



# St. Oswald's Church of England Primary Academy

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## HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome back to the second part of the summer term! We have so many exciting events to look forward to in the next few weeks. In addition to this, we have many new initiatives starting around school. Miss Littlewood has started her lunchtime 'Boomwhacker Club' (see picture) - she has promised that her little group of musicians will play us into assembly - apparently they are learning the national anthem as part of their repertoire!



*An example of one of our lunchtime clubs*

Lunchtimes are also new and different. We wanted to give our children more of a 'restaurant' dining experience at lunchtimes. We have introduced separate sittings and reduced the number of children in the hall during each sitting. We have also purchased some new, colourful circular tables. We are training our children in the art of having civilised conversations over the dining table - I have been very impressed!



*Our new dining room*

We are also modelling lunchtime expectations, and giving the children plenty of examples of conversation starters. In September, we are hoping to start our family dining where we will have members of staff eating with our children.

### Art Week

To commemorate the Royal Wedding, we had a whole school art week just before half term. We have created a 'Royal Art Gallery' in our school dining room.



*Our talented St Oswald's artists!*



Until my bulleting next week, please enjoy your Eid celebrations and we will see you all on Monday.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson  
Head of School



### **What we are learning in Nursery**

Our new topic is 'Under the Sea.' We will be investigating and exploring all the things you may find at the bottom of the sea. We will be identifying and naming sea creatures, creating stories with sea creatures in the sand and water trays. We will go on a sea creature number hunt using numbers 1-10. In the outside area we will draw sea creatures using chalks and water. Our focus book is 'Commotion in the Ocean'. This book has lots of rhyming words which we will be identifying and we will also be sequencing the order of the sea creatures as they appear in the book. We will look at non-fiction books about oceans and sea creatures. We will also be encouraging our parents to read daily with their child at the beginning of each nursery session.

### **What we are learning in Reception**

In Literacy, we are learning the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' Next week we will be learning about the story structure (beginning, middle, and end). Children will have the opportunities to write the story during focused time as well as child initiated times.

In maths, we will be learning about 'capacity.' Children will be given opportunities for practical activities involving direct comparison of capacity, length and weight using the words more, less; tallest, shortest; longer, shorter and heavier, lighter.

In science, we are planting broad beans. Over the next two weeks children will be keeping a 'bean diary' and observe changes happening to the bean. They will also be learning about what a bean needs to grow. We have now created a 'Bug Hotel' in our outdoor area where children will be investigating a variety of mini beasts.

### **What we are learning in Year 1**

This week in English we are starting to write our first drafts of our story about Little Red Riding Hood. We will edit and improve these drafts before we write our Hot Write which will be displayed in the classroom. We need to make sure we included correct capital letters and punctuation marks (full stops, question marks and exclamation marks), word spaces, good adjectives, prefix -un and suffixes -ed, -ing, -es and -s and ensure our sentences make sense and are ordered to make a story.

In maths we are finishing our learning on multiplication and division (grouping and sharing) and will be starting our learning on fractions by the end of the week.

In topic we are learning about where we live in the United Kingdom and we are starting to find out about old objects.

### **What we are learning in Year 2**

This week in English we are going to plan to write the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and we will teach grammar and punctuation specific to a story. In maths, we will move onto 2D and 3D shapes. In topic, we will be writing a letter to the headteacher about how we could improve our school playground and garden.

### **What we are learning in Year 3**

We have started our Reading phase in English this week. We have been predicting what we think may happen in our new story, Stone Age Boy. We are all very excited to be learning about the Stone Age in English and in our Topic lessons!

In Maths we have been starting work on Time.

In our topic this week, we have continued looking at the Stone Age period and researching the famous Skara Brae. A Stone Age village discovered over 150 years ago on an island in the north of Scotland.

### **What we are learning in Year 4**

We are focusing on Money in Maths; we have been recognising and converting amounts of money. In English we have completed our Hot tasks and Cold task for the new book. In Topic we have looked at ways to improve our local area. We have had a visit from a Hindu tutor who talked to us about what Hindus believe about God.

### **What we are learning in Year 5**

In English, we have started our reading phase. We are learning to write a traditional story using Aladdin and the Enchanted lamp as our WAGOLL story. We have used the cake stand to help us write the different sentence types when predicting the next part of the story. In Maths, we have been learning how to measure and draw angles. In topic, we have been learning about properties of different materials. This has helped us to decide the best material for Aladdin's mat.

### **What we are learning in Year 6**

Year 6 have been busy comparing and contrasting Greek myths and legends with the story of Dracula. They are also focussing on their writing skills at the moment.

### **Eden Suite**

Our work on the disgusting sandwich has continued really well. We have written a story map of the book and

have started to change parts of it so that we can write our own version. We have also worked hard on our phonics and spellings. In maths, we have worked on our addition and subtraction facts, whilst some of us have progressed onto grouping, sharing and division.



**THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:**

**RECEPTION:** Nella Danielova (Oak) / Ahmed Ali (Ash)

**YEAR 1:** Hadiya Usmani (1 Pine) Nabila Khan (1 Birch)

**YEAR 2:** Hafsa Butt (2 Redwood) Samuel Tokar (2 Maple)

**YEAR 3:** All of 3 Sycamore for their superb effort in our cake stand lesson. They have produced some incredible work. Well done Sycamore!

**YEAR 4:** Armaan Saqib (4 Olive) for improved Handwriting and Iraj Askari (4 Poplar) for using evidence in her prediction

**EDEN:** Basma Hassanin Al-Aasam/ Jalal Hassanin Al-Aasam



**SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.  
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY	Pork Meatballs (Gluten Free) Halal Mumbai Meatballs Quorn Sausage	Orange Drizzle Cake Peach Cheesecake
TUESDAY	Shepherd's Pie Halal Spicy Chicken Rolls Vegetable Lasagne	Pineapple Upside Down Cake Oat Cookie
WEDNESDAY	Chilli Con Carne Halal Keema & Peas Quorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Orange & Lemon Sponge Mandarin Jelly
THURSDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chocolate & Mandarin Sponge Fresh Fruit Salad
Friday	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet Quorn Meatballs with Gravy	Pear & Vanilla Sponge Angel Delight

**PLEASE NOTE FROM MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE LUNCHTIMES HAVE CHANGED SLIGHTLY**

**New Lunch Times from 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

11.30 – 12.30 Reception and Nursery

12.00 – 12.45 Year 1 and Year 2

12:30 – 1:15 Year 3 and 4

12:30 – 1:15 Year 5 and Year 6 (but go for lunch at 12:50)

**School Summer Picnic is now on Thursday 19th July**

**2018 from 11:30am till 1:30pm**

