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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

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to everyone! Lovely to see all the children back together again.

Home Practice will resume on Friday 19th March so don't forget to check the class page on the website. Thank you for making sure that your child reads every day- it makes a huge difference to your child's ability to access every area of the curriculum.

Online Safety:

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at St Oswald's. We have now teamed up with National Online Safety to provide resources, guides and training for all our parents. Below you will find a link to enrol and gain free access to a huge range of videos, resources and support at National Online Safety.

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/st-oswald-s-catholic-primary-school-pr45eb>

We will also regularly post guides for new and established social media and gaming platforms as they become more commonly used by your children. This Online Safety blog will appear on the class pages of the website.

Red Nose Day Friday 19th March:

This year we will be supporting the great work that Comic Relief are doing for mental health awareness. The theme for this year is to be kind and look out for others. It is the small things that make a difference so we would like the children to join in with the 'Let's Share a Smile' event on Friday 19th March. For a donation of £1 the children can come to school dressed in something red and bring in a funny joke to share with their class!

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college:

We have been asked to share the following information with parent networks to help answer questions they may have:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy, and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Visit our [web-site www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.longton-st-oswalds.lancs.sch.uk)

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

School Meal Promotion – Easter Lunch:

Our next school meal promotion will be held on **Wednesday 31st March**. The menu is: Roast Turkey or Quorn fillet with stuffing, gravy, Roast and Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots followed by Easter Treat Dessert. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have an Easter lunch on 31st March, please complete the attached slip or email school no later than Wednesday 24th March. Payment of £2.30 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

Community News:

New Longton Cricket Club are looking for boys and girls in years 4, 5, 6 and 7 to join their Under-10s and Under-12s sides. All are welcome, regardless of experience or ability to train at their club in their new all-weather nets. For older children and parents who wish to play, they also run three senior teams as well as a ladies' senior softball cricket team. Please call, text or WhatsApp Vasco on 07733 112257 for more details.

Summer Uniform: Reminder

When we return to school on **Monday 19th April**, the children are to wear summer uniform:

Boys: School polo shirt with logo, school sweatshirt with logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey socks & black school shoes.

Girls: Green/white gingham dress, school sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with logo, white socks, black school shoes, green scrunchies, green headbands or green bobbles are allowed but no ornate headbands, thank you.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Unfortunately, Delta Wool Shop is no longer trading as a Uniform Supplier, therefore 'Justs Clothing' in Penwortham will now be our dedicated uniform supplier. Until they can officially open, they are offering a collection service, details and times are shown on their Facebook page or contact them on 01772 743807.

And finally...

Thank you for sticking to the timings for drop off and collection. We know it's tricky for some families so thank you for your patience during this time, especially trying to keep the car park safe for everyone. Some of our older pupils have permission from their parents to walk home so they are having to walk as safely as possible out of the car park. Always be 'Child Aware!'

Hopefully we can soon let you know if we can resume some of our events in the Summer Term.

Take care,

Yours sincerely

B Wood

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – EASTER LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH 2021

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 31st March. I will ensure payment of £2.30 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:

Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:
