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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. 14– 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Huge congratulations to Y4 Dodgeball Team who played at Priory Academy on Thursday.
- The whole school took part in the Dance Festival on Friday with each class learning, practising and performing a whole routine. Beth, the Dance Coach, was very impressed with every class.
- Children and staff enjoyed dressing up and taking part in the Santa Dash on Friday. Thank you so much if you have already sent sponsor money in. Every child took part and managed the whole 'dash'! Sponsor money needs to be in asap. Many thanks for supporting this event.
- We are incredibly proud of every pupil in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their magnificent performance of 'It's a Baby!'. It was a joy to watch! We have filmed the performance and uploaded it to St Oswald's TV which you can access from our website. Thank you for all your kind donations, we raised an amazing total of £200.50 which will go to Save the Children and The British Heart Foundation.
- Thank you to Sam from The Dog's Trust who delivered very informative sessions across the school today about the work of the trust and how to behave around dogs.
- The PTFA Family Bingo was a huge success last night, fun was had by all. Thank you to Alison Whalley for the lovely bingo prizes and to the Tesco store at Penwortham for donating the selection boxes. We'll let you know the total raised in the next newsletter. A huge thank you to all the PTFA team who do a great job!

### Reminders:

#### Monday 18th December:

**Carol singing at Ashwood Court and Booths:** The Choir will visit Ashwood Court in the afternoon to sing carols to the residents and then move on to Booths for a 2.20pm start. Parents welcome to come along to Booths for 2.20pm!

**Reception Christmas 'Stay & Play':** 2pm- 3pm. Parents invited. Let us know if you are coming along.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> –Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December:** PTFA Cake Stall 3.15pm on the playground.

#### Tuesday 19th December:

Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church 2.15pm. Everyone invited to come along.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn today! Prizes include: 50" TV, Afternoon Tea Voucher for Booths, £25 Booths Voucher, Travel Voucher worth £150 off your next holiday, Rainbow Hampers etc.. Many thanks for all your donations.

## **Wednesday 20th December:**

**Grand Christmas Post Day!** Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.

**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.

**Christmas Lunch:** Children who are currently on packed lunches that have returned the slip will be booked for a Christmas Lunch on this day.

**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!

**School closes at 1.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December and we re-open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

## **Rock Steady Music School:**

We had a very musical assembly this morning and all the children took part in a special workshop which they thoroughly enjoyed with the Rock Steady Music School. Your child has a letter all about Rock Steady Music School which is a new club that we are offering after February Half Term. The club is open to every year group. Rock Steady is about building confidence, wellbeing and life skills whilst learning to perform favourite songs. If you would like your child to be involved, please enrol online at: [rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://rocksteadymusicschool.com) or call 0330 113 0330. (Letter attached).

## **South Ribble Borough Council HAF Programme:**

The Council's Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) has been launched with events between Christmas and New Year (Wed 27<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> & Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Dec) and the first week in January (Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan). Attached is a basic flyer outlining the programme, and a full list of all events (and links to bookings) is online at <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/HAFtimetable>

## **Christmas and New Year Mass times for St Oswald's:**

The Advent Service of Reconciliation with individual confession - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Vigil – 5.00pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - 8:30am

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Vigil Masses of the Nativity – 5pm and 7pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord - 8:30am

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of St Stephen, 9.30am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Innocents, 9.30am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury 9.30am

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Family Vigil 5pm

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Family - 8:30am

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January - Mary the Mother of God – 9.30am

And finally...

Reception and Y1 pupils have been given reflective armbands today which have been donated by CO-OP Funeral Care as part of their Be Safe, Be Seen campaign which promotes roadside safety during the winter months.

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

Yours sincerely

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