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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
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PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coming up:

Sportshall Athletics Competition **Tuesday 30th January** 2pm – 4.45pm at Priory Academy (letter issued to the team 22nd January).

Meeting for parents regarding the KS2 Tests and Assessments 2024 **Wednesday 31st January** at 6.30pm. SAT's revision guides will be available for you to buy on the evening or from the office at the cost of £10.00/set.

Meeting for Y1 parents to explain the statutory Phonic Screening that each child will do in June 2024 **Tuesday 6th February** at 6.30pm.

'Chinese New Year' school meal promotion **Thursday 8th February**. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip (newsletter no.2 or from the office) and return to school no later than Tuesday 6th February. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.50 should be made through ParentPay please (free for reception, Y1 and Y2 children). The menu is Chinese Style Chicken Curry with Vegetable Rice & Oven Baked Chips or Sweet & Sour Quorn with Vegetable Noodles followed by Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake.

PTFA Valentine's Disco **Thursday 8th February** - Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) from **6.15-7 pm** and Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) from **7.15-8.15pm**. The theme is 'red and white'. Tickets are £3.50 before the event or £4.00 on the door. Tickets on sale from the school office from Tuesday. Tuck Shop will be available. Playground will be open to help with parking on the night!

Netball Club (run by school staff) for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will start **Monday 19th February** from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the slip on Newsletter no.2 if you wish your child to join (copies available from the school office also). Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravili will be coaching the teams. The club will run every Monday and the last club night will be Monday 20th May. Please note that this club WILL run every week until it closes. If the weather is wet, Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravili will be providing an alternative session indoors.

Tuesday 20th February or Tuesday 27th February – Spring Term Parents Evening 3.40-6pm. The appointment books will be available outside the office so please book in.

Football Club (run by school staff) for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will start **Wednesday 21st February** from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the slip on Newsletter no.2 if you wish your child to join. attached slip if you wish your child to join (copies available from the school office also). Mr Campbell and Miss Fisher will be coaching the teams. Please note that this club WILL run every Wednesday and the last club night will be Wednesday 20th May. An alternative session indoors will be provided if the weather is wet.

Y4 Enrolment Mass **Sunday 25th February** 10.30am. Y4 begin their preparation for First Holy Communion with this special family mass.

Y4 Sacramental Preparation meeting **Monday 26th February** 6.30pm in church.

The Dental Team from UCLAN will be in school on **Wednesday 28th February** to carry out a dental survey for children in Reception and Year 1 who are **5 years old**. Letters have been sent home today with children who are 5 years old on the date of the survey. This is an **OPT-IN** system. If you are happy for your child to take part, please complete and sign the agreement form and return back to school by Tuesday 27th February.

Visit our web-site www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk

Y4 Sacramental Mass **Sunday 3rd March** 10.30am in church.

Y5 visit to 'Judges Lodgings', Lancaster on the Victorians **Tuesday 5th March**. Letter issued 17th January.

Reception visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles **Wednesday 6th March** (letter issued 17th January)
Please ensure that Your ParentPay account is activated in order to pay for the trip. Please contact the school office if you have any difficulties. Thank you.

World Book Day 2024 **Thursday 7th March**. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character and can bring a book to school to join in with the Big Book Swap. All children will be given a free book to take home and enjoy. A love of reading is evident from so many children at St Oswald's! If you would like to share a story with a small group of children at the end of the day, please fill in the attached slip or email the office so we can plan the groups. Thank you.

School Meal Promotion – 'We love Reading' **Thursday 7th March**. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 5th March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.50 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu is Curious George's Crispy Goujons & BBQ Dip or Hagrid's Quorn Hog Dog & Tomato Ketchup with Pepper Potts Pommes Noisette with Bertie Botts Baked Beans or Matilda's Magical Vegetable Medley followed by Hungry Caterpillar Cupcake. The school meal promotions really help to keep our School Meals budget afloat so it's great that so many children join in! Thank you.

Online Safety:

We know that some of our older children are using WhatsApp and other messaging services that are not age appropriate. WhatsApp has a 16+ rating and is designed for adult use. Many primary aged children have not yet developed the emotional maturity to use these messaging platforms and we have found having round the clock access to their friendship groups is placing an undue pressure onto their wellbeing, as well as taking up valuable school time sorting issues that have arisen from these groups.

We have added some guidance from the NSPCC and our WhatsApp guide to the class blogs for your information. Guidance is also attached to this newsletter.

And finally...

Congratulations to Matthew Summers who is now one of the Parent Governors on the Governing Body. Mr Summers takes up his post at the end of January.

Huge thanks to Rachel Lancaster who has finished her term of office as Parent Governor. I know Rachel will continue her involvement with the school in offering advice and resources around wellbeing and children's mental health. Thank you Rachel!

Please get in touch with any issues or concerns you may have as we do try our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

ST OSWALD'S WORLD BOOK DAY STORYTIME – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

Yes I would love to come and share a story with a group of children on Thursday 7th March at 2.40pm.

Name of child: Name of Parent:

Preferred Year Group:

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'WE LOVE READING' – THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 7th March. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....