

ST OSWALD'S NEWSLETTER



June/July 2018



On Friday May 25th 2018 we hosted our very first Aspirations Day. Pupil voice has indicated that the day was a super success and really got our children conversing about their future careers. It was great to see so many people volunteer to help us from occupational therapists, navy, army, police officers, teachers, fire brigade, Hebburn Hub, Hebburn Helps and many more. A HUGE thanks to everyone who gave up their time to make this day possible. Also a HUGE thank you to you - to all of the parents, carers, grandparents and other family members who collected their children to take them around the careers fair on the afternoon. A brilliant day with fabulous community support.

Year Group News

Reception

Reception have got off to a very busy start to this last half term. We have started our topic on Journeys and Transport and we are very excited for lots of trips focused around this in the coming weeks. This week we are travelling on several modes of transport to get to the ferry in South Shields, from here we will be travelling to North Shields and exploring the fish quay and making links with our upcoming topic of Under the Sea - it's all go in reception! We are taking part in Faraway Friday this week and that will be based around Russia, we have so many exciting things going on this half term! Since we have been back, we have looked at ordering time appropriately and repeated patterns in our maths.

Year One

Well it's another busy month for Year 1 in June! We are coming to the end of our topic on the Great fires of London and Newcastle and will be starting a new one very soon. It is going to be geography based and all about a country linked to The World Cup. Watch this space to find out which one it is! In English we are looking at Fables and using our detective skills to work out the morals of some stories as well as having a go at writing our own. Maths see's us getting to grips with fractions with lots of hands on activities to help us grasp this tricky concept and to also help us build up our quick recall of doubles and halves of numbers too. We are really enjoying our Friday afternoon transition sessions with Miss Booth ready for next year and it has been brilliant learning all about plants, especially as the weather has been so nice. On a sadder note we are going to have to say goodbye to Miss Freeman very soon. We have loved having her as our student teacher this year and wish her the best of luck for her new job in September!

Year Two

In year 2 this month we are going to be continuing our topic of 'Significant places of interest'. We will be learning all about lighthouses with a particular focus on our local Souter Lighthouse. In English, we are going to be reading two stories by the significant author Anthony Browne, we will be writing book reviews and comparing the two stories. In maths we are returning to addition and subtraction and measure. In RE this month, we are looking at other places of worship and comparing them with the church. After a busy last half term with our tests we are looking forward to enjoying our final half term in year 2!

Year Three

Year 3 have started reading Fantastic Mr Fox and are using this to write our own stories, looking at how the characters behave towards one another and how their behaviours change throughout the text. We will also be looking at the setting and plot. In History, we will continue looking at Ancient Egypt and compare it to modern civilisation. We will be using our geography skills to look at how the country has developed. In Art and Design, we will be making our own Egyptian death masks and evaluating them.

Year Four

In Year 4 we will be closing off our year with a fresh topic linked to the World Cup. We will be complementing this with some of our English work, which will also cover different aspects of poetry. In Maths we will be moving on from Place Value to revising Addition and subtraction and then multiplication and division. Our ICT will see us kicking off with a look at animation before moving onto effective use of search engines, while our RE will focus on investigating what prayer is. In PE our work on athletics and tennis will also feature some inter-schools events.

Year Five

In Year 5, we are finishing off our review of Place Value in Maths. English has been focused around discussion texts, looking at creating a balanced argument, summarising and considering important questions linked to curriculum enhancement days such as our recent World Oceans Day. Following on from our Faraway Friday event, we will be studying a contrasting country around the world and looking at how things such as climate, culture, history and landscape may differ in another part of the world. Cricket is the main focus of our PE as we prepare for an upcoming Year 5 competition, we will then turn our attention to athletics in anticipation for School Sports Day. Finally in RE we are studying influential women from the Old Testament, considering the impact they had in The Bible and how their actions continue to influence Christians and others today.

