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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. 9– 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
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**Reading the newsletter does help you to keep up to date with everything!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Update since last newsletter:**

- We thoroughly enjoyed the Poetry Day with Ian Bland on Monday, he was so impressed with the children writing and performing their own poetry.
- Well done to everyone in the Y6 cricket team on Tuesday; a tremendous effort in every game of the tournament.
- Y3 Sports Day on Tuesday was fantastic despite the change in weather! Some brilliant personal bests this year.
- Class / Team Photographs have been sent home today for anyone who has placed an order with Tempest Photography.

Reminders:

- Please can all Tough Kidder sponsor money be sent in to the office asap. Thank you.
- **Longton Live 2023 Wristbands are now available to buy. The cost is £5.00 each (payable by cash or cheque) available from the school office.** We are going to be a venue for Longton Live this year on Friday evening 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday evening 15<sup>th</sup> July. Our very own Mr Campbell will be featuring on the Friday night at 10pm which is very exciting. As a school we can keep 100% of the wristband sales so make sure you buy yours from here!
- Parents of Y2 children, please return the slip by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** stating your child's lunchtime arrangements from September 2023. If you do not return the slip, it will be assumed that your child will continue to have school meals and you will be charged accordingly. Copies of the letter are available from the school office.
- **ParentPay Accounts: As we approach towards the end of term, please ensure that there are no negative balances on accounts.** Please ensure that accounts are in credit. **Year 6 accounts should be cleared without delay otherwise, we will be writing to you to request payment!** Thank you for your co-operation.
- No smart watches to be worn for school for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

**Coming up:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Y6 Sports Day 2.15pm on the school field. Parents may come along to spectate.

## **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Talent Show 6.30pm in the School Hall.

## **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

9.15 am – 11.30 am Little Owls Session 5.

Moving up morning for the whole school.

## **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Reception Class will present their assembly 'Look at me Now' for parents at 2.40pm in the School Hall.

Moving up morning for the whole school.

## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

8.15-8.45am Boxercise Session 4 for Y4, Y5 and Y6.

## **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Production of 'Oliver- The Musical'. Performances at 10am, 2pm and 6.30pm. All of Y5 will be part of the production, providing percussion and singing (letter issued to Y5 and Y6 19<sup>th</sup> June). Admission to each performance is by ticket only.

Deadline for ticket requests is **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**. Tickets will be issued Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Retreat Day to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Crosby Beach (letter issued 7<sup>th</sup> June). Please return permission slip to school and make the payment of £9.50 via ParentPay asap.

9.15 am – 11.30 am Little Owls final session.

## **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am in the school hall. Y6 parents invited.

Children who are having drumming lessons with Adam will be showcasing their drumming skills in an assembly at 1.30pm. Parents are invited to come along.

Y6 Leavers Mass at 6.00pm in church followed by Y6 Leavers Party on the school field from 6.45pm – 8.30pm (letter issued 7<sup>th</sup> June). Reminder to send your fish & chip supper order form in with **payment by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Tickets for food ordered will be sent home Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

### **12-2.30pm PTFA Summer Fair.**

- **Your child will come home with a book of raffle tickets today. 1 book per family. Please try your best to sell them. If you don't want to purchase any tickets, please return the book asap to the office. If you would like more than 1 book, we do have some extra books at the office. Fantastic hampers and cash prizes to be won! Tickets/ Money to be returned to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Tickets will also be on sale at the Fair.**
- **Please send in donations for the Summer Fair. We need bottles and chocolate for the tombola as well as donations of books, games, toys and DVD's so please send items in to school from today, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June onwards. We also need items to make lovely hampers (bottles, chocolates, biscuits etc)**
- **If you can help out on the day to run a stall or to tidy up after the event, please let the office know asap. This event can only run successfully with a huge team of volunteers. Thank you!**
- **Please support this event, it is our biggest fundraiser of the year! All monies raised are going towards our Forest School Project!**

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Year 5** Passport to Safer Cycling begins today and ends on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Workbooks and letter will be issued to Year 5 on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

**Y6** Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council starts 17<sup>th</sup> July with the final session Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms issued 19<sup>th</sup> May). Your child is to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school. If your child wishes to leave their bicycle in school, please ensure they have a lock.

## Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Reception visit to Longton Library and a picnic in the park (letter issued Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June).

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Reception Stay & Play 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Parents invited. Please complete the slip attached if you wish to come along.

## Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

School will close at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays and will re-open Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## School Meal Vouchers – Summer 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. The extended programme will run from 01 April 2023 to 30 September 2023 and will provide further support to households in the most need, particularly those including children and pensioners who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills.

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers have been ordered for the next six weeks for the summer holidays. **This voucher is for £90.00 per child / £180.00 2 children etc.** If there is any possibility that you may think that you qualify for free school meals, it is really worth checking! The process is easy and all it takes is a phone call! Call the 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 benefits you get)

## Community News:

Longton VM are holding a Family Fun Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1-5pm at Longton VM, Victory Lane, Longton PR4 5DL. Fun & games for all the family.

Family Fun afternoon held at St Andrew's Village Hall in Longton on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2pm-5pm. £2 entry. The event includes a Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt - can you find the 7 horcruxes hidden around the village? Come along to enjoy the bouncy castle, raffle, chocolate tombola, face painting, refreshments and lots more! Money raised are to help fund for brain tumour treatment with funding going to The Brain Tumour Charity. See attached flyer.

And finally...

You should have received an e-mail on Wednesday containing the Ofsted report. If you did not receive the report, please let the Office know. Thank you.

As always, please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**RECEPTION PLAY & STAY – WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023 2-3PM**

I/We would like to attend the Reception Play & Stay session.

Name of Child .....

Name of Parent(s) .....

Signature ..... Date .....

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