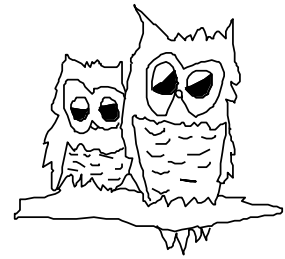


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Headteacher: Mrs Gill White

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Dear Parents

We have been back in school for half a term and the children seem to be coping extremely well with the new way of working. Something that I really miss is that there are not many opportunities for whole school activities where the children can all be together. As each class has to stay in their own separate bubble all day including breaktime, it is difficult for the children to see each other as they normally would. Please bear with us; this is an unprecedented situation and we are working in extremely challenging circumstances. It has made me realise how much we do in a "normal" term, when I see all of the activities that I have to cancel or modify because of the current guidance. Please be assured that we constantly try to give the children the best experience of school that we can, within the current constraints.

Covid 19 There have been some schools in the area that have had to close classes due to positive tests for Coronavirus amongst either the children or the staff. However, cases are rising in the local area. If we do have a positive case, please remember that the whole class may have to close and staff and children will have to self-isolate for fourteen days. If we are requested to do so, by the Cumbria Public Health team, this could happen at very short notice.

Reports The week after half term, parents would normally be offered an appointment for parents evening. This year, we are not able to do this as visitors aren't permitted in school. Instead, we will be sending home a short written report at the beginning of November, to enable us to share how your child has settled and how you can help them with their work.

Coats & Uniform As the weather is turning colder, please could you ensure that children bring a coat to school every day. We try to go outside at every playtime, whatever the weather. Please label every item of uniform. We seem to be collecting a lot of jumpers and cardigans and it has been difficult to return them to the correct child when they are not named. If your child has lost something, please let your child's teacher know.

Staff Update Sadly, Amanda Shaw will be leaving us at half term. She has been part of the St Oswald's community for 14 years in various roles. She did a lot of work with the Friends and then became a Teaching Assistant in Class 3 before moving to work with the two year olds. She set up an amazing Breakfast Club and helped as a midday supervisor before finally becoming a secretary on a Monday and Friday. She will be sadly missed by both staff and the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gill White

