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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. 11 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- The PTFA did a fantastic job organising the flowers for Mother's Day/Someone Special. 140 plants were gift wrapped and delivered to the classrooms! We raised £394.50 so thank you for your support.
- Y1 did the most thoughtful assembly for Parents last Thursday. All the children took part and did so well with their speaking, singing and beautiful art work. Well done Y1.
- Fr Michael would like to pass on his thanks to all the Y4 families who attended Mass on Sunday and the Sacramental Programme session on Monday.
- Reception had a brilliant time today at Bring Yer Wellies, finding out about 'Growing', super listening and great questions. The weather did not dampen their enthusiasm!
- Thank you to Penwortham Fire Service for coming down today to talk to Y2 and Y6 about fire safety.

**Reminders:**

**Packed Lunches:**

We do encourage healthy eating with the children and sweets are not to be included in lunch boxes as per the information in Prospectus. The snack for break time in Y3/Y4, Y5 and Y6 is to be fruit, no sweets. Thank you.

**Coming up:**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

CAFOD Family Walk for Lent in partnership with All Hallows, our family of schools and Parishes. Meet at 1pm outside St Oswald's Church to walk to St Teresa's where refreshments will be provided before walking back to St Oswald's for the Youth Mass at 5pm. Slices of pizza and drinks will be served in school after Mass so we do hope you can join in!

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Egg Raffle tickets on sale in each class from today – 50p per ticket and the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name and year group.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Y4 will have their final swimming lesson today.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day at St Oswald's. 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 (Newsletter no.7) or email the office so we can plan the groups!

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

School Meal Promotion – 'We love Reading'. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip (Newsletter no.7) 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.

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** PTFA Family Easter Bingo 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. Free tickets are available from the office now! Bingo Books available on the night for £1. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family! Hurry as tickets are limited and over half have already gone!
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings & Cottage Museum, Lancaster on as part of their Victorians Topic (letter issued 1<sup>st</sup> March). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £14.50 on ParentPay ASAP - thank you!
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** Holy Week Liturgy in Church led by Y6 2.15pm. Parents welcome to come along.
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April** PTFA Easter Cake Bake Sale 3.15pm on the playground.
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** Reception Stay & Play 'Step into Spring' 2-3pm (new date). Parents are invited to come along and join in with your child's learning. Please complete the attached slip if you wish to attend.
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April** School closes for the Easter Holiday today at 3.15pm (After School Club will be running as normal). We return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer Term.

### **School Meal Vouchers:**

Free School Meal vouchers will be provided for the Easter holidays from Edenred. If you are entitled (families with children on free school meals who are in receipt of benefits) you will receive an electronic supermarket voucher on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April for the value of £30.00 per child.

The benefit entitlements are:

- Income support or Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

If you think you meet any of these criteria, we do urge you to register. All you need to do is complete a simple form which is available from the school office or, alternatively, contact LCC on 01772 531809 and provide them with the claimant's (parent's) name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they will be able to confirm over the phone whether or not you are entitled.

### **Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter Holidays:**

South Ribble Borough Council, South Ribble Leisure and local Community Groups are going above and beyond this Easter Holiday to offer a HAF programme of FREE activities and food to children and families who are in receipt of benefits, at local leisure centres and community facilities! If your child isn't eligible for Free School Meals but would like to attend, you are welcome to turn up on the day and they are welcome to join in if there is availability in the session.

Full details of the programme and how to book are attached and can be found at <https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>

### **Summer Uniform:**

When we return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the children are to wear 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.

We do have a good stock of pre-loved summer uniform items if anyone needs any items. Just ask at the School Office anytime.

Our uniform supplier is Justs in Penwortham who are very helpful for all uniform requirements and always listen to feedback regarding quality and price.

And finally...

As always, please contact school if you have any queries or concerns as soon as they arise.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**RECEPTION STAY & PLAY SESSION 'STEP INTO SPRING' – WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

I would like to attend the Stay & Play session on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 2-3pm.

Name of Child ..... Signature .....

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