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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**  
**Autumn term no.5 – 2 October 2020**  
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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.

Thank you for wearing your face coverings when dropping and collecting your children. This has been most appreciated.

### **Home Practice:**

Every Friday your child's Class Teacher will upload to the Class Page the weekly basic skills tasks that need to be completed. The tasks are designed to be a little and often over the week. Reading is essential for every child every night. We are noticing a greater percentage of children reading every night and this is having a positive impact in the classroom so thank you for taking the time to ensure this is happening. Sumdog participation rates are up this week to an average of 78% so please encourage your child to complete their basic skills challenges.

### **Home Learning:**

If your child is absent from school due to self-isolation, we will provide Home Learning for them as well as their weekly Home Practice. Each class page on the website has a Home Learning link so you can access learning resources as well as collecting a pack from school which will have been prepared for your child within 2 days of the absence starting. We are also preparing if a whole class has to isolate so they can continue to work from home which we know is incredibly tricky for many families.

### **Harvest Festival:**

Thank you for all your donations for our Harvest Festival which the children will be celebrating at their Collective Worship on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Penwortham Foodbank will collect our donations on Monday afternoon. There will be a box outside the entrance area on Monday for any last minute donations. Many thanks for your generous donations so far.

### **Young Minds:**

Next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October Young Minds have organised a National 'Let's Brighten Up a School Day' event for all young people. As a school, we have always recognised the importance of mental health and wellbeing in our community but now more than ever we need to look after each other and show our young people that they are not alone and to never feel they can't talk to someone.

Young Minds have asked the children to wear something yellow so all our children will put their PE tops on for the day when they arrive at school. They will be doing some great activities during the day to highlight that it is ok to talk and they are never alone. The day is to remind everyone that being there for each other and sharing positive moments makes us all feel better!

If you wish to make a £1 or £2 donation to Young Minds, there will be a yellow bucket under the canopy by the school entrance for you to drop your donation in!

Visit our web-site [www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk)

### **School Starter Photographs:**

Reception Parents! If you wish to purchase the photograph, please return the order form and payment in the envelope provided by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. We will let you know once we know when the photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2020' supplement of the newspaper.

### **Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations:**

The Intrahealth Team will be in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme. Your child was sent home with a consent form last Friday for you to complete. Please read and complete either the YES form or NO form in full (one per child) and return to school by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**. The nursing team will be wearing PPE and a full risk assessment has been carried out.

### **Thursday Takeaway Meal:**

Huge thanks to the Kitchen staff for making 151 Takeaway Meals yesterday. The feedback has been really positive so it might become a monthly event!

And finally.....

National Poetry Day went down a treat yesterday with so many fabulous poems being read, written and performed.

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; stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher (currently operating virtually!)