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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
Summer term no. 2– 4th May 2023
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Reading the newsletter does help you to keep up to date with everything!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Coming up:

- Friday 5th May** Whole school Celebration for King Charles III. The children can come to school wearing something red, white or blue. We will be planting a tree to commemorate this historic occasion and all the children will receive a special bookmark.
- Monday 8th May** Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation. School closed.
- Tues 9th–Fri 12th May** Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests. **Please ensure that your child is in on time as the tests will start promptly each day.** Early nights and a good breakfast needed! Don't forget your water bottles Y6.
- Tuesday 9th May** 1st match of the Netball League at All Hallows 3.45pm – 5.15pm (letters issued to the team 28th April).
- Thursday 11th May** Sports Day for Y1 2.15pm. Parents may come along to spectate.
- Thursday 11th May** 1st match of the Girls Football Tournament (letter issued to the team 28th April).
- Friday 12th May** Y4 Parent Assembly at 2.40pm. Parents welcome to attend.
- Saturday 13th May** Y4 First Holy Communion Mass at 10.30am / 12.30pm.
- Monday 15th May** Y4 will all be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass as a whole class followed by cake and juice in the school hall. Parents welcome.
- Tuesday 16th May** Y1 visit to Martin Mere as part of their curriculum topic 'Habitat and Birds' (letter issued 24th April).
- Tuesday 16th May** Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.
- Tuesday 16th May** 2nd match of the Netball League at All Hallows 3.45pm – 5.15pm.
- Thursday 18th May** School Meal Promotion: 'Swing into Summer'. The menu: Beef Burger in a bun with Pommes Noisettes & Spring Veggies or Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread followed by Chocolate Ice Cream Roll. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 18th May please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 16th May. Payment of £2.40 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.
- Thursday 18th May** Reception visit to Blackpool Zoo as part of their curriculum topic 'Animals' (letter issued 27th April).
- Thursday 18th May** STEM Club is now open for Y5 and Y6 pupils starting Thursday 18th May 3.15-4.30pm (letter issued Friday 5th May to Y5). If any Y5 would like to join the club, please return the slip with £20.00 asap. Numbers are limited to 12 so first come, first served basis.

- Thursday 18th May** 2nd match of the Girls Football Tournament.
- Tuesday 23rd May** School Photographer in school to take class photos.
- Tuesday 23rd May** 3rd match of the Netball League at All Hallows 3.45pm – 5.15pm.
- Thursday 25th May** 6.30pm New Parents Induction Meeting in the school hall. This meeting is for parents who have a child starting school in September 2023.
- Thursday 25th May** 3rd match of the Girls Football Tournament.
- Thursday 25th May** PTFA Cake Sale on the playground 3.15pm
- Friday 26th May** PTFA Cake Sale on the playground 3.15pm
- Friday 26th May** **School closed for half term and re-opens on Monday 5th June.**

Coming up – New dates for June:

- Tuesday 6th June** 4th match of the Netball League at All Hallows 3.45pm – 5.15pm.
- Wednesday 7th June** 'Little Owls' 6 week programme starts for our 2023 intake! 9-15-11.30am
- Thursday 8th June** Sports Day for Y5 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.
- Thursday 8th June** School Meal Promotion: 'World Ocean Day'. The menu: Fish Bites or Fishless Finger served with Chips & Peas followed by Ice Cream. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 8th June, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 6th June. Payment of £2.40 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.
- Tuesday 13th June** Open Morning 9.15 – 10.30 am. Everyone welcome to come along and see the school in action! The School Choir will be singing at 10.15am in the hall.
- Wednesday 14th June** The school nurse will be here to carry out Y1 hearing tests at 1.30 pm. If you have not returned the slip (letter issued 30th March), reminders from the School Nursing Team will be sent home with your child over the next few days.
- Tuesday 20th June** Y5 Taster Day at All Hallows (letter will be issued nearer the time).
- Tuesday 20th June** PTFA Meeting 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Come along and help plan the Summer Fair!
- Wednesday 21st June** Y4 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.
- Thursday 22nd June** Y2 Parent Assembly 'Our Beautiful World' at 2.40 pm in the hall. Parents most welcome!
- Tuesday 27th June** Y3 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.
- Monday 3rd July** Y6 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

**PTFA
Dates for your Diary!**

Cake Sale – Thursday 25th and Friday 26th May 3.15pm on the playground

'Tough Kidder' – Friday 23rd June 2.15pm -3pm. Details to follow!

Summer Fair – Saturday 15th July 12.00 noon – 2.30 pm. Put the date in your diary, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Cake Sale –Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th July 3.15 pm on the school playground.

Safeguarding – End of Day Arrangements:

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish for them to start walking home, please can you ensure that you update the 'End of School Day' Safeguarding Form or email the school office stating the end of day arrangements.

If your child is walking home or cycling home and you allow them to carry a phone for emergencies please follow the policy. The policy is that they hand their phone in at the office on arrival at school before going through the gate. Phones are kept safe in the office until home time when your child can collect their phone from the school office at the end of the school day.

Absence (Illness):

If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school before 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from, 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.

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

Where possible, please try to make appointments 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. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or 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.

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.

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 Government initiative 'Universal Free School Meals'. 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. It is always worth checking!

LCC School Catering Job Vacancy:

LCC School Catering Services are looking for a Unit Catering Supervisor to work in the kitchen at St Michaels Primary School, Much Hoole. If you are interested, call Diane Wormald on 07854 184207 for more information.

Art Competition for Local Schools:

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is hosting a special art competition aimed at finding out more about the environmental issues that matter most to the young people of Lancashire and South Cumbria. The competition is aimed at children and young people aged 11 or under.

All you need to do to take part is submit an A4 drawing, painting or design based on the theme 'What does it mean to look after our planet?'.
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Please see flyer attached for further information. Good luck!

And finally...

As always, please get in touch if you have any queries or concerns. We do try our best to help.

Enjoy the King's Coronation and the extra Bank Holiday!

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –‘SWING INTO SUMMER’ – THURSDAY 18th MAY

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 18th May. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: Year group:
Signature of parent/carer:

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –‘WORLD OCEAN DAY’ – THURSDAY 8TH JUNE

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Name of child: Year group:
Signature of parent/carer: