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St Oswald's Catholic Community:  
With Christ at the centre of our  
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## The Newsletter Autumn term no. 14– 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Up-date since the last newsletter:

- West End in Schools provided an hour of spectacular live theatre for all the children on Monday with their performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the event!
- We are incredibly proud of every pupil in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their magnificent performance of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. It was a joy to watch! Thank you for all your kind donations, we raised an incredible £288.85 which will go to the charity that we are supporting this year; Alder Hey Children's Hospital.
- Christmas Bingo was a hugely enjoyable event so thank you for coming along. Huge thanks to Mr Blissett and the Tesco store in Penwortham for donating the selection boxes.
- Y4 and Y6 have had the privilege of working with Gareth Walker from Literacy Kicks over the past 6 weeks. Gareth is a Sports Journalist with vast experience and he introduced the children to sports journalism using major sporting events including Keely Hodgkinson's 800m Olympic Final, the special friendship between Rob Burrow and Kevin Sinfield, the resignation of England Manager Gareth Southgate and debating if winning is the most important thing in sport. It has been a super project; we hope it has inspired some future sport journalists!
- Every child entered the Booths Christmas Card competition this week and the winners have received a selection box from the Booths team. All the cards are being displayed in Booths from this weekend. Winners: R- Stanley; Y1 Isabella; Y2 Adam; Y3 Isla; Y4 Elena; Y5 Eliza and Y6 Luke

### Reminders: The Final Week

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

**All Hallows Christmas Roadshow:** Pupils from All Hallows will be inspiring us with singing, dancing, musical performances etc for the whole school 1.30pm in church.

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:

**PTFA AGM Meeting:** 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. All donations are for 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. Please ensure the permission slip is sent back to school (letter sent home Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December). If we

do not receive the permission slip, your child will stay in school. Christmas jumpers and hats to be worn!

**Christmas Lunch Day:** Children who are currently on packed lunches that have returned the slip will be booked for a Christmas Lunch on this day.

**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:**

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

**The Grand Christmas Raffle:** Winners will be announced today. 1<sup>st</sup> prize 2 x General Admission 5 day passes to Lytham Festival 2025 (worth £600), 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a Yaffe photoshoot (worth £250) along with several luxury hampers. Don't forget to return your tickets to school by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you need more raffle tickets, call in at the office.

**PTFA Festive Cake Stall:** 3.15pm on the playground.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December-** School closes 1.30pm for Christmas.

#### **Medical:**

Firstly, it is parent's responsibility to ensure that your child is well enough to come in to school.

If your child is sick or has an accident in school, we will need to contact you. To enable us to keep contact addresses and telephone numbers up to date, please notify the school ASAP of ANY changes.

The Health Protection Agency has drawn up the following list of minimal isolation periods, but in severe cases, longer periods may be recommended by your GP and school will need to be notified of this. As a school we refer to the document below.

<b>Disease</b>	<b>Period of Exclusion</b>
Chickenpox	At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
Conjunctivitis	Consult your local pharmacy before attending school.
Flu	Until recovered.
German Measles (Rubella)	5 days from onset of rash.
Head Lice	A common problem in school, please check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family as necessary. Pupils may attend school once treated.
Impetigo	Until skin has dried and healed and there are no open sores or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.
Measles	4 days from onset of rash.
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling.
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after commencing antibiotics.
Sickness or diarrhoea	48 hours from the last episode.
Slapped cheek	No need for absence once rash has developed.
Threadworm	Consult your local pharmacy before attending school.
Tonsillitis	Until recovered from virus.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	2 days from commencing antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness if no antibiotic treatment.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## **Parent Whats App Groups:**

Just for clarity: Parent WhatsApp groups are not endorsed by school and they operate independently of the school. The messages in these WhatsApp groups come from parents in their personal capacity. The school does not post directly on any Class WhatsApp parent group nor do we have any 'parent advocates' who post messages on our behalf, any messages I need to give will be in the newsletter or an e-mail direct from school. It is always best to seek clarification direct from school regarding anything school related as this can be addressed quickly and far more accurately.

## **Reminder – No dogs on the playground:**

Dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community and as such are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, some children and adults do find the presence of dogs stressful, sometimes frightening, particularly with younger children. As part of our Health and Safety, dogs are **NOT** permitted onto the school playground (either on a lead or carried). Thank you for your understanding.

## **School Calendar 2025:**

St Oswald's School Calendar is now available to buy from the school office or on the playground during the final Cake Sale on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Cost of calendars: £6.00 1 calendar, £11.00 2 calendars and £15.00 3 calendars.

## **Active Health Christmas Festivals:**

During the Christmas break the Active Health are providing 4 fantastic festivals for children and families in receipt of Free School Meals. Details of these festivals in the posters attached.

## **Christmas and New Year Mass times for St Oswald's Catholic Church, Longton**

Advent Service of Reconciliation with individual confession - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Vigil Masses of the Nativity 5pm and 7pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord 8:30am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of St Stephen 9.30am

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of St John 9.30am

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Family Vigil 5pm

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Family 8:30am

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Sixth day within the Octave of the Lord 9.30am

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December– Seventh day within the Octave of the Lord 9.30am

Wednesday 1st January 2025 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9.30am

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

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