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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. 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**  
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**PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Up-date since the last newsletter:**

- The PTFA Halloween Disco made £787.00 profit! Thank you for all your fantastic support.
- Fr Michael would like to thank all the families who attended the Year 4 Enrolment Mass on Sunday.
- Y5 presented a fabulous assembly on Tuesday on the theme of Friendship. Many thanks to parents and grandparents who came along. Hope you enjoyed it, Y5 were so articulate, confident and proud of themselves.
- Well done to Y6 Maths Team who took part in a Maths Challenge at All Hallows on Wednesday. The children were a credit to you and the school.
- Y5 had a brilliant trip to Rock and River for a day of outdoor activities which included paddle boarding, kayaking, archery, climbing, low ropes and the big jump! All the children tried everything and showed great determination.

**Coming up:**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** - Y6 are off to Robinwood for 3 days of adventurous activities!. **Robinwood have kindly offered to provide lunch on Monday therefore children DO NOT NEED a packed lunch from home but they do need to take a WATER BOTTLE.** Children are to arrive to school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the normal time. The bus will be leaving school at 9.30am. Y6 return to school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November before the end of the school day. Please collect your child as normal on this day.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – LAST Football Club until the Spring Term.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need 2022. Staff and children can come to school wearing something spotty! The children can be as spotty as you would like them to be in return for a donation of £1 or more!

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** -Y4 Sacramental Programme Family Mass 10.30am.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** -LAST Netball Club until the Spring Term.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** -Y4 Sacramental Programme session 1 in church at 6.30pm. Parents are to attend with their child.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** -PTFA meeting 6.30-7.30pm to discuss the next fundraising events. All welcome to come along.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** -Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations: The Intrahealth Team will be in school to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** -Y4 Sacramental Programme Family Mass 10.30am.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** -Y4 Reconciliation Day. Parents are invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Year 3 Advent Assembly in school 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Scholastic Book Fair:

We are delighted to have our annual Book Fair back in school! Scholastic Book Fair will be open from 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Every book purchased means extra books for school. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.

## School Calendar 2023:

St Oswald's School Calendar is available to pre-order. If you wish to pre-order a calendar(s), please complete the order form attached with payment. Order forms are also available from the School Office.

Cost of calendars are:

£6.00 1 calendar  
£11.00 2 calendars  
£15.00 3 calendars

Many thanks if you have sponsored a month in the calendar. As a sponsor you will receive a complimentary copy as soon as they arrive from the printers.

## Reminders:

**P.E Kit** – Your child MUST have a full P.E Kit in school. For Health and Safety reasons, it is important that children are properly dressed for any physical activity. PE Kit listed below and in 'Appendix C' in the School Prospectus:

<b>PE KIT FOR ALL PUPILS</b>
<b>Gold PE shirt with logo</b>
<b>Green shorts (stretch shorts for KS1/shadow stripe shorts for KS2)</b>
<b>Black pumps</b>
<b>Only pupils in Y5/Y6 may wear trainers.</b> <b>Green socks are required for cross-country training.</b> <b>Black jogging bottoms are allowed in winter for outdoor PE.</b>

PE kits should be kept in a named bag in school and returned home for washing every half-term holiday.

**Haircuts - Hair must be left its natural colour and severe haircuts are not allowed.** Hair ornaments are not considered uniform, e.g. large clips, ornamental headbands, etc. and children will be asked to remove them. **No** number 1 or number 2 haircuts are permitted as stated clearly in our prospectus. Many thanks for your support with this.

## National Sleep Help Line:

I know some of you have spoken to me about your worries about your child's lack of sleep so please find attached information that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. As you know, sleep is essential to brain function so by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to thrive better in school.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems often leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND.

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

And finally...

Mrs Sullivan has decided that she would like to retire at the end of this term. Mrs Sullivan has spent 31 years of her teaching career here at St Oswald's and has given so much to so many children. Mrs Sullivan has taught Reception, Y5 and Y6 over the years and for last 7 years has run the highly successful Maths Club for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. She will be sadly missed as her knowledge, care and dedication have been exceptional throughout her time here.

I know you will want to join me in wishing her the happiest of retirements as well as thanking her for 31 years of dedicated service to the children at St Oswald's.

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

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### ST OSWALD'S SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023 ORDER FORM

I would like to pre-order the following:

1 Calendar at the cost of £6.00

2 Calendars at the cost of £11.00

3 Calendars at the cost of £15.00

3+ Calendars @ £5.00 each. Please state if more than 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the order form to school with payment (cash or cheque). I enclose payment of \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_