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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,

Update from last newsletter:

- Congratulations to the Cross Country Team who won the competition at Hutton last Thursday. Well done to all team members who ran in the most challenging weather!
- Well done to the Athletics Team who came 1st and are through to the South Ribble finals later this term. Great teamwork!
- Every class enjoyed a yoga session with Amy from The Yogi Group. Later this term all the classes will be involved in a Yoga Festival with the South Ribble Sports Coach.

Coming up:

Children's Mental Health Week, 5-9th February 2024:

This year the theme is 'My Voice Matters' is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. Over the week each class will be involved in a range of activities. A leaflet for parents is attached for your information.

- Tuesday 6th February** Meeting for Y1 parents to explain the statutory Phonic Screening that each child will do in June 2024 at 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 6th
& Wednesday 7th February** PTFA Valentine Bake Sale on at 3.15 pm on the playground.
- Thursday 8th February** 'Chinese New Year' school meal promotion. 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).
- Thursday 8th February** PTFA Valentine's Disco - 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 are on sale from the school office. Tuck Shop will be available. Playground will be open to help with parking on the night!
- Monday 19th February** Netball Club re-opens for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils 3.15-4.15 pm.
- Tuesday 20th February
or Tuesday 27th February** Spring Term Parents' Evening 3.40-6pm. Folders are available outside the school office to book an appointment time. Don't forget to book your slot! I do expect every parent on one of the evenings allocated. Last term we had 94% attendance from parents which is a great indicator of school support you give to your child.

- Wednesday 21st February** Football Club re-opens for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils 3.15-4.15 pm.
- Sunday 25th February** Y4 Enrolment Mass 10.30am. Y4 begin their preparation for First Holy Communion with this special family mass.
- Monday 26th February** Y4 Sacramental Preparation meeting 6.30pm in church.
- Wednesday 28th February** Dental checks for a survey for children in Reception and Year 1 carried out by the Dental Team at UCLAN (letters sent home 26th January 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.
- Sunday 3rd March** Y4 Sacramental Mass 10.30am in church.
- Tuesday 5th March** Y5 visit to 'Judges Lodgings', Lancaster on the Victorians (letter issued 17th January).
- Wednesday 6th March** Reception visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles (letter issued 17th January).
- Wednesday 6th March** Y1 Mother's Day Assembly 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.
- Thursday 7th March** World Book Day 2024. 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.
- Thursday 7th March** School Meal Promotion – 'We love Reading'. 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.3 or from the office) 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.

PTFA Someone Special Flowers:

The PTFA are selling individually potted and gift-wrapped primroses for that special person for Mother's Day. Plants are £3.00 each or you can buy 2 plants or more for just £2.50 each. Please find an order form attached. All orders and payment MUST be received in school by **Wednesday 21st February**.

FUNDED HOLIDAY CAMPS – FEBRUARY HALF TERM:

Please find attached a flyer from South Ribble Borough Council regarding funded holiday activities over February half term. Families have access to camps, swimming, and activities in local parks, all funded by South Ribble Borough Council. Children will receive a lunch, or have access to food to take away as part of the activities.

DR BIKE:

"Dr Bike" will be outside St Andrew's Church Hall, Liverpool Road, Longton, on Monday 5th February, 3.30-5.30pm. Please see attached poster. Free bike checks and minor repairs can be carried out too! Either just turn up, or book a slot through sport@southribble.gov.uk.

BARNARDOS LANCASHIRE LINK:

Please find attached posters regarding information about an afternoon / evening session where parents can book an appointment at Longton Health Centre to have a consultation with the Children & Young People's Social Prescribing Team. It's an opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns; receive some signposting and discuss where the service is suitable to offer some further support. I know some parents have found it very useful.

The Lancashire Link Social Prescribing Team will also be in Longton Library from 2.30pm – 6.00pm. This is open to everyone registered at ANY surgery. No appointment necessary. As usual, there will be crafts available for the younger children whilst the team chat to parents.

And finally...

We finish for half term on Thursday 8th February, returning Monday 19th February.

Over half term Miss Smith will be getting married! Miss Smith will return to school as Mrs Trafford. We send her our very best wishes for her big day!

B Wood
Headteacher

SOMEONE SPECIAL FLOWERS

Are you looking for an extra Mother's Day gift idea? Look no further, we will be selling individually potted and gift-wrapped primroses for your special person. Each with their own gift label for you to personalise.

If you wish to buy a plant or two for presents, please complete and return this form with your payment by **Wednesday 21st February**. The plants are £3 each or you can buy 2 plants or more for just £2.50 each.



Please put your order and payment in an envelope marked PTFA Flowers. Please pay with cash or cheques which are payable to St Oswald's PTFA

Name of child Year Group

I would like to buyplant/s Amount enclosed

The plants will be sent home with the children on Friday 8th March.
Thank you again for your support to raise funds for our wonderful school 😊