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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**  
**Summer term no. 4– 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Update since last newsletter:**

- A huge thank you to everyone who managed to fill in the Ofsted Questionnaire. Mrs Bowker, HMI, spent 2 days with us and was very thorough in her evidence gathering. The report will be published sometime mid June, until then everything remains confidential. Many thanks for all the cakes, biscuits and good wishes that we received; it kept us going!
- Thank you to Fr. Michael and the catechists for making the First Holy Communion so special for Year 4 on Saturday.
- Year 2 did exceptionally well in their Sports Day events on Monday. Lovely to see so many supporters cheering the children on! A big win for St Bede!
- Year 1 had a great day at Martin Mere. Lots of wonderful learning about birds and mammals and the staff at the centre were so impressed with the enthusiasm from the children.
- Well done to the Netball Teams who played their second matches of the tournament on Tuesday, they played tremendously well.
- Well done to the Girls Football Team who are continuing to impress with their teamwork and goal scoring!

**Coming up:**

**Last session of Y5/Y6 Netball Club Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

School Photographer in school to take class photos **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

3<sup>rd</sup> match of the Netball Tournament at All Hallows on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

**Last session of Y5/Y6 Football Club Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.**

Final match of the Girls Football Tournament at Priority Academy **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** 3.45pm – 5.15pm.

Induction Meeting **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** 6.30pm for parents who have a child starting school in September. Little Owl uniforms are available to collect on the night.

Finish for half term at 3.15 pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and return on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**Dates for after half-term:**

'Little Owls' 6-week programme starts for our 2023 intake! 9-15-11.30am **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

Sports Day for Y5 2.15pm **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.** Parents can come along to spectate.

School Meal Promotion: 'World Ocean Day' **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.** The menu: Fish Bites or Fishless Finger served with Chips & Peas followed by Ice Cream. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> June, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Payment of £2.40 should

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be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

Open Morning 9.15 – 10.30 am **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Everyone welcome to come along and see the school in action! The School Choir will be singing at 10.15am in the hall.

The school nurse will be here to carry out Y1 hearing tests at 1.30 pm **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. It is an **OPT IN** process therefore please ensure you have completed the slip if you wish for you child to have a hearing test. Reminder slips have been sent home today for anyone who has not returned their slip.

Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** (letter will be issued after half term).

PTFA Meeting 6.30pm – 7.30pm **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. Come along and help plan the Summer Fair!

Y4 Sports Day 2.15pm **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**. Parents can come along to spectate.

Y2 Parent Assembly 'Our Beautiful World' at 2.40 pm in the hall **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Parents most welcome!

Y3 Sports Day 2.15pm **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Parents can come along to spectate.

Y2 visit to Skipton Castle as part of their History topic 'Castles' **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** (letter to be issued after half term).

Y6 Transition Day at All Hallows **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Further details to follow.

Y6 Sports Day 2.15pm **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Parents can come along to spectate.

### **St Oswald's Talent Show 2023:**

Pre Covid, we always had a Talent Show with the Top 6 acts going forward to the Finals at the Summer Fair. The Talent Show will be **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July** 6.30pm in the School Hall. Plenty of time to rehearse and complete the 'Register of Interest' slip below and return by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June to secure a place in the show. The children can sing, dance, play instruments, perform magic tricks etc. any talent that your child has can be showcased! Further details to follow.

### **REMINDER ParentPay Accounts:**

Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and must stay in credit before the end of term when the account will be closed (letter issued 18<sup>th</sup> May). Thank you.

### **FSM Vouchers – May Half Term Holiday 2023:**

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended with further funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this summer.

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of half term, week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> May.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any

**Players Drama School:**

Please find details for the Players Drama School summer course. Sign up by clicking on <https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/> or telephone 07368 3420292 for further details.

And finally...

As always, please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. We do try our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –‘WORLD OCEAN DAY’ – THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: .....

Year group: .....

Signature of parent/carer: .....

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**TALENT SHOW ‘REGISTER OF INTEREST’ SLIP to be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

My child would like to enter the talent show on **TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY** AT 6.30 pm. The act/performance will be:

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Name of child/children in act: .....

Signature of parent: .....