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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

### Christmas Edition Autumn Term no. 11– 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding Tuesday's unavoidable school closure. It is very rare that we have to close the school and the decision to do so is never taken lightly.

#### Coming up:

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading. If you are unable to attend the book fair and wish to purchase books, please find attached an order form to complete and return to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

One book of PTFA Grand Christmas Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child today. The tickets are £1 each. If you do not wish to purchase any, please return the book as more books can then be allocated to the parish. If you would like more books, please ask at the office. The prizes are amazing this year and include a 50" TV, rainbow hampers, luxury hampers and lots more!!

Each class has a colour theme to make up the Rainbow Hampers so please donate what you can to your child's Class Hamper over the next 3 weeks.

Reception – Red eg red wine, anything red that you can eat, drink, red luxury items etc.

Year 1 – Orange

Year 2- Yellow

Year 3 – Green

Year 4 – Blue

Year 5 – Purple

Year 6 – Pink

The winning tickets will be drawn on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December so please return the your raffle ticket stubs /money by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Y3 Parent Assembly 2.40pm. Y3 Parents are invited to come along to watch the Assembly with the theme of 'Advent'.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Y4 Reconciliation Day. Parents can attend the service in church at 2.15pm.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

The Choir will be at St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew's Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm. The Y5/Y6 Guitar group have also been invited to play at this event with Miss Galea.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Performance of 'The Snow Queen' in the school hall. Quantum Theatre will be delighting the whole school with their matinee production. The PTFA will be funding the event for all the children to enjoy.

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** Y4 Dodgeball Competition (new date) at Priory Academy 3.45pm – 5.15pm (letter issued to the team today).
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** Whole school Dance Festival. South Ribble Sports Coaches will be in school today to work with every class to choreograph a dance. Each class will have a different style of dance to learn! PE kits need to be in school.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** We will be doing the annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Your child will come home with a sponsor form today; one is also attached to this newsletter. The event is always great fun, gets us fit and raises some money! Sponsor money can be sent in in an envelope after the event. Last year we raised an amazing £975!
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Infant Nativity 'It's a Baby!' starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church. Performances at **2pm** and **6.30pm**. No need for tickets, just come along and enjoy the Nativity story! All costumes will be provided for the children. The performance will start **promptly** and last approx. 40 mins. Please note no food or drink can be brought in to the church.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Final swimming session for Y3.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** PTFA Christmas Family Bingo 6.30pm – 8.00pm in school. Free tickets are available from the office from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Bingo Books available on the night for a suggested donation of £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family! You need a ticket for this event; last year we sold out!! No tickets will be available on the door for this event.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** The Choir will visit Ashwood Court in the afternoon to sing carols to the residents (letter to be sent shortly).
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Reception Christmas 'Stay & Play' 2pm- 3pm. Parents invited to come along. Please complete the slip below.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> –  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December** PTFA Cake Stall 3.15pm on the playground.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church **2.15pm**. Everyone invited to come along.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day by the School Council. The proceeds will be split between Save the Children Fund and The British Heart Foundation.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Lunch Day for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served will be Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage or Roast Quorn Fillet with Veggie Sausage served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy, Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy followed by Iced Vanilla Sponge & Fresh Fruit.

If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one, every child in the school will be given a Christmas cracker! If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the slip below and return to school by **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** as the kitchen needs to place their order 2 weeks before. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment of £2.50 should be made through ParentPay for children in Y3-Y6.

**Wednesday 20th December** Carol Singing 2023. The Junior Classes will be performing carols on the playground at 3.05pm so you can enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive cake stall too!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** School closes 1.30pm for Christmas.

**Masses over Christmas at St Oswald's:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 5pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8.30am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5pm Christmas Vigil

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Christmas Vigil

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 8.30am Christmas Morning

And finally...

Huge thanks to Edward and Amelia from Y5 as they do a great job as Altar Servers for Fr Michael and proudly laid the wreath at the Remembrance Service a couple of weeks ago! Well done Edward and Amelia. £255 was raised for Children in Need. The School Council would like to thank everyone for their support.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you need anything clarifying or any queries at all. We will always do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood

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**RECEPTION CHRISTMAS 'STAY & PLAY' – MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

I am able to come along to the 'Stay and Play' session on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Name of child: ..... Signature of parent/carer: .....

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**CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will make the payment of £2.50 through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6).

**My child would like:**

**Roast Turkey**

**Roast Quorn Fillet**

Name of child: ..... Year group: ..... Signature of parent/carer: .....

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