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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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Final Newsletter of the Academic Year 2024

Dear Parents,

Update since the last newsletter:

- A huge thank you to the guitar groups, choir, Y6 Dance Team, Morgan, Gabriella, Mrs Winter with her son Joe for making Longton Live such a great success. It was wonderful to have our own Mr Campbell involved and we have already been asked to be involved for 2025! The school made £1370 profit in wristband and bar sales! Thank you for supporting the event.
- Tough Kidder has raised £800 so far which is brilliant. Please send any outstanding sponsor money to school by Friday if possible otherwise the first week back in September. Thank you.

Action required: School Communication:

As you know, our communication platform is changing to School Spider from 1st September. Only 44 families have signed up so far therefore please ensure you download the app and create your account **BEFORE** this date. We want to ensure that you receive all school communication so it is extremely important you do this.

You can download the app via the Apple Store or Google Play Store by searching **School Spider Parents**. If you are experiencing any issues with the app not recognising your email address, please email school with your preferred email contacts so we can update the system. Thank you!

September Opening:

When we return to school in September, the school gates will open at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am. Your child may arrive at any time within the 10minute window. Punctuality is an important life skill so please be on time every day. The end of the school day is 3.15pm and children are to be collected from the playground.

Uniform:

We return in WINTER uniform in September (page 28 of the School Prospectus). Black school shoes only, no trainers to be worn.

Jewellery must not be worn at school. It is important that ear-piercing is **ONLY** carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays, as earrings are not permitted to be worn at school. It is extremely annoying to find children returning with pierced ears and having to put plasters on during PE. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Guitars:

Beginners' guitar lessons will start Monday 9th September for Y3-Y6. Miss Galea will be in touch during the holidays to those who have returned the slips. If your child wishes to join, please email Miss Galea on carmelmgalea@gmail.com.

Players in Education:

Please find details for the September course at St Oswald's. If you wish for your child to take part, please click on the link.

<https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>

PTFA Fundraising:

The PTFA have been fantastic throughout the year, a huge thank you to the PTFA for all the hard work and commitment to ensuring that we have great resources for all our children. This year we have managed to buy 80 new ipads for Key Stage 2 which has already made a great impact in the delivery of computing, coding and use of technology across the curriculum so thank you to everyone for supporting the events! A PTFA AGM will be held in September so watch out for the date and come along to join us.

Thank you:

A huge thank you to all the parent/grandparent volunteers who have been such a fantastic help and support in school this year. If you do have any spare time next year and would like to help out by hearing readers, helping at Forest School etc, please get in touch for a chat.

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

Thank you to Mrs Nowak and her team for all the cakes this year. We know how much time and love goes into those bakes!

Thank you to Fr. Michael for all the masses over the past year, especially the final Leavers Mass for Y6.

Thank you to Ms Singleton for being with us this year in Y2 this year.

Thank you to Mrs Trafford for her dedication to St Oswald's over the past 8 years, we wish her well in her next career move.

Thank you to Mrs Winter who can now enjoy a very well-deserved retirement after 24 years of teaching at St Oswald's. We wish her the best time with family and friends with lots of adventures to look forward to

Good Luck:

Y6 spent a lovely day together at Crosby Beach playing football, building sandcastles, collecting shells and making memories. We would like to wish Y6 all the very best as they leave St Oswald's and move on to their next stage of education. The children are ready for their new challenges and we hope to hear of their great achievements. Good Luck Y6, keep in touch.

And finally...

On behalf of the dedicated staff team and Governors, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy summer. Thank you for all your feedback over the year, your continued support and, at times, the much-needed encouragement. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely

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