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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
Spring term no.9 – 14th March 2024
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PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- The PTFA raised over an amazing £500 profit from the Spring Disco. Thank you for supporting the event and many thanks to everyone who helped out; special thanks to Pete Smith for being a super DJ.
- A huge well done to all the girls who participated in the lunchtime football session last Friday as part of the FA #LETGIRLSPLAY. Hopefully this has inspired some of the girls to join their local football club as there was a lot of talent being shown!
- Thank you to all the Reception parents that came along to the 'Spring' Stay & Play on Monday.
- Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Freddy Fit sessions in school yesterday. Every class took part in a range of physical challenges and quizzes to inspire keeping active, eating well and staying healthy.
- Thank you to Fr Michael who has led Reconciliation services with Y4, Y5 and Y6 this week.
- On Tuesday the Eco team presented a brilliant assembly introducing 'The Big Plastic Count'. Every child was asked to take home a sheet to keep a tally of every piece of plastic that is thrown away during one week. Please send the sheet back to school with your child on Monday 18th where the results will be inputted and added to the national survey. The Eco Team will also be writing to local MPs and about actions that need to be taken to reduce the use of single plastic as the UK throws away nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging a year! The Eco Team will do an update for the next newsletter.

Coming up:

PTFA Easter Egg Raffle tickets go on sale **Monday 18th March**. Each class will be able to buy raffle tickets for the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Thursday 28th March. Raffle tickets are 50p each. Please send in raffle ticket money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Y5 Charity Cake Sale **Monday 18th March**. A group of Y5 girls have organised themselves to host a cake sale in aid of the RSPCA after school on Monday. All cakes 50p each. Money raised will be donated to the RSPCA.

Y6 Dance Team will be performing in the South Ribble Dance Competition at Penwortham Priory Academy **Tuesday 19th March** (letter detailing arrangements issued to the team Tuesday 12th March).

Y2 'Journey in Lent' Assembly **Thursday 21st March** at 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y2 Parents invited.

PTFA Family Easter Bingo **Thursday 21st March** 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. Free tickets are available from the office. Bingo Books available on the night for £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family!

Drumming Showcase with Adam Darwen **Monday 25th March** at 1.15pm. Children who take part in drumming lessons in school would like to showcase the drumming talent that has been improving over the term so if your child is part of the Drum Class with Adam, you are more than welcome to come to school and watch the showcase which will last approx. 30 mins.

Our next school meal promotion will be held on **Wednesday 27th March**. The menu is: Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with
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Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables followed by Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail Chocolate Cornflake Nests. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have an Easter lunch on 27th March, please complete the slip on newsletter no.8 and return to school no later than Monday 25th March. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

Y6 will be leading the Holy Week Liturgy in church **Thursday 28th March** at 2.15pm. All welcome.

PTFA Easter Cake Sale Monday 25th Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March 3.15pm on the playground.

School closes for the Easter Holiday **Thursday 28th March** at 3.15pm (After School Club will be running as normal). We return on Monday 15th April for the Summer Term in Summer uniform.

Nut Allergies:

As we see an increase of children with nut allergies, we are reminding parents of the important information below:

St Oswald's is a Nut-Free School. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts e.g., Nutella, can trigger an anaphylactic shock which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. As a school we have a responsibility to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe reducing any risk of harm so pupils, staff and visitors must not bring products containing nuts into school either in lunch boxes or as snacks. **To be clear, the following items must NOT be brought into school including Early Birds Breakfast Club:**

- Packets of nuts
- Peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches
- Cereals / Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.

Measles:

Monday 4th March saw the launch of the UKHSA's new national marketing campaign, promoting the critical importance of childhood vaccination.

The campaign is in response to falling vaccine uptake rates, which have led to the recent measles outbreaks in England, and in line with our strategic priority to improve health outcomes through vaccines. The campaign will have particular focus and upweighted marketing activity across the North West, the West Midlands and London. Please find attached Measles poster and flyer for more information.

And finally...

St Oswald's Easter Services

Palm Sunday. 23rd March The Passion of the Lord: Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday Mass 24th March 8.30am

Holy Thursday 28th March Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

Good Friday 29th March The Lord's Passion: 3pm

Holy Saturday 30th March The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 31st March Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. 8.30am



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

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