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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 Spring term no. 8 – 13th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Thank you to Tom Brown, Reading Development Officer for Lancashire who came in on Friday to visit each class and encourage joining the local library. We are incredibly lucky to have Longton Library on our doorstep and I know so many of our pupils are regulars which is brilliant!
- A huge well done to all the girls who participated in the lunchtime football session Monday lunchtime as part of the FA #LETGIRLSPLAY. Hopefully this has inspired some of the girls to join their local football club as there was a lot of talent being shown!
- Y4 had a great day at Chester Zoo and loved the Rainforest Workshop. They were only 15 minutes late arriving at the zoo in spite of all the traffic issues on Tuesday.
- Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTFA Quiz night on Tuesday. We were small in number but it was a great night. Huge thanks to Mrs Gallagher and Mr Campbell who made it all happen.
- Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Freddy Fit sessions in school yesterday. Every class took part in a range of physical challenges and quizzes to inspire keeping active, eating well and staying healthy.

Coming up:

Y6 will attend Mass on **Friday 14th March** 9.30am in church. Everyone welcome.

The school council will be selling delicious Fairtrade chocolate for just £2, on **Friday 14th of March** as part of the Fairtrade Fortnight. All proceeds will be going to CAFOD's World Gifts, which help communities around the world. Let's work together to support fair trade, build a better future and live more simply!

Sunday 16th March 10.30am Sacramental Programme Mass for Y4.

Y4 Sacramental Programme session **Monday 17th March** 6.30pm in church

Reception visit to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles **Tuesday 18th March**. If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £17.00 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you! Due to the nature of activities taking place, children are to wear old tracksuit bottoms, **school jumper, shirt and tie**, wellies (or strong footwear) together with a warm, waterproof jacket or coat. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly.

Swimming Competition will take place **Tuesday 18th March** at Hutton Grammar 4-5pm (letters issued to the Swimming Team Thursday 13th March).

As a huge thank you to the St Oswald's Community for the support, care and friendship shown to our pupils who were impacted by the Southport tragedy, Starkidz from Southport are coming into school on the **Wednesday 19th March** for the day to run a 30 minute Silent Disco for each class! The disco is free but a donation to their gofund.me page would help them to give another school a free silent disco. [Donate here - https://gofund.me/02b6eaf3](https://gofund.me/02b6eaf3)
Every penny helps! What a lovely treat for everyone!

School Meal Promotion– 'Be Happy Day' **Thursday 20th March**. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 18th March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.70 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu is Hotdog with Smiley Face Potatoes & Vegetables or Vegetable Pasta Bake

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with Garlic Bread and Salad followed by Jelly & Ice Cream or Marble Shortbread.

Y3 will attend Mass on **Friday 21st March** 9.30am in church. Everyone welcome.

Whole school Yoga & Mindfulness Festival **Friday 21st March**. Each class will have a yoga session throughout the day which includes learning breathing techniques and practicing calming movements. **PE kits are needed for this event.**

Sunday 23rd March 10.30am Y4 Sacramental Programme Mass.

PTFA Easter Egg Raffle tickets go on sale **Monday 24th March**. Each class will be able to buy raffle tickets for the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Friday 4th April. Raffle tickets are 50p each. Please send in raffle ticket money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Monday 24th March Y4 Sacramental Programme session in church 6.30pm.

Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings as part of their History Studies **Tuesday 25th March** (letter issued 26th February). If you have not yet done so please return the permission slip and make the payment of £16.00 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you! Full school uniform, packed lunch and a water bottle please.

PTFA pop up Mother's Day/Someone Special Shop **Tuesday 25th March**. During the afternoon, the children in R, Y1 and Y2 can bring in £5 to visit the shop. (Gifts are £5 each) Please send money in with your child in an envelope, clearly marked with the amount and your child's name.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have the chance to visit the pop up shop **Wednesday 26th March** in the afternoon.

Y5 will attend Mass on **Friday 28th March** at 9.30am. All welcome.

Y1 Mothers Day Assembly **Friday 28th March** 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.

Y2 walk to Longton Library for a story session **Wednesday 2nd April** in the morning (letter issued Thursday 13th March)

Reception 'Spring Stay and Play' **Wednesday 2nd April 2-3pm**. If you have a child in Reception and would like to come along, please complete the slip below and send it in so we know numbers for the session.

School Meal Promotion– 'Easter Lunch' **Wednesday 2nd April**. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Monday 31st March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.70 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu is Roast Chicken or Vegetarian Sausage with Roast & Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy or Lancashire Cheese & Potato Pie followed by Easter Treat Desserts.

Mrs Novak and her team will be selling cakes on the playground **Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April** 3.15pm.

Thursday 3rd April Y6 will be leading the whole school with an Easter Liturgy in church at 2pm. Parents most welcome.

PTFA Family Easter Bingo **Thursday 3rd April** 6.30-8.00pm. Free tickets are available from the office w/c 17th March. Bingo Books available on the night for £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family!

School closes Friday 4th April at 3.15pm (afterschool club running as normal) and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April.

Community News:

Please find attached details of Penwortham Football Academy Easter Coaching Camp.

And finally...

Yuichi and his students would like to extend their thanks and best wishes to everyone at St Oswald's for the welcome they have received. They have had a wonderful experience and we have thoroughly enjoyed having them in school for the past 2 weeks. Wishing them a safe journey home on Saturday.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘BE HAPPY DAY’ – THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 20th March. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘EASTER LUNCH’ – WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 2nd April. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....

RECEPTION STAY & PLAY SESSION ‘STEP INTO SPRING’ – WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025

I would like to attend the Stay & Play session on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 2-3pm.

Name of Child Signature
