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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
Autumn term no. 1 – 8th September 2022
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year, lovely to see all the children looking smart and keen to learn. A very warm and special welcome to all our new Reception children and their families.

Newsletter:

You will receive the newsletter every Thursday by email; please read it as it does contain all the dates you need. If you do not already receive the newsletter electronically, please contact the school office to update your email address. The newsletter is uploaded to the website every Friday and you can follow us on twitter **@StOswaldsCPS**

Uniform:

The children have returned to school looking very smart, thank you for ensuring your child is in full school uniform. Please ensure that your child does not come to school wearing any jewellery or nail varnish (page 7 School Prospectus). If your child has had their ears pierced over the holidays and have not yet fully healed, please ensure that plasters are worn over the earrings until the earrings can be removed for school. Trainers are not an acceptable form of footwear – black school shoes only. The children in the Infants are expected to bring their St Oswald's green school bag to school as they fit in the space provided. We already have a couple of jumpers left in school with no name!

Safeguarding – End of Day Arrangements:

Please find attached the 'End of School Day' arrangements form. A paper copy was sent home with your child earlier in week. Could you please return this form by **Monday 12th SEPTEMBER** so the staff are very clear about where your child is going at the end of the school day and who with! Please do not be offended if staff do not recognise the person picking up your child and ask for clarification. In Reception, until we get to know the 'faces' of who picks up, please make yourself known to the Reception staff. Could we also ask if you have a query or question for the class staff, that you please wait until every child is dismissed so that staff are not distracted from their 'End of Day' duties which is to make sure every child has been safely handed over to their parent/carer. Thank you.

Mobile Phones:

We understand that, in Year 6, as you let your child become more independent by cycling or walking home alone, you may allow them to carry a phone for emergencies. The UPDATED policy is that they hand their phone in at the office on arrival at school before going through the gate. Phones are kept safe in the office until home time when your child can collect their phone from the school office on exiting the school premises. There is no need for a mobile phone to be brought to school for any other reason. Thank you.

Attendance:

Thank you for your understanding about attendance and recognising that authorised absences will only be given in **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** and must be applied for on the official 'Application for Absence' form available on the school website or from the school office. Being at school every day and on time ensures that your child makes progress. The 2022-2023 Holiday List is on the website.

Marvellous Mondays and Friday Favourites Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Pupils:

Please note that Marvellous Mondays and Friday Favourites will continue as normal; if your child is already enrolled on the respective days, they will continue to do so until we are informed otherwise!

However, if your child is normally on packed lunches and you would like your child to have a school meal on a Monday or Friday, please contact the school office. Payment should be made through ParentPay. If you no longer wish your child to receive a meal on a Monday or Friday, please ensure that one week's notice is given to the school office. Failure to do so will mean that you will still be charged. Children already on school meals are automatically enrolled for the Monday and Friday.

School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme:

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme recommenced at the beginning of term for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. There is no need for children in the Infants to bring a snack in for playtime as they are provided with a piece of fruit every day. Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 may bring a piece of fruit for break time. Please note that the snack can only be fruit, no biscuits etc.

Every child needs their own water bottle in school every day as we do encourage regular drinking of water. Water only in the water bottle please!. Thank you.

ParentPay Activation Letters for Reception Parents:

ParentPay is a web-based service for schools which enables parents to make secure on-line payments by credit and debit card or by cash at local stores through the PayPoint network. The service is used for payments such as Early Birds' Breakfast Club, school trips and also for school meals (for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils). Activation letters were sent home on Wednesday to children in Reception and we would be grateful if you could activate your account as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

Pupil Premium:

Free school meals are currently provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative. It is still possible for those pupils who have a **STATUTORY** entitlement to free school meals (those pupils whose parents are in receipt of benefits, such as Income Support, etc.) to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium, which is worth over £1300 per pupil for the school once registration has been completed, so please check if you are entitled as school benefits greatly! A comprehensive list of the benefit entitlements are available on the application form, which is available from the trays by the school office. Alternatively, one phone call can confirm if you are entitled, it's worth doing, so please call 01772 531809 and have your NI number handy!

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)

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

Each class teacher will present to parents an outline of curriculum expectations and routines for their year group. The meetings will last approx. 45 minutes and it is understood that children do not attend.

Thursday 9th September 6.30pm Y3

Tuesday 13th September 6.30pm Y4

Wednesday 14th September 6.30pm Y5

Thursday 15th September 6.30pm Y2

Tuesday 20th September 6.30pm Y1

Thursday 22nd September 6.30pm EYFS

Medical Needs:

Please ensure that we have up-to-date information on the 'Medical Condition/Allergy' form if your child has any medical needs or allergies which have been confirmed by a Health Professional.

Any child with asthma needs a 'School Asthma Card' completed and returned to school ASAP with a named inhaler. Forms available from the website or the school office. Let us know asap if you amend your child's medical details. It is a parent's responsibility to make sure we have up-to-date medication in school for any child with long term medical needs.

