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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
Spring term no. 2 – 12th January 2023
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PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coming up:

- Friday 13th January** Good luck to the Football team as they compete in the County Finals! (Letter issued to Football Team 5th January).
- Wednesday 18th January** Meeting for Year 6 parents re End of Key Stage 2 Assessments and Tests, at 6.30 pm in school. SAT's revision guides will be available for you to buy on the evening or from the office at the cost of £7.00/set.
- Thursday 19th January** The School Nursing Team will be in school to carry out vision screening tests for children in Reception (letters issued 6th January). This is an **OPT-OUT** system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned stating that you DO NOT want your child to have vision screening and state the reason for this. Please reply promptly, thank you.
- Thursday 19th January** 'Chinese New Year' school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip attached and return to school no later than Tuesday 17th January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.40 should be made through ParentPay please (free for reception, Y1 and Y2 children). The meal menu will be Sweet & Sour Chicken & Veggie Noodles or Chinese Quorn Curry with Vegetable Rice followed by Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake.
- Friday 20th January** Y5/Y6 Swimming Competition at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm – 5.00pm (letter issued to the team 12th January).
- Wednesday 25th January** Meeting for Y2 parents re End of Key Stage 1 Assessments 6.30pm in school.
- Wednesday 1st February** All Hallows Maths Department to visit Y6 for the NSPCC Number Challenge Day.
- Wednesday 1st February** Phonic Screen Information Meeting for Y1 parents 6.30pm in school.
- Friday 3rd February** The dental team from Uclan will be in school carrying out a dental survey for Y6 children. This is an **OPT-IN** system. If you agree to your child having the dental check, please return the consent form to school by Thursday 2nd February (consent form and further information issued 10th January).
- Friday 3rd February** Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm – 4.30pm (letter issued to the team 12th January).

Curriculum for Spring Term:

Please find all the Curriculum Overviews for this term on the website for your information. Every Friday your child's Class Teacher publishes a blog on the Class Page which includes the learning that the class have done that week and the Home Practice that will help to reinforce the learning. Every bit of Home Practice builds up over time. Children who consistently read, practise times table and learn spellings every week extend their chances of success in all their learning. Learning is a marathon, not a sprint so a little and often is the key!

Book Trust:

On Friday the children in Reception will be bringing home a free book from The Book Trust; a book for you to enjoy reading to your child. I cannot stress how important sharing books is for every child, every day!

Car Park and Parking:

A polite reminder to be mindful that the safety of every child is paramount and that as adults, the expectation is that we are role models for our children in all that we do and say so please think before you park thoughtlessly or drive into the car park at speed. We do log any incidents that are reported to us and these are passed onto the police.

PTFA News:

Thank to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday. Last term we raised enough money to buy new collections of books across the school so thank you for your brilliant support. Spring Term events are now planned so here's some for your diary:

Valentine's Disco Thursday 9th February – wear something red!
Tickets on sale w/c 23rd January £3.50 before the event or £4 on the door
Infants 6.15-7pm
Juniors 7.15-8.15pm
Tuck Shop will be available

Valentine Bake Sale
Wednesday 8th Feb, Thursday 9th February 3.15pm on the playground

Pancake Sale
Tuesday 21st February (Shrove Tuesday) Packs of homemade pancakes will be on sale at 3.15pm on the playground.

Next PTFA Meeting is Tuesday 28th February 6.30pm

Group A Strep and scarlet fever letter to parents and carers:

We have been asked to share the letter attached sent by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) informing parents and carers of a recent increase in notifications of scarlet fever.

The letter contains advice for parents and carers about scarlet fever and Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS), including what symptoms to look out for and what action to take.

Leave of Absence:

Absences are monitored carefully and **must be applied for by parents**. Parents are expected to arrange family holidays or other absences to coincide with school holidays. In cases where this is impossible, an absence application form must be fully completed and submitted to the school office before any arrangements have been made. If the absence is due to exceptional circumstances and is subsequently authorised by the Headteacher, bookings may then be made.

Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:

Where possible, appointments are to be made out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter **at least two days** in advance of the appointment so the correct codes are recorded for their absence. **If an appointment card is not available, please email the school with the details of the appointment.** Pupils should be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out' on collection. On your child's return to school, pupils must be brought to the school office and, again be 'signed in' by a parent, carer or family member. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

And finally...

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

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘CHINESE NEW YEAR’ – THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2023

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 19th January. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....