



St Oswald's Catholic Primary School
Headteacher - Mrs B Wood
Chapel Lane
Longton
Preston PR4 5EB

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.

Email head@longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk
bursar@longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk

Tel: 01772 613402

The Newsletter
Autumn term no. 10 – 17th November 2022
Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Y6 had the most amazing time at Robinwood over the past 3 days; making memories, having a go at everything and finding out more about themselves. Mr Mears, Mrs Jones and Mrs Wilson have done a brilliant job in taking great care of every pupil!
- Well done to the Y4 Dodgeball Team on winning the Dodgeball Competition held at Priory Academy on Tuesday. True team spirit was displayed and all the children were a credit to the school.
- Freddy Fit spent the day with us on Tuesday with each class getting involved with all the fitness challenges. Freddy will return in the Spring Term.
- Last week was the Autumn Term Governors' in School Week; so many Governors came to spend time with the children and see the school in action.

Coming up:

- Friday 18th 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. The School Council will be on the gate with their collecting buckets!
- Sunday 20th November** Y4 Sacramental Programme Family Mass 10.30am.
- Monday 21st November** LAST Netball Club until the Spring Term. **Football Club has now closed.**
- Monday 21st November** Y4 Sacramental Programme session 1 in church at 6.30pm. Parents are to attend with their child.
- Tuesday 22nd November** PTFA meeting 6.30-7.30pm to discuss the next fundraising events. All welcome to come along.
- Wednesday 23rd November** Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations: The Intrahealth Team will be in school to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme. If you have not yet returned the vaccination form stating whether you give consent or no consent, please do so by Tuesday 22nd November. Forms are available from the school office. We have 172 forms returned out of 245 children. Thank you.
- Thursday 24th November** Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.
- Sunday 27th November** Y4 Sacramental Programme Family Mass 10.30am.
- Monday 28th November** Y4 Reconciliation Day. Parents are invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.

- Monday 28th November** Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Come along to peruse the books!
- Tuesday 29th November** Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Final chance to purchase any books.
- Thursday 1st December** Year 3 Advent Assembly in school 2.40pm. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Friday 2nd December** We will be doing our annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can wear a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit if they wish for the event. Your child will come home with a sponsor form today and one is also attached to this newsletter. The event should be great fun, keep us fit and raise some money! Sponsor money can be sent in in an envelope after the event. Last time we raised an amazing £1970.40!
- Tuesday 6th December** Infant Nativity 'Shine Star Shine' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils in church. Performances at 2pm and 6.30pm. No need for tickets, just come along and enjoy the Nativity story! All costumes will be provided for the children so no need to go shopping! The performance will start promptly and last approx. 40 mins.
- Wednesday 7th December** Last swimming session for Y5. Y4 will start swimming lessons in the Spring term. Details to follow.
- Wednesday 7th December** Cath Greenlees, the local Fairtrade representative in Longton, will be running a Fairtrade Stall 3.15pm on the school playground. Fairtrade Christmas gifts available to buy.
- Monday 12th December** Music Showcase for R, Y1 and Y2. Due to the success of the Key Stage 2 Music Showcase, Mrs Winter would like to invite parents to come along at 2.40pm to find out how music is taught to all our Infant pupils.
- Wednesday 14th December** Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.
- Wednesday 14th December** Christmas Lunch for anyone who doesn't normally have a school 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 & Gravy followed by a Chocolate Chip Shortbread & Fresh Fruit. 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 slip below and return to school by **WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER** as the kitchen needs to place their order 2 weeks before. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment of £2.40 should be made through ParentPay for children in Y3-Y6.
- Wednesday 14th December** Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day. All proceeds towards Save the Children Fund.
- Wednesday 15th December** Carol Singing 2022. Each of the **Infant** Classes will be performing a couple of carols on the playground at 3pm so you can come along and enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive cake stall too!
- Thursday 15th December** Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church 2.15pm. Everyone invited.
- Thursday 15th December** Carol Singing 2022. Each of the **Junior** Classes will be performing a couple of carols on the playground at 3pm. We will be opening the gates at 3pm so you can enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive Cake Stall too!
- Friday 16th December** School closes at 1.30 pm.

Holiday List 2023/2024:

Please find attached the dates for the next academic year.

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 with this.

REMINDER 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.

Primary School Admissions 2023:

The closing date for Primary School Admissions for September 2023 is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

School Meal Vouchers:

We will be processing School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas holidays in the next few weeks for families who are in receipt of the following benefits. **For each eligible pupil, a supermarket voucher for £30.00 will be issued to cover the two-week Christmas holiday period.**

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number. Alternatively complete the slip attached and we can carry the check out for you!

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)

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers:

Find out what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire. There is a range of information including Benefits and financial help; Help with energy; Warm spaces; Support with food; Paying childcare; Help getting into work; Health and wellbeing. Please see Lancashire County Council by clicking on the following link:

[Cost of living support - Lancashire County Council](#)

Make Our Christmas Sparkle (Lancashire Police):



Christmas e-card design competition 2022

Runs from: 14th – 30th November 2022

Theme: 'How the Police Keep us Safe'

We're looking for young artists to design this year's Christmas e-card for the Chief Constable.

Budding designers in reception to year six Primary School age groups in Lancashire can enter to be in with a chance of being chosen as the winning design.

This will be used for the Chief Constable's e-card to 5,000 officers and staff as well as partner agencies.

There will be a winner and two runners-up.

The winning artist will receive an arts and crafts goodie bag and a £150 book voucher for their school.

Two runners-up will be selected and receive an arts and craft goodie bag and certificate.

Chief Constable Chris Rowley will personally pick the winning design.

This year's theme is 'how the Police keep us safe' and designs must demonstrate the work the police do to keep people and their property safe over the festive period.

You can enter as an individual.

Everyone has a chance to win, regardless of your age and ability. Be as creative, colourful and imaginative as you'd like!

All entries must be hand-drawn and must be received by the closing date of **Wednesday 30th November by 12 noon**. Sadly, any entries received after the closing date/time will not be counted.

Twelve shortlisted entries will be put to the public vote via Instagram on **Thursday 1st December**. The chosen 6 from this vote will be presented to the Chief Constable to choose the winners from.

Winners will be announced on the Constabulary's social media channels on **Tuesday 6th December**.

Submission of entries

Entries can be submitted by Twitter or Instagram (not Facebook please). Tweet us, DM us on Instagram or tag us into your creation directly on your Instagram post. Make sure your account is public so we can see your creation.

Find us on Twitter and Instagram via @Lancspolice and use the **#MakeOurChristmasSparkle** when posting your entries.

We also need the following details provided with your entry:

- Name of entrant
- Age of entrant
- Name of parent/guardian who gives permission
- Name of Primary School

Visit our web-site www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk

Failure to include any of the above details will mean the entry is not valid. By submitting an entry, applicants are confirming that permission has been given by a parent or guardian to the terms and conditions of the competition.

Once you've submitted your entry via social media, please keep hold of the hard copy of your design, as if you're the winner, we may need the original version to help us recreate the electronic version to a high quality.

And finally...

Monday 8th May 2023 has been confirmed as a Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation. The Monday was to be the first day of the Y6 SATs, the Department for Education are to inform schools later this month about the plan to reorganise the Monday test.

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2022

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 14th December and will ensure that payment of £2.40 is made through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6)

My child would like:

Roast Turkey

Roast Quorn Fillet

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Please check if We/I are eligible for free school meals.

Full Name: Date of Birth:

Name of Child:

Relationship to child:

National Insurance Number:

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 _____