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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**  
**Spring term no. 6 – 9th February 2023**  
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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Update from last newsletter:**

Congratulations the Y5/Y6 Cross Country Team who won the competition at Hutton last Friday. A brilliant achievement!

**Coming up:**

**School closes for half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**

PTFA Pancake Sale! Packs of homemade pancakes will be on sale on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 3.15pm on the playground.

Ash Wednesday Service 2.15pm in church on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Children from Y3-Y6 will attend. Parents invited.

Spring term Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 6.00pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Folders are available outside the school office to book an appointment time. Don't forget to book your slot! I do expect every parent to attend on one of the evenings allocated.

Reminder that the next Players in Education course will begin **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February** until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and is open for all pupils. The course will run for 11 weeks. If you wish to book your child on this course, please visit [www.playersdramaschool.co.uk](http://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk). Your child will come home with a flyer today.

PTFA Meeting in school at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. All welcome to come along to help plan and organise the fundraising events.

Y2 Assembly on the theme of Lent on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Parents of Y2 pupils invited to the School Hall at 2.40pm.

Y4 Sacramental Programme Mass on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.30am for Y4 pupils and their families.

Netball Club re-opens for Y5/Year 6 on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Sacramental Programme session for Y4 and their parents on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** 6.30-7.30pm in Church.

Football Club re-opens for Y5/Year 6 on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Y4 trip to Formby Point and the Eco Centre as part of their Geography Studies on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 4<sup>th</sup> Feb). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £18.75 on ParentPay asap –thank you!

Y2 trip to Bring Yer Wellies as part of their Science Studies on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 4<sup>th</sup> Feb). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £14.00 on ParentPay asap –thank you!

Freddy Fit in school to promote healthy lifestyles with every class **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. This is being funded from our Sports Premium funding. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for the event!

Y1 Mother's Day Assembly on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.

Y4 Sacramental Programme Mass **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** 10.30am for Y4 pupils and their families.

Y4 Sacramental Programme Session 3 for Y4 and their parents **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March** 6.30-7.30pm in Church.

Reception visit to Bring Yer Wellies as part of their Growing Topic **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** (letter issued today 9<sup>th</sup> February).

Y4 Sacramental Programme Mass **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am** for Y4 pupils and parents.

Y4 Sacramental Programme Session 4 for Y4 and parents **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-7.30pm** in Church.

Last swimming lesson for Year 4 on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Y3 will start swimming in the summer term. Details to follow.

World Book Day will be celebrated at St Oswald's on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** as this ties in with International Book Day! The children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character and can bring a book to school to join in with the Big Book Swap. All children will be given a free book to take home and enjoy. A love of reading is evident from so many children at St Oswald's! If you would like to share a story with a small group of children at the end of our World Book Day, please fill in the slip below so we can plan the groups!

**School Meal Promotion – 'We love Reading': Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.** If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.40 should be made through ParentPay please.

The menu will be Charlie's Crispy Chicken Burger with Potter's Pommes Noisettes or Quidditch Quorn BBQ Pasta & Cheese Bane served with Matilda's Medley of Vegetables followed by Hungry Caterpillar Cupcake.

The school meal promotions really help to keep our School Meals budget afloat so it's great that so many children join in! Thank you.

#### **PTFA News:**

#### **Someone Special Flowers:**

The PTFA are selling individually potted and gift-wrapped primroses for that special person for Mother's Day. Plants are £3.00 each or you can buy 2 plants or more for just £2.50 each. Please find an order form attached. All orders and payment MUST be received in school by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**.

#### **Save the date!**

PTFA Family Easter Bingo on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** 6.30-7.30pm. Details to follow!

#### **Parental Engagement Online Resources:**

These are brilliant resources and great ideas for young children.

Please see link to the LCC Early Years team webpage of resources for parental engagement with children's learning. There are lots of downloadable sheets covering a range of activities as well as the Early Years Walk and Talk campaign and support around School Readiness.

[Parental engagement and home learning - Lancashire County Council](#)

#### **Half-Term Activities:**

Please find attached a flyer regarding free activities organised by South Ribble Borough Council for children on Free School Meals in receipt of benefits.

#### **St Oswald's Church Food Bank:**

If you wish to donate any tinned items of food for Fox Street Food Bank, please drop them off at church which is open each weekday morning with the exception on Wednesday. Thank you.

**And finally...**

Many thanks for all the support you have given to your child with their reading over the past half term. We have noticed a significant difference in some classes as it has had a very positive impact on the learning.

Mrs Quilliam would like to thank the children from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 who have engaged with the Whizz Bang Pop activities over the past few months. The amount of effort has been noticed and appreciated; thank you.

Wishing all our families a lovely half term, see you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

**ST OSWALD’S WORLD BOOK DAY STORYTIME – THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

Yes I would love to come and share a story with a group on children on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2.40pm.

Name of child: ..... Name of Parent: .....

Preferred Year Group: .....

**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘WE LOVE READING’ – THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March and will ensure that £2.40 payment is made through ParentPay.

Name of child: .....Year: ..... Signature of parent/carer: .....

**SOMEONE SPECIAL FLOWERS**

Are you looking for an extra Mother’s Day gift idea? Look no further, we will be selling individually potted and gift-wrapped primroses for your special person. Each with their own gift label for you to personalise.

If you wish to buy a plant or two for presents, please complete and return this form with your payment by **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. The plants are £3 each or you can buy 2 plants or more for just £2.50 each.



Please put your order and payment in an envelope marked PTFA Flowers. Please pay with cash or cheques which are payable to St Oswald’s PTFA

Name of child ..... Year Group .....

I would like to buy .....plant/s Amount enclosed .....

The plants will be sent home with the children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.  
Thank you again for your support to raise funds for our wonderful school 😊