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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 since the last newsletter:

- Well done to the Hockey Team who came 2nd in the tournament at Preston Hockey Club. Fantastic result!
- Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will attend Mass at 2.15pm today as it is the Feast of the Ascension.

Reminders:

As the weather is warming up and the sun is shining, please ensure that your child has a high factor sunscreen applied before coming to school. By all means send your child in with a sunhat as there is very little shade on the playground. Girls with long hair are to have it tied back, no nail varnish is to be worn to school and designer earrings are not permitted!

Coming up:

Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests **Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May.**

Monday – Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Test

Tuesday – Reading Test

Wednesday – Paper1 Arithmetic Test and Paper 2 Maths Reasoning

Thursday – Paper 3 Maths Reasoning

PTFA Meeting **Tuesday 14th May** 6.30pm in school.

School Meal Promotion – Swing into Spring Lunch **Thursday 16th May:** If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 16th May please complete the slip (summer newsletter no.1) and return to school no later than Wednesday 15th May. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay. Thank you.

Y4 Parent Assembly **Thursday 16th May** 2.40pm in school. The theme is 'First Holy Communion'.

2nd match of the Girls Football Tournament at Priory Academy on **Thursday 16th May** 3.45pm – 5.00pm.

Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm **Friday 17th May.** Parents / Grandparents are invited to spectate.

First Holy Communion Masses Y4 **Saturday 18th May** 10.30am & 12.30pm.

Y4 children will join the parishioners on **Monday 20th May** at 9.30am for Mass as they take the Eucharist for the first time as a class.

Y6 Children will complete an online School Health Needs Questionnaire carried out by the School Nursing Team on **Monday 20th May.** This is an OPT IN therefore if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to complete the questionnaire, please contact the school nursing team on 0300 247 0040 (letters sent home 18th April).

Last session of Y5/Y6 Netball Club Monday 20th May.

School Photographer in school to take class photos **Tuesday 21st May.**

Y1 visit to Martin Mere **Wednesday 22nd May** as part of their curriculum topic 'Plants' (letter issued 23rd April).

Last session of Y5/Y6 Football Club Wednesday 22nd May.

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

Reception visit to Blackpool Zoo **Thursday 23rd May** on their curriculum topic 'Animals' (letter issued 25th April).

Final match of the Girls Football Tournament at Priory Academy on **Thursday 23rd May** 3.45pm – 5.00pm.

New Parents Induction Meeting in the school hall **Thursday 23rd May** 6.30pm. This meeting is for parents who have a child starting school in September 2024.

Sports Day for Y3 **Friday 24th May** 2.15pm. Parents/ Grandparents are invited to spectate.

PTFA Cake Sale on the playground **Friday 24th May** 3.15pm

June Dates for your Diary :

'Little Owls' 6-week programme starts for our 2024 intake! **Wednesday 5th June** 9-15am-10.45am

School Meal Promotion: 'D-Day' **Thursday 6th June**. The menu is Battered Fish & Chips, Garden or Mushy Peas or Savoury Cheese Whirl, Chips & Baked Beans followed by D-Day Cocoa Krispie Cake. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 6th June, please complete the slip (newsletter no.3) and return to school no later than Monday 3rd June. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

Sports Day for Y4 **Friday 7th June** 7.15pm. Parents / Grandparents can come along to spectate.

The school nursing team will be here to carry out Reception vision screening tests at 1.30 pm **Tuesday 11th June**. It is an **OPT OUT** therefore if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to complete the questionnaire, please contact the school nursing team on 0300 247 0040 (letters sent home 18th April).

Y5 Sports Day 2.15pm **Friday 14th June**. Parents / Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Reception Stay & Play 'Summer Fun' **Monday 17th June** 2pm – 3pm. If you wish to come along to this session, please complete the slip below. Thank you.

Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows **Tuesday 18th June** (letter will be issued after half term).

Y6 Sports Day 2.15pm **Friday 21st June**. Parents / Grandparents can come along to spectate.

Open Morning 9.15 – 10.30 am **Tuesday 25th June**. Everyone welcome to come along and see the school in action! The School Choir will be singing at 10.15am in the hall.

Dance from the Heart 2024 **Wednesday 26th June** Every year we have joined in the roadshow organised by South Ribble Sports Partnership. The children have to learn a dance and perform it! This year the theme is 'Break your way to Paris' We always like to invite parents to come along and this year the gate will open at 9.30am ready for the roadshow which starts at 9.35am to 10am. Come and join us!

St Oswald's Talent Show 2024: The Talent Show will be **Thursday 27th June** 6.30pm in the School Hall. Plenty of time to rehearse and complete the 'Register of Interest' slip below and return by Friday 14th June to secure a place in the show. The children can sing, dance, play instruments, perform magic tricks etc. any talent that your child has can be showcased! The top 6 acts go forward to the Finals at the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July.

REMINDER ParentPay Accounts:

Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and must stay in credit before the end of term when the account will be closed (letter issued Wednesday 8th May). Thank you.

FSM Vouchers – May Half Term Holiday 2024:

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended with further funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this summer. 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 half term, week commencing 27th May. 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

And finally...

Breakfast Club will be in the Green Room on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May due to the hall being set up for the Key Stage 2 Tests. Breakfast Club will be in the Green Room so please bring your child through the gate and drop them off at the door of the Green Room. Many thanks!

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION PLAY & STAY – MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 2-3PM

I/We would like to attend the Reception Play & Stay session.

Name of Child

Name of Parent(s)

Signature Date

TALENT SHOW 2024 'REGISTER OF INTEREST' SLIP to be returned by Friday 14th June.

My child would like to enter the talent show on **THURSDAY 27TH JUNE** AT 6.30 pm. I will ensure that my child has rehearsed. The act/performance will be:

Name of child/children in act:

Signature of parent:
