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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. 7 – 19th October 2023
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Well done to the football teams who played their final matches on Tuesday with both teams finishing in 2nd place and showing great promise for the next tournament!
- Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening over the past two weeks. You can keep up to date with your child's learning by reading the Class Blogs every Friday.

Coming up:

Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6 will be attending the special Mass for the Feast Day of All Saints at 2.15pm in church **Wednesday 1st November**. All welcome to come along.

Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom 3.30-4.30pm **Wednesday 1st November or Thursday 2nd November**. Your child will be able to stay and play with Mrs Cliffe while you learn all about the importance of early reading and phonics. Let us know which night you can attend by returning the slip (newsletter no.5)

Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley on **Thursday 2nd November** for an outdoor adventurous (letter and kit list sent home 13th September). Full payment is to be made by Tuesday 31st October. Thank you. We will leave school at 9.15am and return back at approximately 4.30pm.

School Meal Promotion 'Bonfire Lunch' on **Thursday 2nd November** for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch on. The meal served is Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Ring, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo or Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges & BBQ Dip, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Sticky Toffee Cupcake. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the slip (newsletter no.5) and return to school by Tuesday 31st October and make the payment of £2.50 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

The British Legion have asked if we will sell poppies on their behalf throughout the week commencing **Monday 6th November**. If you would like your child to bring a donation into school, please send it in an envelope with your child's name and marked 'Poppy Appeal'. Other poppy items available are: Zip Pull – 50p, Reflectors – 50p, Silicon Wristband - £1.00, Snap Band - £1.50. Each class has an allocated time slot to come along and purchase their poppies.

Monday 6th November – Year 5/6

Tuesday 7th November – Year 3/4

Wednesday 8th November – Year R/1/2

Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents at 6.30pm on **Monday 6th November in church** to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.

Y5 and Y6 will be visiting Blackpool Grand Theatre on **Tuesday 7th November** to see the awarding winner author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce (letters issued 6th October). Every child will receive a copy of Frank's new book!

PTFA Meeting **Tuesday 7th November** 6.30pm to discuss fundraising for the term ahead. Everyone welcome!

Y5 will attend the Parish Mass in church on **Friday 10th November** at 9.30am. All welcome to come along.

Y6 residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden on **Monday 13th-Wednesday 15th November**. Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but will need to wear appropriate warm clothes. Please ensure that Personal Information Forms and Medical 3b forms are returned to school asap and final payments to be made by Friday 10th November on ParentPay. (Final arrangements letter, kit list and information from Robinwood issued 12th September).

Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall **Thursday 16th November** at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of 'It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week. Parents are welcome at 2.40pm

Children in Need Fundraising Day **Friday 17th November**. The School Council are busy organising the day and have asked for all the children to come to school dressed in pyjamas! Just bring a £1 donation which the School Council will collect at the gate on the Friday morning. If you would like to come into school to read a Bedtime Story to Reception, Y1 or Y2 at 2.50pm, please return the slip below with the name of the book you are bringing in to read.

Save the Date!!! Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be Tuesday 12th December in Church at 2pm and 6.30pm. More details nearer the time.

Lancashire Evening Post 'School Starters Reception 2023'

Following on from the visit from ABC Portraits for the Lancashire Post First Class Special, we are pleased to inform you that the photograph will be printed in the Lancashire Post on **Thursday 2nd November**. Please find attached a letter for any parents who would like to pre-order any postal copies for relatives.

School Meal Menus – Autumn/Winter 2023:

The new school meal menus will start on Week 1 from **Tuesday 31st October** and continue to follow the weekly menu cycle which is colour coded on the bottom of the menu. A copy of the new menu was sent home with your child on Monday.

If your child is on school meals and wishes to change to packed lunches or vice versa, please ensure that one weeks' notice is given to the school office. Thank you.

Information from the National Sleep Helpline:

Below is information about a wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Community News:

Half-Term Activities - Please see attached flyers for activities over half term from South Ribble Borough Council and Family Hubs Network.

Barnardos Drop-in Sessions - Two drop-in sessions have been organised (see dates, times and locations attached) at local venues over the next couple of weeks.

The purpose is for parents/carers and young people to pop along – no appointment needed – to get some advice and signposting and to find out more about the service and how it can support emotional wellbeing.

There will be some Halloween Crafts on offer for the children to access whilst parent / carer chats.

Grassroots Football Development: Grassroots Football Development are organising weekly sessions for current Reception and Year One Children who are looking to begin their sporting journeys. Sessions will act as an introduction to football but will aim to engage all children, allowing them to have fun whilst being physically active. Sessions will take place indoor at All Hallows High School on a THURSDAY at 6pm.

For further information or to book a place, please contact 07946 138 660 or take a look at our GRFD Juniors online information pack here: <https://sway.office.com/GDuDSOVMa1jIjkHZ?ref=Link>

Christmas Card Competition: Please see information attached regarding a Christmas Card Competition organised by Katherine Fletcher MP for South Ribble.

And finally...

Mr Campbell will be starting his Paternity Leave after half term for two weeks. I'm sure you will want to join with all of us here at St Oswald's in sending our very best wishes to him and Mrs Campbell as they are so excited for the arrival of Baby Campbell! Year 3 will be taught by Ms Singleton for the two weeks. Ms Singleton is familiar with the class as she covered for Mrs Sheen's Maternity Leave last year.

Thank you for all the support that you have given to your child; it does make a difference. Have a fabulous half term!

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

CHILDREN IN NEED BEDTIME STORY – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AT 2.50PM

I am available to read a bedtime story.

Name of Child _____ Year Group _____ Contact Number _____

Title of book to be read _____