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With Christ at the centre of our  
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love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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**The Newsletter**  
**Spring term no.5 – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update:

- Thank you to the Y1 parents who managed to come along to the Phonics Meeting on Wednesday evening. We hope you found it useful. Miss Fisher will be uploading the powerpoint to the Y1 Class Page and Class Blog today (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February).
- Many thanks to Miss Walsh from All Hallows who came along to run the NSPCC Number Day workshop with Y6 last Friday.
- Today was the 6<sup>th</sup> and final session for Y5 and Y6 with Gareth Walker from Literacy Kicks. Gareth, a Sports Reporter, has spent the last few weeks inspiring the children to become the next generation of sports journalists. The sessions have been excellent and we have seen some great reporting from the children. Thank you, Gareth!
- You may have seen on Dragon's Den last week a brilliant free resource for accessing stories. Sooper Books is a streaming service which has books for every age group to either read or listen to. Give it a go <https://sooperbooks.com/>

**Coming up:**

Netball Club re-opens for Y5/Y6 on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Spring Term Parents' Evening **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February or Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** 3.40-6pm. Folders are available outside the school office to book an appointment time.

Football Club re-opens for Y5/Y6 on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Rock, Steady Crew will be in school **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** to deliver the band sessions to those children who have signed up.

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

Y4 Sacramental Preparation meeting **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** 6.30pm in church.

Dental checks for children in Reception and Year 1 carried out by the Dental Team at UCLAN **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. 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 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Spring Disco **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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**. Tickets are £3.50 before the event or £4.00 on the door. Anyone who has bought a Valentine's Disco ticket can use this on the night. Tickets are now on sale from the school office. Tuck Shop will be available. Playground will be open to help with parking on the night! Dress Code: dress as bright as possible!

Y4 Sacramental Mass 10.30am in church **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – 4 Japanese students from Shujitsu University, Okayama and their Professor, Yuichi Tansei, will be joining us as part of their teacher training studies into methods of teaching reading and writing. The students will also be delivering cultural lessons to every class so the children can learn about life in Japan.

Y5 visit to 'Judges Lodgings', Lancaster on the Victorians **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 17<sup>th</sup> January).

Reception visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 17<sup>th</sup> January).

Y1 Mother's Day Assembly **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.

World Book Day 2024 **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 slip (newsletter no.4) or email the office so we can plan the groups.

School Meal Promotion **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – '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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Whole school Yoga Festival **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Each class will have a yoga session throughout the day which includes learning breathing techniques and practicing calming movements. PE kits are needed for this event.

Freddy Fit in school to promote healthy lifestyles with every class **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. This is being funded from our Sports Premium funding. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for this event.

Y4 trip to Formby Point and the Eco Centre as part of their Geography Studies on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** (letter issued 4<sup>th</sup> Feb). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £18.75 on ParentPay asap –thank you!

Y4 Sacramental Mass 10.30am in church **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**.

Y4 Sacramental Programme session 6.30pm in Church **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February**.

Y2 'Journey in Lent' Assembly on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y2 Parents invited

### **Players in Education Drama Club:**

The next Players in Education course will begin Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and is open for all children. The course will run for 11 weeks. If you wish to book your child on this course, please visit [www.playersdramaschool.co.uk](http://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk). Your child will come home with a flyer today.

### **PTFA News:**

#### **Reminder - 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 21<sup>st</sup> February**.

#### **Save the date!**

PTFA Family Easter Bingo on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** 6.30-7.30pm. Details to follow!

### **School Meal Vouchers:**

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of February half term.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

In addition to the Lancashire County Council EdenRed Food Vouchers, families who are eligible for free school meals will also receive a £15.00 food voucher (per family) as part of the South Ribble Holiday Hunger Programme. Letters will be sent home today with instructions on how to access the £15.00 food voucher.

**Measles:**

Please find attached a letter from Lancashire County Council regarding the increase in the number of measles cases across the country. We have been asked to share this information with parents & carers.

**Job Vacancy - Assistant Headteacher:**

The Governors of St Oswald's Catholic Primary School would like to appoint an inspirational Teacher and Leader to join the dedicated school team. As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the Assistant Headteacher will play a crucial role in the overall leadership and management of the school as well as being an excellent teacher with the highest standards and expectations for every pupil.

**Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 26th February 2024.**

Please click on the link below for further information or visit 'Teacher Vacancies' on Lancashire County Council's website.

**<https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/vacancyDetails.asp?id=190467>**

And finally...

Wishing everyone a happy half term, see you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 buy .....plant/s Amount enclosed .....

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