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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

Autumn term no. 10– 14th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Site Security:

As part of a full safeguarding review it was decided that the front door to school needed to be a secure entry. Over the last week we have had an intercom fitted onto the main front door which will be introduced from Monday 18th November. All parents, carers and visitors who arrive at school and need to go to the school office are to use the intercom by pressing the School Office button. This will enable us to closely monitor who is accessing the main reception area and avoids any safeguarding risks by people being able to gain access to the main reception without the agreement of a member of staff.

If your child is attending Breakfast Club, parents are to use the intercom by pressing the After School Club button. A member of the Breakfast Club Team will collect your child from the main entrance door. If you arrive at school at the same time as a member of staff, they will ask you to use the intercom. Safeguarding is a priority and we are constantly updating procedures. If you have any concerns regarding site security, please contact me asap.

Online Safety Concerns:

We know that a significant number of our older children are using different social media platforms such as Tik Tok WhatsApp and Snapchat. On a daily basis we are dealing with online safety issues and I need to stress that the children do not have the social or emotional capacity to access such platforms; it causes children a great deal of anxiety at such a vulnerable age; it is not helping their mental health. I know I am saying this again and I know it will continue to happen as long as children are given access to these apps.

In accordance with children's privacy laws, TikTok and such other sites provide an age limit starting from users being 13 years-old to get their own account so clearly some parents are allowing their children to access via their own accounts but are not supervising what access is taking place.

Please see below link and extracts from the NSPCC.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Y5 had a great day at Rock and River on Thursday, every child made the most of every opportunity to have a go!
- Congratulations to the Y6 Maths Teams who came 1st and 3rd in the All Hallows Maths Challenge last Thursday. Brilliant teamwork. Well done to both teams.
- Freddy Fit enjoyed his day in school. The children fully participated in every fitness challenge!
- We have now completed 2 sessions of the My Happy Mind programme in every class. Please find attached a letter regarding accessing the Parent App 'My Happy Mind'. The letter contains the authentication code for you to access the materials.

Coming up:

Friday 15th November

Children in Need Fundraising Day 2024. The children can come to school either in pyjamas or wearing something spotty. Just bring £1 donation which the School Council will collect on the gate on Friday morning.

Friday 15th November

Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of 'It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti-Bullying Week. Parents are welcome at 2.40pm.

Monday 18th November	Y5 PE Coaching Day at All Hallows (letter issued 13 th November).
Monday 18th November	Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents at 6.30pm in church to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion in May. It is important that you attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.
Tuesday 19th November	Y4 Dodgeball Competition at Priory High School (letter issued to the team 13 th November). Mrs Cookson will be with the team.
Wednesday 20th November	Reception Maths Workshop 2-3pm. Parents invited to come along to find out how to support your child with Maths in the Early Years. Please register for the workshop via the slip below as we need to know numbers by Monday 18 th November.
Thursday 21st November	Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their History studies about the Romans.
Thursday 21st November OR Monday 25th November	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.
Friday 22nd November	Y3 will be joining in with the Parish Mass at 9.30am. Parents welcome.
Sunday 24th November	Y4 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass 10.30am
Tuesday 26th November	Flu Immunisation Vaccination Programme by Intrahealth on for children (Reception – Y6).
Thursday 28th November	Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland.
Friday 29th November	Y4 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.
Friday 29th November	Y3 will be presenting their assembly for parents on the theme of Advent at 2.40pm in the school hall.
Sunday 1st December	Y4 Sacramental Programme Family Mass 10.30am.
Monday 2nd December	Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Y4 Parents invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.
Tuesday 3rd December	We will be doing the annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today at 2.45pm; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Sponsor forms will be sent home w/c 18 th November with your child. The event is always great fun, gets us fit and raises some money! Parents can come along to spectate or even join in. There will be a cake sale too starting after the event.
Tuesday 3rd December	The School Choir have been invited to St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew's Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm.
Friday 6th December	Y5 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents Welcome.
Monday 9th December	Performance of 'Beauty & The Beast' in the school hall. West End Theatre Company will be delighting the whole school with their matinee production. The PTFA will be funding this event for all the children to enjoy.
Tuesday 10th December	Infant Nativity 'The Sleepy Shepherd' starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.30pm. School will provide every child with a costume so no need to worry!
Wednesday 11th December	Final swimming session for Y3.

Thursday 12th December

PTFA Christmas Family Bingo 6.30pm – 8.00pm in school. Free tickets are available from the office from Monday 25th November. Bingo Books available on the night for a suggested donation of £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family! You need a ticket for this event; last year we sold out!! No tickets will be available on the door for this event.

Friday 13th December

Y6 will be at the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.

Friday 13th December

'Rock Steady Band' Christmas Performance 1.30pm in the school hall. Parents of children who take part in the sessions are invited to come along and watch the children perform in their bands! This will last approx 90 minutes.

Reminder- Primary School Admissions 2025:

The closing date for Primary School Admissions for September 2024 is Wednesday 15th January 2025. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

School Meal Vouchers:

We will be processing School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas holidays in the next few weeks for families who are in receipt of the following benefits.

For each eligible pupil, a supermarket voucher for £30.00 will be issued to cover the two-week Christmas holiday period.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number. Alternatively complete the slip attached and we can carry the check out for you! Even if you think you may not qualify, it is worth a try!

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)

And finally...

As always, get in touch if you have a concern or query. We will try to help as best we can.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION MATHS WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2024 2-3pm

I am able to come along to the Maths Workshop on Wednesday 20th November.

Name of child: Signature of parent/carer: