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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.10 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Update since last newsletter:**

- Well done to the girls in Y5 who made a huge effort for their Charity Cake Sale for the RSPCA. We will let you know how much they have raised once everything has been counted.
- Congratulations to the Y6 Dance Team who competed at Priory Academy on Tuesday. A superb performance!
- Thank you for returning 'The Big Plastic Count' tally sheet. The Eco Team will be inputting the data this week.
- Don't forget raffle tickets are on sale in every class for the chance to win an Easter Egg. The Raffle will take place in the final Golden Assembly on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Coming up:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Drumming Showcase with Adam Darwen 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.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

School Meal Promotion Easter Lunch - Let the office know by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March if you wish for your child to be included (slip was on newsletter no.8).

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 will be leading the Holy Week Liturgy in church at 2.15pm. All welcome.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

PTFA Easter Cake Sale 3.15pm on the playground.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

School closes for the Easter Holiday at 3.15pm (After School Club will be running as normal). We return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer Term in Summer uniform.

**St Oswald's Easter Services**

**Palm Sunday.** 23<sup>rd</sup> March The Passion of the Lord: Vigil Mass 5pm

**Sunday Mass** 24<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am

**Holy Thursday** 28<sup>th</sup> March Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

**Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> March The Lord's Passion: 3pm

**Holy Saturday** 30<sup>th</sup> March The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 7.00pm

**Easter Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> March Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. 8.30am



## Coming up in the first part of the Summer term:

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	PTFA Meeting at 6.30pm. Come along if you would like to be involved in organising fundraising events.
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Height & Weight checks for children in Reception & Year 6. This is an <b>OPT-OUT</b> process. If you wish to withdraw your child from the National Child Measurement Programme, please contact the NHS team on 0300 247 0040 before the date of the measure. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-5pm (letters were given to the team Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March).
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	The local police support team will be here to talk to Y5 and Y6 about online safety, being a good citizen and keeping safe.
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-5pm (letters were given to the team Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March).
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Y2 trip to 'Brockholes' Study Trip (letter issued 18 <sup>th</sup> March).
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School Meal Promotion – St Georges Day Lunch: The menu is: Georges Big Brunch – Pork /Quorn Sausage, Free Range Omelette, Hash Brown & Baked Beans or Svoury Shield & Arms – Cheese & Onion Pastry, Potato Wedges, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn followed by Dragon Slayer Dessert – Jam & Cream Butterfly Cake. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 25 <sup>th</sup> April please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Whole school Cricket Festival. Every class will be involved with the festival so PE Kits must be in school for the event. Many thanks.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Reception Sports Day 2.15pm Parents are invited to come along and spectate. Let's hope for sunshine!
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Sports Day for Y1 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests all week.
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y4 Parent Assembly 2.40pm in school. The theme is 'First Holy Communion'.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sports Day for Y3 2.15pm

## Sports Days next Half Term:

<b>Y4 Sports Day</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y5 Sports Day</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y6 Sports Day</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2.15pm</b>

## ParentPay Reminders:

Please may I remind parents to check their ParentPay account regularly and ensure that it is topped up and in credit! Outstanding amounts should never accrue to more than two weeks of debt, i.e.£25.00 for school meals and £35.00 for Early Birds. Thank you.

## Free School Meals Vouchers – Easter Holiday 2024

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended for a further year with funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England. The funding will support those most in need, helping with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. This funding covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive.

We can confirm that approval has been granted for schools to utilise the LCC Edenred account to order Easter holiday vouchers for benefits-eligible Free School Meal pupils. This extends to all benefits-eligible school aged children (Reception up to and including Year 11) and where applicable, benefits-eligible secondary school sixth form students.

Each eligible pupil will be issued with **£30** in vouchers to cover the two-week holiday period w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

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)

### Community News:

#### Car Seat Checks

Lancashire County Council have commissioned a number of car seat check events across the county. The events are all free and trained advisers will be available 10am-3pm. Your child's car seat will be checked to ensure it is legally and safely fitted in the vehicle.

The locations and dates are listed below.

Asda, Fulwood. PR2 9NP Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March

Smyths Toys, Queens Retail Park. PR1 4HZ Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March

And finally...

It was a delight to attend the All Hallows Musical 'We will Rock You' last night and see so many past pupils involved. Congratulations to Theo and Fearne who were brilliant in the lead roles; very talented!

B Wood  
Headteacher

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## SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ST GEORGES DAY LUNCH – THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: .....

Year group: .....

Signature of parent/carer: .....

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