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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
Autumn term no. 2– 14th September 2023
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. Each class teacher will post their PowerPoint presentation on the class pages of the website for your information if you were not able to make the meeting. The teachers have given you the key messages for the year but as teaching and learning is far more complex than a brief overview, please appreciate that there will be times when the class timetable has to change etc. If you have any queries at all at any point in the year, please get in touch. We have attached a Parent Controls document to this newsletter so that you can be as aware as possible about securing devices at home. Increasing numbers of online safety issues are highlighting that regular monitoring of your child's online access is crucial.

Coming up:

Friday 15th September 'Boxercise with Emily' first session for Y4,Y5, Y6 starts 8.15am – 8.45am. Everyone who has sent the slip in and paid £20.00 has a place.

Monday 18th September 6.30-7.15pm Y3 Meet the Teacher.

Tuesday 19th September 6.30-7.15pm Y2 Meet the Teacher.

Wednesday 20th September 6.30-7.15pm Y1 Meet the Teacher.

Thursday 21st September Fr Michael has invited the Reception children and parents/grandparents to a special 'Starting School' Blessing in church at 2.30 pm.

Thursday 21st September 6.30-7.30pm Curriculum Evening for parents in Reception. At this meeting we explain how we teach phonics, reading, writing and number so please try to come along as it will be very useful.

Monday 25th September 6.30-7.30pm Mrs Cooper and Mr McMullen, Head teacher and Deputy from All Hallows will be here at St Oswald's to talk to Y5 and Y6 parents about All Hallows including Admission arrangements etc. Please return the slip (newsletter no.1) so we have an indication of numbers for the meeting.

Tuesday 26th September 6.30-7.30pm PTFA AGM Everyone welcome to come along and join in with the fundraising planning for the year.

Thursday 28th September - All Hallows Open Evening 6.00 pm

Friday 29th September – Y3 will join in with the Parish Mass at 9.30am. You are more than welcome to come along.

Monday 2nd October The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils. This photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2023' supplement of the newspaper. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN WRITING BY EMAIL OR LETTER.** Thank you.

Thursday 5th October School Meal Promotion 'Hello Autumn': If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. The meal served will be Pork or Vegetarian Sausage with Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy or Cheese Q& Potato Pie with Baked Beans followed by Toffee Apple Cake with Custard. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip below and return to school no later than Tuesday 3rd October.

Friday 6th October 2.30pm Harvest Festival in Church. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Each class will be collecting items for the local foodbank in Penwortham over the next few weeks so if you can donate a tin or packet of something, it would be appreciated, just send in your donation in with your child from Monday 18th September.

Thursday 12th October or Tuesday 17th October Parents Evening: 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Folders will be from Monday 18th September outside the school office to book an appointment slot to speak to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their new year groups.

Wednesday 18th October 9.15 am – 10.30 am. Open Morning for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2024.

Admin Reminders:

- A week's notice **must** be given if you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, or vice-versa. This is normal school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- Check your child's bag on a regular basis to make sure you are not missing out on anything! Any letters issued are also put on the school website.

Reminder - ParentPay Activation Letters for Reception Parents:

Letters have been sent home last week to Reception parents in with details how to activate your ParentPay account. We are encouraging all parents to activate their ParentPay accounts as soon as possible. This service is used for payments such as Early Birds' Breakfast Club, school trips and also for school meals (for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils). If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Second Reminder for Primary Admissions 2024:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 then you **MUST** apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2024. **Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE! Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery post-box for Fr Michael.**

Second Reminder for Secondary Admissions 2024:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2024, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2023.

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations:

Reminder to return the flu vaccination form asap. The Intrahealth Team will be in school on Tuesday 26th September to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme.

Car Park Safety:

Please only park in the marked bays provided as parking anywhere else can cause an obstruction. For safety, walk your children to the car, using the pedestrian paths as far as possible. Please be mindful that safety for every child is paramount.

And finally...

Thank you to Fr Michael for coming in to school last Friday and spending time in each class welcoming the children back to school. Fr Michael is looking for any Y5/Y6 pupils who would like to act as Altar Servers at the 5pm Mass on Saturdays. If your child is interested, let Fr Michael know 01772 612136.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries. We will always do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –HELLO AUTUMN – THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 5th October. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay (children Y3-Y6).

Name of child: Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:
