gates will remain closed on the playground until 8.30am.

We ensure that there is a culture of safeguarding throughout the school. We would love to hear your feedback. Please could you take a moment to complete the questionnaire.

Each month I will provide links to useful websites to support keeping your child safe online.



We know that many of our children play 'Fortnite', despite it having a PEGI Rating of 12. They have recently been taken to courts to settle child privacy claims. This court action has resulted in them agreeing to change their default settings and to have the chat communications turned off by default.

We would strongly urge you to ensure that you review your settings so that you know who your children are chatting to online as well as ensuring the suitability of the games they are playing.

## Friends of the School

Thank you to The Friends of the School for all their support last term. There will be more events to follow

### Governors:

Our Governing Board have been working alongside the leadership team of the school to ensure that we as a school provide a Good Quality of Education for our pupils. Further information about our Governing Board can be found on the school website. The Governing Board are becoming increasingly concerned about the traffic outside school at peak times and we are currently in discussions with the local authority regarding this matter.



### **Contacting Staff:**

If you wish to contact a member of staff please do so by contacting the School office and they will pass your email or phone message to your child's respective teacher.

### **Future dates;**

All our dates and events can be found on the website. We have added onto the website the term dates for the rest of this academic year and for 2023-2024. [download.asp](https://stoswaldsschool.co.uk/download.asp) ([stoswaldsschool.co.uk](https://stoswaldsschool.co.uk))

### **Dates for your diaries;**

January 8 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Speak Out Stay safe Assemblies
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Full Governing Board Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3 Visit the Town Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics History Van Experience Year 1 & 2
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet day; Inspiring Change; Managing a difference and managing influence, navigating change on line.  History van Experience Years 3 & 5
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Annual Shrovetide Lunch Last Day of term
Half term holiday	
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Return to school

20 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evenings
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Parents Evening 6pm RFL Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parents Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5&6 Hi Five Netball
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers day Service
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3&4 Hi Five Netball
21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Board Meeting
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service  Last day of term
28 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day