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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. 6 – 13th October 2022
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

This newsletter is full of dates for your diary!

- Friday 14th October** Y3/Y4 Mass in church at 9.30am. Parents are invited.
- Monday 17th October** Music Showcase 2.45pm. Mrs Winter will be showcasing the music that has been taught this half term for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 in the hall if you would like to join us for 20 minutes.
- Tuesday 18th October** Reception walk to Longton Park. Full school uniform to be worn with a waterproof coat. The children will leave school at 9am and be back for 10.30am.
- Tuesday 18th October** Harvest Festival in Church 2.15pm. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Please send your child to school with a tin or packet of something by Monday 17th October. All donations will be sent to the Foodbank in Penwortham. Many thanks for your support!
- Tuesday 18th October** Y5/Y6 Sportshall Athletics competition from 3.45pm - 5.00pm at Priory Academy (letter issued to team 6th October).
- Wednesday 19th October** Final match of the Boys Football Tournament at **Hutton Grammar** from 3.45 – 5.00pm (changed from Thursday 20th October). Good luck to the teams.
- Wednesday 19th
Thursday 20th October** PTFA Cake Sale. Mrs Novak has very kindly offered to bake cakes. Cakes available for a small donation on the school playground at 3.15pm on both days. Every little helps our fundraising.
- Thursday 20th October** PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco. Tickets are on sale from the school office or you can send £3.00 in a named envelope with your child and tickets will be sent home that day. Tickets are £3.00/child and Tuck Shop will be open on the night.
6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)
7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Thursday 20th October** School finishes at 3.15pm for Half Term (After School Club will be running on this day) and re-opens on Monday 31st October.
- Tuesday 1st November** KS2 (Y3-Y6) will be leading the All Saints Mass in church at 2.15pm. Parents are invited.
- Tuesday 1st November** Y3/Y4 STEM Club starts from 3.15pm – 4.15pm for 7 weeks. Letters have been sent home to parents for children that have secured a place. There has been an overwhelming response to the club which is great and hopefully a Spring Term Club will be possible due to the high demand. The Club will be run by Miss Fisher and Mrs Quilliam.

School Meal Promotion -Bonfire Lunch – Thursday 3rd November

The next school meal promotion will take place on Thursday 3rd November for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Sausage in a Finger Roll, Pinwheel Pizza followed by Sticky Toffee Parkin. If your child is normally

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on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school on Monday and make the payment of £2.40 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Thursday 3rd November Reception 'Stay and Play' in class from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Parents are invited to come into school to join in with your child's learning. Please complete the slip attached if you are able to join us.

Tuesday 8th November Y5 'Friendship' Assembly in the hall, parents are welcome at 2.40pm

Thursday 10th November Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley for an outdoor adventurous day. Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but will need to wear appropriate warm clothes. Please ensure that permission slips have been returned to school. Final payments to be made by Friday 4th November on ParentPay. Medical forms are to be completed and returned to school by Friday 4th November. (Kit list and Medical Forms will be sent home with your child on Friday).

Mon 14th-Wed 16th November Y6 residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden. Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but will need to wear appropriate warm clothes. Please ensure that Personal Information Forms and Medical 3b forms are returned to school by Friday 14th October. Final payments to be made by Friday 11th November on ParentPay. (Final arrangements letter, kit list and information from Robinwood issued 11th October).

Monday 21st November Last Netball Club until the Spring Term.

Tuesday 22nd November Last Football Club until the Spring Term.

Thursday 1st December Y3 Advent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Parents welcome to come along.

Friday 2nd December Whole school involved in the annual Sponsored Santa Dash! More details and sponsor forms to follow after half term!

Tuesday 6th December Infant Nativity Performance in church. All the Infant children will be involved. Performance times are 2pm and 6.30pm. More details after half term.

Thursday 8th December PTFA Christmas Family Bingo Night 6.30-8pm. More details to follow.

Monday 12th December 2.45pm Music Showcase for Reception, Y1 and Y2 in the hall. Parents invited to come along

Wednesday 14th December 3.05pm The Infant Classes will be singing Christmas Carols on the playground and Mrs Nowak's festive cakes will be available to buy.

Thursday 15th December 2pm Y6 will be leading the whole school Christingle Service in church. Parents are welcome to come along.

Thursday 15th December 3.05pm The Junior Classes will be singing Christmas Carols on the playground and Mrs Nowak's cakes will be on sale.

PTFA 2022-2023:

Over the years the PTFA has made significant contributions to keep the resources in school up to date and relevant. The outdoor theatre, the Forest School Meeting Hut, new reading books, new i-pads have been recent additions thanks to all the fundraising. I would like to thank everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts of the PTFA in any way. School Budgets are stretched to the limit so fundraising is now vital to ensure our pupils have the learning resources that are needed.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the PTFA AGM. My grateful thanks to the current committee for all their hard work over the past year. We are currently looking for a Chair and Secretary so if you are interested, book in for a chat with myself. If you can volunteer any time to help at events, please contact the school office. The mantra has to be, we can't rely on someone to do everything but everyone can do something! Get in touch if you have any fundraising ideas or would like to join the PTFA.

School Meal Vouchers:

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of October half term.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

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)

Pre-loved uniform items:

Thank you to everyone who has donated uniform items to school. We now have a full shop and unable to accept any more items at the moment! If you need any uniform items, please call into school at any time.

School Calendar 2023 Final Reminder:

Any businesses that would like to be included in the School Calendar, please contact the school office. The price of the adverts are £40.00 a month (1 month to 5 months) or £36 a month (6 months or more). The closing date for sponsors is Monday 17th October. The School Calendar is always very popular so it is worth advertising your business in it. Calendars will be on sale at the beginning of December.

Players in Education Drama Club:

The next course will start after half term on **Friday 4th November** and will be open to all pupils. ACT-SING-DANCE and spread the Christmas Cheer with Players in Education. Sign up to the Christmas course by following the link below. Further details are available from Miss Rebecca on 07764 998997

<https://www.playersineducation.com/signupstoswalds>

Community News:

Bonfire Night at Walmer Bridge Village Hall – Saturday 29th October 2022
Fireworks, Halloween Fancy Dress, Funfair, Food & Licensed Bar
Entry £5.00, Under 12's £1.00

And finally...

Due to the residents of Farmend Close reporting to the Police that cars have obstructed their drives, there will be police presence over the next few weeks to ensure that at school pick up times cars are parked appropriately and safely. The Police have said they will issue tickets to anyone parked inappropriately.

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

RECEPTION 'STAY AND PLAY' – THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

I/We would like to attend the 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday 3rd November from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

Name of child: Signed by parent/carer:.....

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd November. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

Name of child:Year..... Signed.....
