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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
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

A message for parents and guardians from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi:

Please find attached a letter from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health for Lancashire County Council, outlining the measures being taken in Lancashire's schools in response to high rates of Covid-19, which are being driven by the Omicron variant.

Coming up:

- Saturday 15th January** Primary School Admissions 2022 – the closing date is Saturday 15th January 2022 for your application for a Primary School place for September 2022. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate as this does make a difference to where you are in the admission criteria.
- Monday 17th January** Y5 Sacramental Programme in church with Fr Michael during school time.
- Thursday 20th January** 'Jump into January' school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip (newsletter No.1) and return to school no later than Tuesday 18th January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment should be made through ParentPay please. The meal menu will be **Crispy Popcorn Chicken, or Cheese, Onion & Potato Puff Pastry Slice, both will be served with Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Jam Roly Poly & Custard.**
- Thursday 20th January** Swimming Competition at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm – 5.00pm (letter issued to the Y6 team tomorrow 14th January).
- Friday 21st January** Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows 8.45am – 2.30pm. Please return the permission slip and £2.50 lunch money in a named envelope to school asap (letter was issued 11th January). We really hope that this visit will not be postponed so fingers crossed!
- Sunday 23rd January** Family Mass for Y5 at 10.30am. Immediate family are invited and masks are to be worn.
- Monday 24th January** Holy Communion Practice in Church at 6.30 pm. Parents invited to attend so any queries can be addressed or clarified.
- Thursday 27th January** Y3 Study Trip to the Science Museum in Manchester on as part of their Science topic work this term (letter issued Wednesday 5th January).
- Friday 28th January** Closing Date for the Parent Governor Election at 12 noon. Don't forget to use your vote!
- Saturday 5th February** First Holy Communion Day. A letter has been sent home today from Fr. Michael for the Y5 children who are making their First Holy Communion. Every child has been allocated a Mass time of 10.30am or 12.30pm. Fr Michael has now confirmed that a maximum of 8 people can attend the Mass per family which includes the child making their First Holy Communion.

Please return the reply slip to the presbytery. If you have any queries at all, please contact Fr Michael direct on 01772 612136

Tuesday 8th February

Y4 Study Trip to Formby Point and Eco Centre, Southport (letter issued Wednesday 5th January).

Lancashire Vision Screening Service:

The School Nursing Team will be in school on Tuesday 22nd February to carry out vision screening tests for children in Reception, Letters have been sent home with your child on Tuesday 11th January. This is an **OPT-OUT** system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned stating that you DO NOT want your child to have vision screening and state the reason for this. Thank you.

Car Park Safety:

Recently we have had several complaints from local residents regarding cars parking unsafely on Chapel Lane. It would appear to be the same cars parking across people's drives. Please do not park along the bus stop and zig zag no parking areas. It is very busy at the end of the school day with pedestrians and traffic therefore please ensure that you stick to the 20mph speed limit as you approach school. The local police are working with us and cannot believe the selfish actions of a small minority. It is obvious that safety is paramount so please think before you park across a drive, think before you park on the zig zags, think before you put a child's life in danger. We all have a collective duty of care to keep children safe.

Attendance and Punctuality:

As part of our safeguarding routines, we monitor children's attendance and punctuality on a regular basis and have just carried out a recent review. If there are concerns, you will receive a letter tomorrow and arrangements for a follow up meeting. We do try to help and support families if there are extenuating circumstances as being in school on time every day does make a difference to your child's progress.

And finally ...

Y2 were very excited this week to launch the Brilliant Book Awards with the School Library Service. Over the next few weeks they will be reviewing the best of new books published recently and then voting for a winner! Great work Y2.

As always, thank you for keeping up with the lateral flows if you think your child has symptoms. Currently we have 1 member of staff and 12 children absent with Covid.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. We will always do our best to help!

Yours sincerely

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