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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. 12 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**  
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**Reading the newsletter does help you to keep up to date with everything!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Bags to School raised £115.00 towards new books. Many thanks!
- CAFOD Family Walk for Lent on Saturday was a great event attended by families from All Hallows and the partner schools. It was lovely to see so many young people attend the Youth Mass and everyone enjoyed the Pizza Party in the hall to finish the day! Thank you for supporting such a worthwhile community event.
- Fr Michael led a Service of Reconciliation in the hall on Tuesday for Y4, Y5 and Y6 as part of their Lenten Journey. Thank you Fr Michael!

**Attendance and Punctuality:**

Currently we have whole school attendance at 97% which is excellent and thank you for making sure that your child is in every day and that they are on time. We do monitor school attendance and punctuality vigilantly and, as parents, you are informed if there is a drop in your child's attendance. Being in every day and on time is a key factor in ensuring your child has the best chance of success in their learning.

Every lesson missed adds up over time and being late means there are minutes missed at the start of a lesson as well as disrupting the learning of others.

Letters will be issued if your child's attendance has dropped below 95% as this is a cause for concern.

Letters will also be issued if your child's attendance has dropped below 90% as this triggers the category of 'Persistent Absentee' and a plan may have to be put in place to ensure that attendance is the best it can be.

Punctuality letters will also be issued if your child has had more than 4 lates in a half term.

**Reminders:**

- **Easter Egg Raffle:** Tickets are now on sale in each class – 50p per ticket and the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name and year group.
- Don't forget to read the Class Blogs which are on the website every Friday so that you know what your child has been learning throughout the week and what needs to be practiced. We have seen a real improvement in the fluency of reading since January with many children practising every night so thank you for supporting your child; it does make a difference!

**Coming up:**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Y5 visit to Judges Lodgings & Cottage Museum, Lancaster on as part of their Victorians Topic (letter issued 1<sup>st</sup> March). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £14.50 on ParentPay ASAP - thank you!

Y6 will be leading the Holy Week Liturgy on Tuesday 2.15pm in Church. Parents are more than welcome to come along.

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter School Meal Promotion. The menu is Roast Turkey or Quorn fillet with stuffing, gravy, roast and creamed potatoes, Broccoli and carrots followed by Chocolate Cornflake Nest. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have an Easter lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> April, please complete the slip (Newsletter No.9) and return to school no later than Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

April. Payment of £2.40 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thankyou.

Reception Stay & Play 'Step into Spring' 2-3pm (new date). Parents are invited to come along and join in with your child's learning. Please complete the slip (Newsletter No.11) if you wish to attend.

## Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 5<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April

PTFA Easter Cake Bake Sale 3.15pm on the playground. Thank you to Mrs Novak for offering again to make all the lovely cakes, we are very lucky to have such a committed PTFA team. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to any of the events held this term! We are grateful for your time.

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Grand Easter Egg Raffle in Golden Assembly!

School closes for the Easter Holiday today at 3.15pm (After School Club will be running as normal). We return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer Term.

### Coming up in the first part of the Summer term:

- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Y3 to start swimming lessons for the summer term (letter issued 27<sup>th</sup> March)
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** -PTFA meeting at 6.30pm. Come and join the PTFA team to talk about the Summer Term Fundraising.
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Reception Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents may come along to spectate.
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation. School closed.
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Sports Day for Y1 2.15pm. Parents may come along to spectate.
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Y4 Parent Assembly at 2.40pm. Parents welcome to attend.
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Y4 First Holy Communion Mass at 10.30am / 12.30pm (letter detailing all the practical arrangements issued on 27<sup>th</sup> March).
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – Y4 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass as a whole class followed by cake and juice in the school hall.
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May** – STEM Club opens for Y6 pupils 3.15-4.30pm (letter to be issued next week to Y6).
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Class photographs to be taken.

### Dates for your Diary:

<b>Y3 Sports Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y4 Sports Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y5 Sports Day</b>	<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm</b>
<b>Y6 Sports Day</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2.15pm</b>

### Summer Uniform:

When we return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the children will be in Summer Uniform. Please find attached a flyer regarding Easter opening times at Just's Clothing, our uniform supplier.

## **Year 1 Hearing Tests:**

A letter from NHS Lancashire Teaching Hospitals has been sent home with your child today. The audiometrician will be visiting the school to screen the hearing of children in Year 1. This is an **OPT IN** process therefore if you wish for your child to have the hearing test, please complete the consent form and return back to school. Please see flyer attached regarding information about the School Hearing Screening Service. Thank you.

## **School Meal Promotion 'St George's Day:**

St George's Day is in the Easter Holidays therefore we will hold our next school meal promotion ('St George's Day) on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The menu is Canon Meatball Sub Roll or St George's Cheese & Tomato Whirl with Jackets of Armour Wedges and Beans followed by Dragon Cornflake Tart & Custard. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have St George's Day lunch on 27<sup>th</sup> April, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Payment of £2.40 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thankyou

## **School Meal Menus – Summer / Autumn 2022:**

The new school meal menus have arrived and your child should have brought a copy home today. The menu will start on Week 1 (green) from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and continue to follow the weekly menu cycle which is colour coded on the bottom of the menu.

## **Community News:**

- Tarleton Academy has a new swimming pool opening on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April and are taking bookings for swimming lessons, lane and public swimming. Please click on the link below:  
<https://ec.schoolactivity.co.uk/>  
See attached flyer regarding information from First Strokes Swimming School.
- St Catherine's Hospice are holding their annual Moonlight Walk on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to raise money and walk in memory of a loved one. Please see flyer attached for further information.

## **School Meal Vouchers:**

Free School Meal vouchers will be provided for the Easter holidays from Edenred. If you are entitled (families with children on free school meals who are in receipt of benefits) you will receive an electronic supermarket voucher on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April for the value of £30.00 per child.

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.

## **Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Easter Holidays:**

South Ribble Borough Council, South Ribble Leisure and local Community Groups are going above and beyond this Easter Holiday to offer a HAF programme of FREE activities and food to children and families who are in receipt of benefits, at local leisure centres and community facilities! If your child isn't eligible for Free School Meals but would like to attend, you are welcome to turn up on the day and they are welcome to join in if there is availability in the session.

Full details of the programme and how to book are attached and can be found at <https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>

## **Easter Week Services and Masses at St Oswald's:**

### **St Oswald's Easter Services**

**Palm Sunday.** 1st April The Passion of the Lord: Vigil Mass 5pm

**Sunday Mass** 2nd April 8.30am

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

**Holy Thursday** 6th April. Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm

**Good Friday** 7th April. The Lord's Passion: 3pm

**Holy Saturday** 8th April. The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter: 7.30pm

**Easter Sunday** 9th April Mass of the Lord's Resurrection. 8.30am

St Oswald's, St Mary Magdalen & St Teresa's website: <https://www.catholic-penwortham-longton.co.uk>

And finally...

After 30 years of dedicated service to the pupils of St Oswald's, Mrs Quilliam is to retire at the end of the Summer Term in July. She will be missed for her passionate teaching of French throughout the school and for encouraging a love of Science in all the pupils! Mrs Quilliam deserves her retirement and we wish her a long and happy one; she has many adventures planned!

In the meantime, Governors will be looking to employ a specialist languages teacher who can continue the great work that Mrs Quilliam has embedded across the school.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Stone back to school on Monday as she returns from her Maternity Leave and re-joins the Early Years Team.

As always, please contact school if you have any queries or concerns as soon as they arise.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ST GEORGES DAY – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: ..... Year group: .....

Signature of parent/carer: .....

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