Year Six

Y6 have a diverse range of trips to look forward to across June. We begin by heading to the Dhammakaya Meditation Centre to learn more about the Buddhist faith in line with our RE learning. This is followed by a day trip to Durham, which includes a leavers' service at Durham Cathedral along with Y6 children from other schools across the North East. We're set to return to Hebburn Comprehensive School to complete a filming project we began earlier in the year and for transition activities (dates to be confirmed), whilst we will also enjoy a day at South Marine Park. Back in class, we have some final pieces of writing to complete, including writing our own narratives in the style of our summer class novel, Kensuke's Kingdom, and hybrid non-fiction texts around the World Cup. We continue with lots of topic-based learning, beginning the month with a focus on changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, while we are also beginning to look at what we'd like to include in our big leavers' assembly that will be performed in July.

Diary Dates - June/July

JUNE

12th - Y6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral - All Day

14th - Reception Trip to Marine Park - All Day
- Barclay's Money Day Skills in School - All Day
- Y6 Trip to Hebburn Comprehensive - pm

15th - Faraway Friday to Russia - 2:30pm - Parents/Carers Welcome for Sharing Assembly

18th - Y4 Quad Kids Athletic Event at Temple Park - All Day
- Y6 working with STEM Ambassadors - am
- Y2 Animal Welfare Talk - pm

20th - Y4 Tennis Festival at Westoe Tennis Centre - am

21st - Reception Ferry Trip to North Shields - All Day

26th - Keelman's Way children to visit Y6 children at St Oswald's - am

29th - PD DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN

JULY

2nd - Final Firefighters Clothing Collection of this academic year

3rd - KS2 Trip to South Shields Beach - All Day
- Y2 OAA Event at South Marine Park - pm

4th - Reception Trip to Jarrow Park - All Day
- Y5 Cricket Festival - Whitburn Cricket Club - All Day

5th - KS1 Sports Day - am - All Welcome
- KS2 Sports Day - pm - All Welcome

9th - 12th - Y5 Cycling Proficiency

9th - Summer Fayre - 2pm - All Welcome

10th - Y6 Leavers Service - All Y6 Parents/Carers Welcome
- Y6 to Martinos - 12.30pm - All Y6 Parents/Carers Welcome

11th - Reception Trip to Blue Reef Aquarium - All Day
- Y6 Puberty Talk - pm

12th- 13th - Y6 Transition Days to Feeder Secondary Schools

13th - Fit 4 Fun - am - All Welcome
- Whole School Diversity Picnic - 12:30pm - All Welcome

16th- 20th - Y5/6 Residential Trip to Thurston

16th - Y4 Cycling Proficiency - All Day

17th - Y2 Trip to the Discovery Museum - All Day

20th - Children break up for the Summer Holidays

Reminders

Children return to school from the summer break on **MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018.**

Move to My School App from September

Starting from September 2018 the main form of all communication will be the school's My School App. There have been a range of workshops/drop-in sessions across the year to demonstrate this to parents/carers/grandparents in preparation to move to this in September. An additional workshop will be being held on Thursday 28th June for anyone who does not have access or would like some extra support. Alternatively Mrs Wright or Mrs Smith will help with any ongoing queries.

Got a Paypal account? Why not try our new online uniform ordering service?

Mrs Wright has been working very closely with Emblematic (our uniform provider) to move to an online ordering system through their website. This will mean you will be able to order and pay for uniform online using Paypal. Why not take a look using the following link:

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/sops155>



We are continuing to support The Firefighters Charity Collection. Please return donations to School before Thursday 28th June 2018

School Office

Medical Appointments

Medical Appointments will only be authorised if a medical card or letter is provided.

Uniform Orders

Uniform orders can be made at any point throughout the academic year. Forms are available from the school office or on the website.

Lateness

Children who are regularly late and are entering school via the main entrance will receive a late mark. Any child who arrives after 9:05am will be classed as unauthorised for that morning session. Our new Inventory system is now tracking lateness.

Money

Can we ask that all money which is brought into school is done so in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and indication of what the money is for?

Water Bottles

Water Bottles are available from the school office for £1.

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