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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
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The Newsletter

Autumn term no. 13– 5th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Y3 presented a lovely Advent themed Assembly for parents last Friday. Every child took an active part and the singing was super, well done to Y3!
- Thank you to Fr Michael, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Cross for organising a very thoughtful Reconciliation Day for Y4. Fr Michael was impressed with the questions and discussions that the children explored during the sessions.
- A huge thank you to everyone who came down to support the Community Carols at St Andrew's on Tuesday. The choir sang beautifully and the Y5/Y6 guitar group played brilliantly. A big thank you to Reverend Sam for making the event so welcoming for all!
- Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Handball Festival was a great success. Dave, the Sports Coach from South Ribble was so impressed with every class.
- Thank you for coming along to the PTFA Santa Dash on Tuesday. It was a great event, the children were fantastic! Thank you so much if you have already sent sponsor money in. Any outstanding sponsor money, please send in before the end of term. Many thanks for supporting this event.
- The Cake Sale on Tuesday raised £132.31 which is tremendous. Huge thanks to Mrs Nowak and her team for all their hard work.

Reminders:

- Boxes are in the school entrance area for any donations of bottles, chocolates, biscuits etc to make some luxury hampers as prizes for the Grand Christmas Raffle. Thank you!
- Primary School Admissions 2025 – the closing date is Wednesday 15th January 2024 for your application for a Primary School place for September 2025. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Coming up: The final two weeks ...

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:

'The Sleepy Shepherd' Infant Nativity 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! The performance will start **promptly** and last approx. 40 mins. Please note no food or drink can be brought in to the church. The evening performance starts at 6.30pm prompt in church. Children need to be dropped off in the school hall at 6.10pm. There will be buckets at the back of church for any donations to the charity that we are supporting this year- Alder Hey.

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. 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.

Tuesday 12th December:

The School Nursing Team from Intrahealth will be in school to deliver the nasal flu vaccinations for children that were

absent on the day of vaccinations.

Friday 13th December:

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

'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.

Monday 16th December:

All Hallows will be here at 1.30pm with their Christmas Roadshow for the whole school. Fr Michael has kindly said we can use the church for the afternoon as the pupils from All Hallows will be inspiring us with singing, dancing, musical performances etc. It is always a joyful event for the children to join in with.

Tuesday 17th December:

PTFA AGM Meeting at 6.30pm in school. Every year we have to formally meet to have a short AGM but there will be a glass of fizz and a mince pie for those that turn up!

Wednesday 18th December:

Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day by the School Council. The proceeds will be sent to Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.

Carol singing at Ashwood Court and Booths: The Choir will visit Ashwood Court at 10am to sing carols to the residents and then move on to Booths for a 11.15am start. Parents welcome to come along to Booths for 11.15am (Letter sent today to Choir members).

Christmas Lunch Day! If you wish for your child to have the Christmas Lunch provided by the kitchen, please return the slip Newsletter No.12. Last day to order is **TOMORROW** Friday 6th December.

Christmas Stay and Play for Reception parents 2-3pm. Wear your Christmas jumper if you are coming along! Please return the slip Newsletter No.12 to indicate if you are attending.

Thursday 19th December:

Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church 2pm. Everyone invited to come along.

The Grand Christmas Raffle winners will be announced today. 1st prize 2 x General Admission 5 day passes to Lytham Festival 2025 (worth £600), 2nd prize a Yaffe photoshoot (worth £250) along with luxury hampers to be won! If you need more raffle tickets, call in at the office.

Thursday 19th December - PTFA Cake Stall 3.15pm on the playground.

Friday 20th December - School closes 1.30pm for Christmas.

School Calendar 2024:

St Oswald's School Calendar is currently being printed! Calendars will be available to buy from the school office next week and will also be available to buy at the Nativity, Bingo Night and cake sales on the playground. Cost of calendars: £6.00 1 calendar, £11.00 2 calendars and £15.00 3 calendars. We have managed to keep the cost the same as last year!

South Ribble Borough Council HAF Programme:

The Council's Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) has been launched with activities and events over the Christmas holidays. Families who are in receipt of benefits and qualify for free school meals will be sent a link by email over the next few days which will allow access the HAF programme enabling activities in the local area to be booked.

And finally...

A reminder that we are a nut free school as we do have pupils who have a severe nut allergy and we cannot have any items in school that contain nuts. Thank you for your understanding.

As always, get in touch with any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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