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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 Friday Newsletter
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

COVID Reference Guide for Parents:

Please find attached latest COVID-19 information in the school setting.

New Website!!!:

We have been busy creating a new website for this school year and it has been launched today! Over time it will hopefully build up to be a very useful communication tool.

Home Practice: this is the term we are using instead of Homework for the weekly tasks to be practised at home.

We have decided that Homework is to be replaced with Home Practice this year to ensure that all the basic skills of reading, spelling and number are practised on a regular basis at home. This will help to address any gaps and to ensure firm foundations for accelerating learning throughout the year. The Sumdog platform that all the children will use will enable teachers to monitor the skills practised at home and identify any further input that might be needed for your child. A little and often will be the secret to Home Practice tasks so let's all give it a go!

Your child's Class Teacher will upload the Home Practice tasks to the relevant Class Page on the new website every Friday by 4.00pm so please check the website.

Reading books have started to go home; we really need to ensure that every child is reading every night.

Home Learning: this is the term we are using if we need to provide work for your child due to self-isolation, partial lockdown or full lockdown.

If your child is absent from school due to self-isolation, we will provide Home Learning for them. Each class page on the website has a Home Learning link so you can access relevant learning resources as well as collecting a pack from school which will have been prepared for your child with 2 days of the absence starting.

All of our new routines are being kept under constant review.

Meet the Teacher:

As we are not able to hold the usual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings, each Class Teacher has prepared a PowerPoint outlining routines and class information. These are attached to this newsletter and will be uploaded to the Class pages on the website next week.

Primary Admissions 2021:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2021. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

Visit our web-site www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE!

Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', which is available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery postbox.

Secondary Admissions 2021:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2021, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2020. Supplementary Faith Forms for All Hallows will be sent home today with your child. Please ensure that the Supplementary Faith Form is completed and sent to All Hallows direct.

All Hallows Virtual Open Evening – Thursday 1st October 2020:

A letter from Mr Horrocks has been emailed to Y5 and Y6 parents on Monday 14th September regarding a virtual Open Evening taking place on Thursday 1st October. This will be shown via a link on the All Hallows school website.

School Starter Photographs – Monday 21st September:

The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils outside in the school grounds. The forecast for Monday is sunny! This photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2020' supplement of the newspaper.

School Meal Promotion – Takeaway Thursday! – Thursday 1st October:

The next school meal promotion will take place on Thursday 1 October for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The takeaway choices are either Fish & Chips, Burger & Chips or Pizza & Chips served in a takeaway box!

If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip stating your child's menu choice and return to school. Alternatively you can email school with the details by **Tuesday 22nd September**. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event.

We would like as many pupils as possible to take up the Takeaway Thursday event as it coincides with the annual School Census which informs the next Budget Year so the more children we have on a school meal that day, the better our school meal budget will be! Every little helps at the moment.

And finally.....

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch by email or phone; we will always do our best to help.

Have a lovely weekend, see you all on Monday!

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – TAKEAWAY THURSDAY – THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2020

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 1st October. I will ensure payment of £2.30 is made in advance through ParentPay (Y3-Y6 children).

My child would like:

Fish & Chips **Burger & Chips** **Pizza & Chips**

Name of child:Year Signed.....
