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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
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Letter from Director of Public Health to parents and guardians:

Please find attached a letter from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health for Lancashire County Council which provides an update on the current situation in Lancashire relating to Covid-19 in education settings.

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Year 5 had their second Sacramental preparation programme in church on Monday. Mrs Nuttall has added a blog to the Y5 class page for your information.
- Thank you to parents who came along to the PTFA AGM on Tuesday evening. We are so lucky to always have great volunteers to help raise essential funds for school. Over the next year we want to raise money to resource our status as a Forest School. The PTFA have planned some events this term which are outlined further down in the newsletter.
- PTFA committee have applied to Asda's digital Green Token scheme for fundraising and the school is now live as a good cause. We need your help to vote for the school over the next few weeks and please vote online every week and the winning cause will be awarded a much needed £500 which will contribute to the library and reading resources. Voting resets each week so please remember to vote and ask family members to support the school too. You can find the voting at www.asda.com/green-tokens and select the Clayton Green Store. Thank you for your support.
- Hearing tests took place on Wednesday for children in Years 2 and Year 3. Your child will have come home with a letter yesterday from the School Nursing Team to let you know the results. Any children that missed the hearing tests, there will be an opportunity to have the test after Christmas when the Nursing team will be back in school. Consent forms are available from the school office.
- Thank you for making yourselves available for the Parents Evening telephone appointments. If you were unable to answer or we missed you, let us know so we can reschedule your appointment as soon as possible.
- Reception are enjoying their Tots on Tyres Sessions with Mrs Cookson. We have seen some great co-ordination and balance!
- Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal. We held our own whole school 1 minute silence on the playground at 11am this morning.
- As a whole school we are 'Going Green' tomorrow as the Eco Council have asked every class to reduce the amount of electricity we are using in school. Every class will also be writing their own Go Green Pledge to help the environment. The Eco Council are very proactive and have been following COP 26 closely!

Coming Up:

Monday 15th November

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week and the theme is One Kind Word. The children will be discussing ways to show kindness in their PSHE lessons throughout the week.

- Monday 15th November** Fun with Phonics session at Longton Library suitable for parents with children in Reception and Y1 (email was issued to parents in Reception and Y1 on 9th November).
- Monday 15th November** Y6 'Friendly' Football Match against Penwortham Primary at Penwortham Primary School, 4-5.00pm. We wish St Oswald's Football Team good luck! (Letter issued to team 8th November).
- Thursday 18th November** Y6 Sportshall Athletics Festival at Hutton Grammar, 4.00-5.30pm. Good luck to the Athletics Team! (Letter issued to team 11th November).
- Friday 19th November** Children in Need Day 2021. Staff and children can come to school wearing something spotty! The children can be as spotty as you would like them to be in return for a donation of £1 or more!
- Sunday 28th November:** Fr Michael is inviting Y5 to a special Family Mass at 10.30am (only immediate family).
- Monday 29th November:** Y5 Reconciliation Day in Church. Y5 Parents are invited at 2.30pm for the Service of Reconciliation. Please wear your mask.
- Wednesday 8th December:** Infant Nativity 'Born in a Barn' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. We will be filming the performance and hope to be able to invite parents if we are able to safely. Further details to follow.
- Tuesday 7th December** Y6 visit to Museum of Lancashire, Preston for a WW1 experience as part of their History studies (letter issued 9th November)
- Thursday 9th December:** Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their Roman's History studies (letter issued 3rd November).
- Friday 10th 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. All proceeds towards Save the Children Fund.
- Friday 10th December:** Christmas Lunch (details to follow).
- Friday 17th December:** School closes at 1.30 pm.

PTFA Christmas Events

PTFA Calendar 2022 - Every child will feature in the 2022 Calendar. We are looking for sponsors to advertise in the calendar so if you are interested in sponsoring a month or two, please get in touch via the office by Monday 15th November. The calendar will be on sale from the beginning of December.

Sponsored Santa Dash - Monday 13th December. All the children and staff will take part in this event. Details to follow.

Christmas Pop up shop in school - Children be able to visit the shop to buy Christmas presents for Mums and Dads w/c Monday 13th December. Further details to follow.

Christmas Raffle – We are looking for donations to make Christmas Hampers! Any donations of wine, chocolates, biscuits etc would be gratefully received! Just send your donation into the School Office by 30th November. Many thanks

And finally ...

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher