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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,

Head Lice:

We have had reported cases of Head Lice in different year groups this week so it would help enormously if every family in school checks and treats head lice including the adults in the family. Thank you for your support in this.

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy:

Please find attached the updated policy for RSE. We follow the Diocese recommended scheme, 'A Journey in Love' and each class completes the relevant units for their age group:

EYFS: The wonder of being special and unique.
Year 1: We meet God's love in our family.
Year 2: We meet God's love in the community.
Year 3: How we live in love.
Year 4: God loves us in our differences.
Year 5: God loves us in our changing and developing.
Year 6: The wonder of God's love in creating new life.

The whole purpose of the scheme is to connect every aspect of growth: physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual.

Over the next half term, each Class Teacher will be teaching their unit to the children. If you have any questions about the scheme or policy, please e- mail me.

Reminders:

Y6 to complete the Cycling Proficiency Programmed and the Bikeability programme **Monday 24th - Friday 28th May**. Bikes and helmets are to be brought into school (letter issued 30th April).

Class Photographs by School Photographer **TUESDAY 25TH MAY (this has changed from Monday 24th)**

Bake Sale **Friday 28th May**. Children can bring 50p to buy a cake. Monies raised will go to British Hen Trust who campaign to save the Battery Hens. This is being organised by some of the pupils in Y5, well done to them for the idea!

'Fun Friday!' **Friday 28th May**. Children can come dressed as a teacher for the day and staff will be wearing school uniform! Just make a donation of £1/£2 in the buckets provided at the gate. Huge thanks for supporting our Fun Fridays!

Half term **Monday 31st May - Friday 5th June**

Dates after Half-term:

Year 1 Sports Day 2.30pm **Tuesday 22nd June.**

New Intake Parents Meeting 6.30pm in the hall (1 adult with mask and no children please) **Tuesday 22nd June.**

“Little Owls’ programme starts for our new intake! 9.15am – 11.45am **Wednesday 23rd June.**

Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows (letter will be issued w/c 7th June) **Wednesday 23rd June.**

Reception Sports Day 2.30pm **Thursday 24th June**

Y6 visit to All Hallows (Children who are not attending All Hallows are to be in school as normal) **Friday 25th June**

First Holy Communion Mass **Saturday 26th June.** This mass is for families and children in Year 5 (letter issued 14th May with allocated time slot either 10 am or 12 noon) If you cannot make the time allocated, please let Fr Michael know asap so alternative arrangements can be made.

School Nursing Team will be in school carrying out vision screening checks for Reception **Monday 28th June.**

Year 2 Sports Day 2.30pm **Monday 28th June.**

Year 3 Sports Day 2.30pm **Thursday 1st July.**

Year 6 Sports Day 2.30pm **Monday 5th July.**

End of Year Reports to be sent home **Monday 5th July**

Year 5 Sports Day 2.30pm **Tuesday 6th July.**

Year 4 Sports Day 2.30pm **Wednesday 7th July.**

Y6 Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory 9.30am and 11.00am (Y6 Parents to be invited) **Friday 9th July**

Y6 Visit to Borwick Hall for an extended day of outdoor activities (letter will be issued w/c 7th June) **Monday 12th July.**

Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15 am **Wednesday 14th July**

School closes for summer 1.30pm **Friday 16th July.**

New date for Y6:

Y6 Retreat Day, Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool then to Crosby Beach for picnic, walk on the beach and to see the Iron Men **Thursday 15th July** (letter will be issued w/c 7th June).

PTFA Tea Towels:

Next week, all the children will draw a self-portrait which will be printed onto a keepsake tea towel. They will make great gifts and all profits will go towards new library books for the school. There are two designs, one for Infants (Reception – Year 2) and one for Juniors (Year 3 – Year 6).

If you wish to order, please complete the order form attached. Order forms also available from the school entrance area.

Please return to school in a sealed envelope marked 'PTFA Tea Towel' with payment by cash or cheque (made payable to St Oswald's PTFA). Orders to be placed by **Friday 28th May** and delivery will be within approximately 3-4 weeks. Price per Tea Towels £5.00 (1 ordered) £4.00 each (2+ ordered).

Thank you for your continued support of the fundraising events at St Oswald's. It is appreciated so much!

Absence procedures (illness):

If your child is absent for any reason during the term, it is essential that you telephone the school before 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence stating why they are absent. If we do not receive a message, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1st Day Contact" system and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide a letter explaining the absence. If no explanation is received in writing, the absence will be deemed as unauthorised. **Please make sure we have your up to date contact details!**

Punctuality:

Punctuality is considered the direct responsibility of the parents or carers. It is important that children learn the importance of punctuality and also observe it in their daily school life. Lateness causes delay in the start of lessons. The child who is late is often upset and embarrassed and the rest of the class is disrupted and delayed in starting the important part of the school day. **If your child has more than 6 Lates in ANY half-term, you will receive a letter of concern. Continual lateness may result in a meeting between the Headteacher and parents to discuss the issue further.**

If your child is going to be unavoidably late for school, please telephone the school as soon as possible and make sure that you report to the school office on arrival. This enables us to adjust the dinner numbers and to ensure accountability in case of fire or any other emergency. It will also avoid an unauthorised absence being recorded.

Car Park and Road Safety:

Morning Routine - REMINDER

A "Drop and Go" system operates in the school car park. This means that parents may drop off their child without needing to park in the car park or on Chapel Lane. Please note, however, that parents may, if they wish, still park their cars and escort their child to the main gate. We are currently in discussions with Fr Michael about improving the way the car park works and would welcome any suggestions you have. By all means e-mail me with any practical ideas. In the meantime please continue to drop off safely, park responsibly and keep every child safe.

ParentPay Accounts:

Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and must stay in credit. We will refund or transfer the balance to a sibling (if you prefer) of any Y6 ParentPay accounts that are in credit (due to the cancellation of Tower Wood) once all the Year 6 leaver events have been finalised. Thank you.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes as part of a new Government initiative which began in September 2014. However, for those pupils who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals, i.e. those pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of the benefits mentioned below, the school can benefit from additional funding called Pupil Premium. This is worth over £1000 per pupil for the school once you have registered your entitlement. The benefit entitlements are:

- Income support or Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

If you think you meet any of these criteria, we do urge you to register. All you need to do is complete a simple form which is available from the school office or, alternatively, contact LCC on 01772 531809 and provide them with the claimant's (parent's) name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they will be able to confirm over the phone whether or not you are entitled.

And finally...

As always, please get in touch if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher