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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.12 – 27 November 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 with updated information highlighted in yellow.

The government has set out the local restriction tier system that will be in place from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The current [national restriction rules](#) are still in place until 2 December and must be followed until they expire.

**Lancashire has been placed in Tier 3: Very High alert. For more information on what the restrictions mean, please click on the following link. This explains what you can and cannot do in each tier.**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

**Reporting a Confirmed Pupil Case of Covid19:**

If your child has been tested, please inform school immediately when you get a test result. If your child's test result is positive, the following information will be required by School:

**Child's full Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Class:**

**The date/time of when they were tested for COVID-19:**

**The day/time COVID-19 symptoms developed:**

**The day/date that your child last attended School:**

Please email if the result is received over the weekend. This is vital if we need to inform staff and pupils who will need to isolate as confirmed close contacts.

If your child's test result is positive, please follow the [Stay at Home Guidance](#)

**Christmas Events Reminders:**

- 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – St Oswald’s Christmas Jumper Day:** 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!
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch:** The meal served will be Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage or Roast Quorn Fillet with Veggie Sausage served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy, Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables followed by a Christmas Treat Dessert. If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one, every child in the school will be given a Christmas cracker! If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the attached slip and return to school. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment should be made through ParentPay or with a PayPoint card if you wish to pay by cash using the PayPoint facility.

### **Christmas Cards:**

If the children wish to bring Christmas Cards in for their friends, they may do so on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. The cards will be quarantined and then given out on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **St Oswald’s Sponsored Santa Dash – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December:**

To help raise funds for even more reading books, we are holding a Sponsored Santa 1 mile Dash on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December for all the children and staff to join in with! The children can wear a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit if they wish. The sponsor form is attached to this newsletter. The event should be great fun, keep us fit and raise lots of money! Sponsor money can be sent in in an envelope after the event!

### **Holiday List 2021/2022:**

Please find attached the dates for the next academic year. The late May Bank Holiday has been moved from Monday 31st May 2022 to Thursday 2nd June 2022 and an additional Bank Holiday has been given on Friday 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. School will re-open on Tuesday 7th June.

Holidays during term time are not permitted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are expected to arrange family holidays or other absences to coincide with school holidays. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium:**

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative, please may I remind you that 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.) of the importance to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium which is worth over £1000 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 is listed below and also on the application forms which are available from the trays by the school office. The criteria has changed slightly, therefore if you think that there may be a possibility, please call 01772 531809 to confirm if you are entitled, it’s worth doing. Please ensure you have your NI number handy!

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

Please click on the link below for further information:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals>

**It really is worth trying to see if you qualify!**

## Primary School Admissions 2020:

The closing date is **Wednesday 15 January 2020** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2020. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

## Nasal Flu Vaccinations- Outstanding Doses:

Any children who were isolating or absent on Thursday (the day of the initial flu vaccination delivery) can be included in the catch up programme on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

If you have not completed a flu consent form and would still like your child to be vaccinated, they can be included in the catch up programme, Please contact the school office for a form to complete and return to school.

## Health Needs Questionnaire:

Reception children have come home with a Health Needs Questionnaire today from the School Nursing Team. Please complete the form and return to school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.

### PTFA Christmas Events:

**Christmas Raffle:** Your child has been give 2 books of raffle tickets today (2 per family), please do your best to sell them or return to school – thank you! The Grand Christmas Draw will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December therefore all raffle ticket stubs and money need to be returned by **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Deluxe Christmas Day Hamper to won plus a variety of other excellent prizes. We normally sell the raffle tickets at Booths and at church but this is not possible this year so every ticket sold will make a difference!

**St Oswald's Virtual Christmas Market:** Saturday 28th November 9.00 am to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm - An opportunity to buy from Local Businesses on the PTFA new Facebook Page: [StOswaldsLongtonPTFA.NewPage](#)  
Join the NEW page so you don't miss out! This is a great opportunity to support local businesses and raise much needed funds for school (see flyer attached).

**Christmas Pop up Shop:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. In school for the children to buy Christmas presents for Mums and Dads. Every present will be £2.50. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name on. Each class will visit the shop at an allocated time:  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Reception and Y1  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Y2 and Y3  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** - Y4, Y5 and Y6

**PTFA Christmas Quiz:** Christmas quiz sheets are available from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please send your £1.00 entry fee in an envelope with your child's name on stating 'Christmas Quiz' into school. Quiz sheets will be sent home with your child and to be returned by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The winner will be announced on Facebook on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The winner's prize is a Christmas Treat Box from The Village Teapot.  
Please send the envelopes and returned quiz sheets in with your child. Please not do not feel the need to drop them off at the office. Your child will put the envelope in the class box in the morning which will be sent to the office.

**Wear your Own Clothes Day!!!** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - To celebrate the end of term, the children can wear an outfit of their own choice and donate £2 towards PTFA funds.  
All the funds raised over the Autumn term is going towards new reading books across the school!

And finally...

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.

Y3 produced some brilliant work during their isolation time and kept up with their reading! We would appreciate any feedback regarding Home Learning during isolation times. Many thanks.

Mrs Tipping will upload the Y4 Home Learning the night before so it can help parents who need to leave early in the mornings!

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2020**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 16 December and will ensure that payment of £2.30 is made through ParentPay.

**My child would like:**

**Roast Turkey**

**Roast Quorn Fillet**

Name of child: ..... Year group: ..... Signature of parent/carer: .....

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