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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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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for supporting the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. Each class teacher will post their PowerPoint presentation on the class pages of the website for your information if you were not able to make the meeting. The teachers have given you the key messages for the year but as teaching and learning is far more complex than a brief overview, please appreciate that there will be times when the class timetable has to change, topics moved to a different term etc. If you have any queries at all at any point in the year, please get in touch.

We have attached a Parent Controls document to this newsletter so that you can be as aware as possible about securing devices at home. Ever increasing numbers of online safety issues are highlighting that regular monitoring of your child's online access is crucial.

It would hugely benefit your child's mental health if you don't allow a phone until they are ready for High School. Most children are not mature enough emotionally or socially to cope with group Whats App etc.

Coming up:

Monday 16th September - 6-7pm. Mrs Cooper, from All Hallows will be here at St Oswald's to talk to Y5 and Y6 parents about All Hallows including Admission arrangements etc. Please return the slip below so we have an indication of numbers for the meeting. It is understood that children do not attend this meeting.

Wednesday 18th September 6.00pm Y5 Meet the Teacher.

Thursday 19th September School Meal Promotion 'Step into September': If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. The meal served will be Southern Style Chicken Goujons & Dips or Vegetarian Meatball Slider served with Potato Wedges, Vegetables or Baked Beans followed by Marble Cookie or Jelly. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip below and return to school no later than Wednesday 18th September.

Thursday 19th September – 1st match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm (letter issued to the team on 11th September).

Thursday 19th September 6.30-7.30pm Curriculum Evening for parents in Reception. At this meeting we explain how we teach phonics, reading, writing and number so please try to come along as it will be very useful.

Friday 20th September – School photographer in to take individual photographs of the pupils or if they have a sibling in school their photograph will be taken together.

Thursday 26th September – 2nd match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm (letter issued to the team on 11th September).

Thursday 26th September - All Hallows Open Evening 5-7.30pm.

Friday 27th September - Fr Michael has invited the Reception children and parents/grandparents to a special 'Starting School' Blessing in church at 2.30 pm.

Wednesday 2nd October The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils. This photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2024' supplement of the newspaper. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN WRITING**

BY EMAIL OR LETTER. Thank you.

Friday 4th October 2.15pm Harvest Festival in Church. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Each class will be collecting items for the local foodbank in Penwortham over the next few weeks so if you can donate a tin or packet of something, it would be appreciated, just send in your donation in with your child from Monday 16th September.

Thursday 10th October – Final match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School, 3.45pm – 5pm (letter issued to the team on 11th September).

Thursday 17th October 9.15am – 10.15am. Open Morning for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2025.

Primary Admissions 2025:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2025.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE! Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery post-box for Fr Michael.

Secondary Admissions 2025:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2025, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2024.

Admin Reminders:

- A week's notice **must** be given if you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, or vice-versa. This is normal school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- Check your child's bag on a regular basis to make sure you are not missing out on anything! Any letters issued are also put on the school website.

Reminder - ParentPay Activation Letters for Reception Parents:

Letters have been sent home last week to Reception parents in with details how to activate your ParentPay account. We are encouraging all parents to activate their ParentPay accounts as soon as possible. This service is used for payments such as Early Birds' Breakfast Club, school trips and also for school meals (for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils). If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Reminder - Safeguarding – End of Day Arrangements:

Please return the 'End of School Day' arrangements form. A paper copy was sent home with your child last week. It is extremely important that these forms are returned so the member of staff knows the end of day arrangements for your child. Thank you.

Reminder – Health Questionnaire

A Health Questionnaire from the School Nursing Team has been sent home to all children in Reception on Wednesday 11th September. Questionnaires are to be returned by Monday 23rd September. Thank you.

Car Park and Parking: Just so everyone is clear ...

- The one-way system must be adhered to.
- Only park in the designated parking bays.
- The disabled bays are only to be used by registered disabled badge holders. The badge **MUST** be on view.
- No parking on designated walk ways or yellow gridded areas.
- Supervise your child when using the car park.
- Engines to be switched off once you have parked in the car park.
- Do not park inconsiderately across anybody's drive in the locality of the school.
- Fixed Penalty Charge Notices will be issued to anybody parking on the zigzags- it's dangerous and illegal.

Fr Michael allows the school to have use of the car park; the car park does not belong to school.

A log is kept and shared with the police of any near misses, abusive behaviour, dangerous/inconsiderate parking.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping every child safe. Please share the above with whoever picks your child up from school so everyone is clear about car parking at the end of the school day.

And finally...

Over the half term holidays, Jonathan Smith from ACTIVE Sport will be running three days of activities here at St Oswald's. Please find attached the leaflet and details of how to register if you would like your child to attend. Places will be limited.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries; please note that the school office closes at 4.30pm so please leave a message on the answer phone and we will get back to you the following day.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – 'STEP INTO SEPTEMBER' – THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 19th September. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay (children Y3-Y6).

Name of child: Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:
