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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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Dear Parents,

COVID Reference Guide for Parents:

Please find attached latest COVID-19 information in the school setting with updated information highlighted in yellow.

I would like to thank you all for adhering to the rules and restrictions regarding our school setting as keeping everyone safe and well is our top priority at the moment.

We look forward to seeing Y3 back with us on Tuesday 24th November.

Home Learning:

If a whole class has to isolate we will provide a Daily Blog on the Class Page of the website so that you have access to daily instructions from the Class Teacher.

If your child has to be absent from school due to family isolation or is deemed a 'close contact' in school, 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 within 24 hours of the absence starting. There is also the weekly Home Practice which is uploaded every Friday.

There is a wide range of e-books available from the 'Oxford Owl for Home' which is in the Home Learning section on the website. The class login is provided on the class page which enables you to browse through the library with books for all age groups. We are more than happy to change reading books if your child is isolating. Just let us know and we'll have them ready for you to collect from the office.

Autumn Term Parents Evening:

Many thanks for being patient with us as we made phone calls to you. We hope you found it a useful update regarding the learning and progress of your child so far this year. Your feedback is always welcome!

Children in Need Day: Friday 13th November

We managed to raise £293.50 for this very worthy cause! Thank you for all your support.

Change of School Uniform Supplier:

Unfortunately Delta Wool Shop is unable to continue to trade as a uniform shop therefore they are unable to continue to supply our school uniform items in the future. We are in the process of changing our dedicated uniform supplier to 'Justs Clothing' in Penwortham which currently supplies uniforms to many local secondary and primary schools.

In the meantime if you wish to purchase any uniform items, Delta Wool Shop have a small amount of stock which is available via their website to click and collect at their Farington shop.

We will keep you updated.

Christmas Events coming up:

- Our usual Christmas productions will not go ahead in the form that you have been used to but we are planning to put together The Story of the Nativity which will be filmed and released for you all to enjoy as a family during w/c 14th December. Each class is learning 2 songs. The songs and lyrics have been put on the website for the children to practise over the next few weeks. The songs are:

EYFS- Away in a Manger and We will Rock You
Y1- Mary met an Angel and Standing in the Rain
Y2- Kings came Riding by and Mary had a Baby
Y3- Little Donkey and Ding Dong Merrily on High
Y4- Silent Night and It was a Starry Night
Y5- I want to See and See him Lying
Y6- Blue Christmas and See him Lying

- Christmas Jumper Day at St Oswald's will be on **Wednesday 16th December**. Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper in return for making a donation of £1.00 towards the Save the Children Fund. Please note that you can make school jumper look Christmassy instead of buying one!
- Christmas Lunch - **Wednesday 16th December** -details to follow very shortly!

Cards for Kindness:

Help reduce loneliness in older people during COVID-19 by sending a message of hope.

Loneliness is a growing problem among older people, and in care homes it can be a particularly difficult issue to resolve. Figures from Age UK show that 200,000 older people have not had a conversation with friends or family for a month, and 60% of people in care homes get no visitors at all.

Cards for Kindness is an initiative which aims to reduce loneliness in our care homes by encouraging members of the community to send a card to a local care home.

It's always lovely to receive a card through the post and this often sparks conversation and encourages residents to talk to each other. Research shows this has many health benefits, especially for people living with dementia. This is even more prominent amid the coronavirus pandemic as visiting is suspended.

How you can help

To send a card all you need to do is write one, attach a stamp and pick a local care home to send it to. **You can find your local care home in the lists on the website.**

See how creative you can be with the materials you already have at home, or see what you can pick up whilst you're shopping for necessary supplies and post during your daily exercise.

Is it safe to send things in the post during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Currently, there is no evidence that the virus can live on paper and it is non-viable on surfaces after 72 hours.

We have advised care homes that they may wish to quarantine post for 72 hours before opening.

For more details, click on the following link:

<https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/CardsForKindness>

Admin Reminders:

- It is essential that your child's Parent Pay account is in credit for school meals and Early Bird's. Please may I remind you to check your child's Parent Pay account on a regular basis and top-up as necessary. The account **MUST** stay in credit at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTFA News:

Your child should have come home with a flyer yesterday detailing events leading up to Christmas!

PTFA Christmas Events

- Online Christmas Shop – **28th/29th November** - an opportunity to buy from Local Businesses on: **Exclusive to the new Facebook page: StOswaldsLongtonPTFA.NewPage – join the NEW page so you don't miss out!**
- Raffle – Top prize Deluxe Christmas Hamper. Tickets to be sent out soon and returned to school by **Thursday 10th December.**
- Christmas Pop up shop in school for the children to buy Christmas presents for Mums and Dads: **14th – 18th December**
- Christmas quiz £1 entry – quiz available soon, return to school by **Wednesday 16th December** – Prize is a Christmas Treat Box from The Village Teapot.
- Wear your Own Clothes Day: 18th December.

And finally...

It was great to see the children wearing odd socks this week to highlight that we are all different and have a unique place in the world. Every class has spent time each day talking about what makes a good friend as not all children find it easy to make or keep friends. Friendship skills are learnt skills and at different times in a child's development friendships can be tricky and complex! Over the week we have seen some great acts of kindness and friendship. Y6 have been encouraged to reflect about being a good friend online and that kind words are the only words that need to be used!

Thank you for your understanding when we have had to inform you of isolations at such short notice and we do hope that the children and staff who are currently isolating are keeping safe and well.

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

