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St Oswald's Catholic Community:  
With Christ at the centre of our  
community, our mission is to live,  
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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### The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

#### Coming up:

- **Red Nose Day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** -For a donation of £1 the children can come to school dressed in something red (no uniform needed) and bring in a funny joke to share with their class! Buckets will be at the gate in the morning for donations.
- **School photographs Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – The school photographer from Tempest will be in school to take a photograph of your child. This will either be an individual photograph or a sibling's photograph if your child has a brother/sister in school. Unfortunately this year, we are unable to invite pre-school children in to school.
- **Easter Lunch Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Reminder if your child would like to join in with the Easter Themed Lunch on please return the slip (Newsletter No. 9) or email by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.
- School closes for the Easter holiday on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 3.15 pm.** (After School Club will be running as normal).
- We re-open on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** for the summer term. Please note that we return to school in summer uniform:

**Boys: School polo shirt with logo, school sweatshirt with logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey socks & black school shoes.**

**Girls: Green/white gingham dress, school sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with logo, white socks, black school shoes, green scrunchies, green headbands or green bobbles are allowed.**

Polo shirts with logo are available from 'Justs' in Penwortham. You can contact by telephone on 01772 743807 or email [info@justsclothing.co.uk](mailto:info@justsclothing.co.uk) to arrange click & collect whilst the shop is closed.

#### Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy, and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 1 pack of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – **Guidance has been updated to remove: "Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most." This advice has been replaced with: "You can order 1 pack of home test kits containing 7 tests for home delivery. Your tests should arrive within 2 days."**

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

**New variant in Preston:**

A new variant of Covid-19 initially found in Liverpool, E484K, has been identified in Preston.

At this time, there is no evidence that this new variant causes more severe illness or is more transmissible.

However, the symptoms of this new variant are more similar to those of a common cold and it is important that anyone who is feeling unwell gets a COVID test: [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

And finally...

We are looking forward to Mrs Robinson returning from her Maternity Leave on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. She is excited to be back with us and looking forward to seeing all the children again!

Take care,

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher