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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. 4 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023**  
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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Update from last newsletter:**

- The Y6 Swimming Team were tremendous last Friday at the local Swimming Gala at Hutton Grammar. Brilliant effort from everyone and we made it to 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done Team Oswald!
- Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting regarding 'End of Key Stage 1 Assessments' on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful.

**Coming up:**

Dance from the Heart training on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January** at Priory Academy 1-2.30pm (letter will be issued to Dance Leaders 26<sup>th</sup> January)

Y6 will be involved with the NSPCC Number Challenge Day which is being hosted by the Maths Department from All Hallows. The event will be at St Oswald's on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** during school time.

Phonic Screen Information Meeting for Y1 parents 6.30pm in school on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

The dental team from Uclan will be in school on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> February (consent form and further information issued 10<sup>th</sup> January).

Y5/Y6 Cross Country Competition at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm – 4.30pm on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** (letter issued to the team 12<sup>th</sup> January).

PTFA Valentine Bake Sale on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 3.15 pm on the playground.

PTFA Valentine's Disco on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Infants (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) from **6.15-7 pm** and Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) from **7.15-8.15pm**. The theme is 'red and white'. Tickets are £3.50 before the event or £4.00 on the door. Tickets on sale from the school office. Tuck Shop will be available.

School closes **10th February** for half term at 3.15pm

Pancake Sale! **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. Packs of homemade pancakes will be on sale at 3.15pm on the playground

Ash Wednesday Service 2.15pm in church on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** Children from Y3-Y6 will attend. Parents invited.

Spring term Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 6.00pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Folders are available outside the school office to book an appointment time.

**Netball Club** (run by school staff) for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will start on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the attached slip if you wish your child to join. Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravili will be coaching the team. The club will run every Monday and the last club night will be Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June . Please note that this club WILL run every week until it closes. If the weather is wet, Mrs Cookson and Miss Gravili will be providing an alternative session indoors.

**Football Club** (run by school staff) for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will start on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** from 3.15-4.15 pm. Please complete and return the attached slip if you wish your child to join. Mr Mears and Mr Campbell will be coaching the team. Please note that this club WILL run every Tuesday and the last club night will be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June . An alternative session indoors will be provided if the weather is wet.

### **Strike action:**

You will be aware from media reports that one of the Teaching Unions, the National Education Union (NEU) have recently voted to strike in England and Wales. The union has published the dates when strike action will be taken. National strikes are scheduled to take place on 1 February and 15-16 March, involving all NEU members. In addition, 28 February 2023 has been published as a strike date for the North West region.

We can confirm that St Oswald's will be safe to open to all pupils on the days which have been designated for strike action.

### **Nut Allergies:**

We do have several children in school who have an allergy to nuts so I do need to remind everyone that nuts are not to be brought to school by any child. Some children do have severe reactions which are potentially life threatening so we need to reduce the risk of anything happening. We are a nut -free school as it states in our prospectus:

*St Oswald's is a Nut-Free School. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).*

*As a school we have a responsibility to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe reducing any risk of harm. Pupils, staff and visitors should not bring products containing nuts in to school either in their lunch boxes or as snacks.*

*Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that the following items should not be brought into school:*

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
  - Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

*This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.*

*No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.*

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*

### **Parish Centre:**

You may have noticed work being done to the Parish Centre as Fr. Michael is in the process of refurbishing the Parish Centre with new doors and windows. The land adjacent to the Parish Centre belongs to Liverpool Diocese and Fr. Michael is hoping to clear it as it has become very overgrown over the last few years.

### **School Meal Vouchers:**

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended with further funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England. The funding will support those most in need this autumn and winter, helping with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. This funding covers the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 inclusive.

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of February half term.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

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

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- 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)

**Pre-loved uniform items:**

Just a reminder that we have a full shop of donated school uniform items. If you need any items, please call into school at any time.

**ParentPay Reminders:**

Please may I remind parents to check their ParentPay account regularly and ensure that it is topped up and in credit! Outstanding amounts should never accrue to more than two weeks of debt, i.e. £24.00 for school meals and £35.00 for Early Birds.

And finally...

We have received a complaint from a resident in Intack Road regarding parents turning their cars around on their driveway. If you are unable to park on the school car park, please ensure that you do not cause inconvenience to the local residents; please park considerately.

The police have been informed due to the number and nature of the last few complaints we have received as foul language and aggressive behaviour has been used which is totally unacceptable.

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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**YEAR 5/YEAR 6 NETBALL CLUB – MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH – MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

I would like my child to join the Netball Club. I will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.

Other home time arrangements, i.e. After School Club: .....

Name of child: ..... Signed: .....  
Emergency contact nos.: .....

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**YEAR 5/YEAR 6 FOOTBALL CLUB – TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH – TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

I would like my child to join the Football Club. I will collect my child from school at 4.15pm.

Other home time arrangements, i.e. After School Club: .....

Name of child: ..... Signed: .....  
Emergency contact nos.: .....

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