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St Oswald's Catholic Community:
With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter Spring term no. 9 – 20th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Reception had a great day at Bring Yer Wellies. The staff at the centre commented on how wonderful the children were. Well done Reception!
- Unfortunately, the swimming competition at Hutton Grammar had to be postponed due to a burst water pipe. Once we have the new date, we will let the swimming team know.

Starkidz ran a super silent disco for each class yesterday. Every class thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I can say there is no such thing as a Silent Disco! If you wish to donate on their go fund page, here is the link

<https://gofund.me/02b6eaf3>

Message from Starkidz...I wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks for inviting us to host the silent disco today. It was truly a pleasure to bring it to the school, we had a fantastic time engaging with your students! They were all so lovely!

- The School Council will be continuing to sell Fairtrade chocolate for just £2 on Friday 21st March as part of the Fairtrade Fortnight.
- Y5/Y6 Girls Football. Miss Fisher is moving the training sessions to Thursday lunchtime, starting Thursday 27th March so no Girls football on a Wednesday after school. We are hoping more girls will join the club at this new time.

Coming up:

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| Friday 21st March | Y3 at Mass 9.30am in church. Everyone welcome. |
| Friday 21st March | Whole school Yoga & Mindfulness Festival. Each class will have a yoga session throughout the day which includes learning breathing techniques and practising calming movements.
PE kits are needed for this event. |
| Sunday 23rd March | 10.30am Y4 Sacramental Programme Mass. |
| Monday 24th March | PTFA Easter Egg Raffle tickets go on sale. 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 4 th 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. |
| Tuesday 25th March | Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings as part of their History Studies (letter issued 26 th 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. |
| Tuesday 25th March | Height & Weight checks for children in Reception & Year 6. This is an OPT-OUT process. If you wish to withdraw your child from the National Child Measurement Programme, please contact the NHS team on 0300 247 0040 before the date of the measure. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to. |

Y6 will take part in the health needs assessment questionnaire. This is an **OPT-OUT** process. If you wish to withdraw your child from completing the questionnaire, please contact the NHS team on 0300 247 0040 before the date of the measure.

Tuesday 25th March

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.

Wednesday 26th March

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have the chance to visit the pop-up shop in the afternoon.

Friday 28th March

Y5 will attend Mass at 9.30am. All welcome.

Friday 28th March

Y1 Mothers Day Assembly 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y1 Parents invited.

Wednesday 2nd April

Y2 walk to Longton Library for a story session in the morning (letter issued Thursday 13th March).

Wednesday 2nd April 2-3pm

Reception 'Spring Stay and Play'. 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.

Wednesday 2nd April.

School Meal Promotion– 'Easter Lunch' 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.

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April

Mrs Nowak and her team will be selling cakes on the playground 3.15pm.

Thursday 3rd April

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

Thursday 3rd April

PTFA Family Easter Bingo 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!

Friday 4th April

Easter Egg Raffle winners will be announced in the final Golden Assembly of the term.

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

ParentPay Reminders:

Please may I remind parents to check their ParentPay account regularly and ensure that it is topped up and in credit! Outstanding amounts should never accrue to more than two weeks of debt, i.e £27.00 for school meals and £35.00 for Early Birds. Thank you.

Free School Meals Vouchers – Easter Holiday 2025

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended for a further year with funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England. The funding will support those most in need, helping with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. This funding covers the period 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025 inclusive.

We can confirm that approval has been granted for schools to utilise the LCC Edenred account to order Easter holiday vouchers for benefits-eligible Free School Meal pupils. This extends to all benefits-eligible school aged children (Reception up to and including Year 11) and where applicable, benefits-eligible secondary school sixth form students.

Each eligible pupil will be issued with **£30** in vouchers to cover the two-week holiday period w/c 7th April 2025.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

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, please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

B Wood

Headteacher

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