Swimming:

Swimming for Year 5 starts on Wednesday 14th September at Penwortham Leisure Centre. The children will leave school at 1.15 pm and will return for 3.00 pm. Girls must have a one-piece swimming costume and boys will need swimming trunks (not shorts) and all pupils need a swimming hat and towel (letter issued to Y5 Wednesday). Year 4 will swim in the Spring Term and Y3 in the Summer Term.

Primary Admissions 2023:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools **The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY 15th JANUARY 2023 with the offer letter being issued to parents on TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2023.** 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', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery postbox for Fr Michael.

Secondary Admissions 2023:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2023, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. **The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 31st OCTOBER 2022 with the offer letters being issued on WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2023.**

St Oswald's Clubs:

Players in Education Drama Club (privately run), will begin **on Friday 9th September** 3.15-4.30pm and will be **open to all pupils**. The course will run for 6 weeks with the last session on Friday 14th October. If you wish to apply for a place, please click on the link below:

<https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education/>

Further details are available from Miss Rebecca on 07368 342092.

Guitar Club (privately run) Miss Galea will be returning with Guitar Club for Y3-Y5 in the Green Room starting on **Monday 12th September**.

Please see times below:

Y5 – 8.00am

Y4 – 8.30am

Y3 – 9.00am

Children in Y4 and Y5 are to come to the Main Entrance and ring the office bell when they arrive for their lesson. Miss Galea is in the process of contacting everyone who has applied for a place. Any queries regarding guitar lessons, please contact Miss Galea on 079200 56721.

Netball Club: Y5 and Y6 are invited to join the Netball Club run by Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravilli on Mondays, starting **Monday 12th September** 3.15-4.15pm. The Club will run every week with the last session for the term on Monday 21st November. Please return the slip below if you wish for your child to join.

Football Club: Y5 and Y6 are invited to join the Football Club which starts **Tuesday 13th September** 3.15-4.15pm. The Club will run every week with the last session on Tuesday 22nd November. The Club is run by Mr Campbell, Mr

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Mears and Miss Fisher. Please return the slip below if you wish for your child to join.

School Choir : Choir will start on **Tuesday 13th September** 8.15am – 8.45am in the Green Room. Any new members (Y3-Y6) who wish to join, please return the slip below asap. Mrs Winter, Mr Campbell and Mrs Whitworth run the Choir

Drums with Adam Darwen (privately run) started w/c **Monday 5th September** for Y3-Y6. Lessons take place every Monday and Thursday at lunchtime. There are 2 spaces available at present. Please contact Adam on adamdarwendrums@gmail.com for further information.

Key Dates for September :

Tuesday 13th September Fr Michael has invited the Reception children and parents / grandparents to a special 'Starting School' Blessing in church at 2.30 pm.

Wednesday 14th September School photographer will be in to take children's individual school photographs or if they have a sibling in school their photograph will be taken together.

Monday 19th September 6.00 pm Meeting at St Oswald's for Y5/Y6 parents to meet Mr Horrocks, Headteacher from All Hallows and to find out about the school and admission arrangements etc.

Tuesday 27th September School Open Morning 9.15 am – 10.30 am. Come along and see the school in action! This Open Morning is for all our current and prospective parents.

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations:

The Intrahealth Team will be in school on Wednesday 23rd November to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme. Your child will come home with a consent form tomorrow (Friday 9th September) 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 Thursday 15th September 9am.

Pre-loved Uniforms:

We have received many donations of good quality items of school uniform which are available from school. Just pop in to the School Office and take whatever you would like at any time. If you have any uniform that you would like to donate to the Pop Up shop, please feel free to send it in.

School Meal Promotion:

'**Step into September**' School Meal Promotion on Thursday 15th September. The menu is BBQ Chicken or Quorn Enchiladas served with Savoury Rice or Veggie & Cheese Potato Wedges with Baked Beans followed by Homemade Toffee Cookie with Fresh Fruit. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 20th September please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Wednesday 14th September. Payment of £2.40 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

And finally.....

Here's to a great term ahead for your child; filled with super learning, friendship and growing up together!

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries. We will always do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

YEAR 5/YEAR 6 NETBALL CLUB – MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER- MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm

I would like my child to join the Netball Club.

(1) I will collect my child at 4.15 pm.

(2) Other hometime arrangements, i.e. After School Club, walking home with permission, etc.:

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Name of child: Signed:

Emergency contact nos.:

YEAR 5/YEAR 6 FOOTBALL CLUB – TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER- TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2022 3.15 pm – 4.15 pm

I would like my child to join the Football Club.

(3) I will collect my child at 4.15 pm.

(4) Other hometime arrangements, i.e. After School Club, walking home with permission, etc.:

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Name of child: Signed:

Emergency contact nos.:

YEAR 3/ YEAR 4/ YEAR 5/YEAR 6 CHOIR – TUESDAYS STARTING 13th SEPTEMBER 8.15 am – 8.45 am IN THE GREEN ROOM

I would like my child to join the Choir.

Name of child: Signed:

Emergency contact nos.:

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –STEP INTO SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 15th September. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:
