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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.9 –24<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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Dear Parents,

### Up-date since the last newsletter:

- It was lovely to be able to meet our new Reception Parents on Tuesday and to have the Little Owls in the marquee on Wednesday morning.  
Please can all new starter forms be returned to school by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.
- Every class has accessed sessions of mindfulness this week, just what we all needed! Many thanks to Vrai Mindfulness for providing this excellent opportunity.
- We celebrated as a whole school for World Music Day last Monday with every child taking part in our very own concert on the field! We have tweeted the video and it is on the website for you to enjoy.

### Staffing:

Next year the staffing for each class is as follows:

Reception: Miss Collinson, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Cliffe  
Year 1 : Mrs Corbett, Miss Fisher, Mrs Anderson  
Year 2: Miss Bennison, Miss Gravili, Mrs Whitworth  
Year 3: Miss Smith, Mr Campbell, Mrs Woof  
Year 4: Mrs Tipping, Mrs Dexter  
Year 5: Mrs Nuttall, Mrs Mulgrew  
Year 6 : Mr Mears, Mrs Jones, Mrs Little

Mrs Quilliam and Mrs Winter will be teaching French and Music across the school respectively.

Mrs Sullivan will continue to provide support for Maths across Y3 and Y4.

Mrs Cookson will continue in her Sports Coach role.

Mrs Crook will continue to work as our Inclusion Consultant for 3 hours per week and Mrs Bimpson will continue as our School Counsellor for 6 hours per week.

Staffing at St Oswald's is always generous as our best and foremost resource is our staffing so that every child can access a full and inclusive curriculum.

### Coming up:

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

First Holy Communion Mass, 10am or 12pm. This mass is for families and children in Year 5 (letter issued 14<sup>th</sup> May with allocated time slot). Adults must wear masks.

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June

School Nursing Team will be in school carrying out vision screening checks for Reception (letter issued 18<sup>th</sup> June). **It is an OPT-OUT system.** All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip to OPT OUT is returned.

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Little Owls programme 9.15am – 11.45am.

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July

School Meal Promotion – 'Jump into July!' If your child is normally on packed lunches

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and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Friday 25th June. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion (slip on Newsletter no.8).

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July** End of Year Reports to be sent home.  
Y5/Y6 Sports Club – last one.
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** Y5/Y6 Football – last one.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** 9.15am – 11.45am Little Owls programme.  
Y6 Tennis – Last one.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July** Y5/Y6 Netball – last one.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July** 9.30am and 11.00 am Y6 Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in the marquee!  
As we have 30 children in Y6 this year and I can guarantee no more than 30 adults will be at the event which will be in the large marquee/outside, we will be inviting 1 adult to the 9.30am show and 1 adult to the 11am show. Adults will be seated at a distance and must wear masks for the 45 minute production time. We will also film the show so you can enjoy it with the whole family. Letter to be issued 28<sup>th</sup> June regarding details about booking a seat for this event.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July** Y6 Visit to Borwick Hall for an extended day of outdoor activities (letter issued 10<sup>th</sup> June).
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** Y5/Y6 'Boxercise with Emily' – last one.  
  
'Moving Up' morning. Children will spend the morning in their new class.  
  
Y6 Leavers Mass at 6pm with Fr Michael in the marquee. We will be inviting 30 adults to attend (1 adult per child). Masks to be worn and seating will be distanced. The event will last approx. 45 mins.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Little Owls programme 9.15am – 11.45am.  
  
Y6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm in the marquee. We will be inviting 30 adults to attend (1 adult per child). Masks to be worn and seating will be distanced.
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** Y6 Retreat Day to Crosby Beach for picnic, walk on the beach, reflection and prayer time and to see the Iron Men (letter issued Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June).
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** 1.30pm School closes.

#### **Letter from Director of Public Health to parents and guardians:**

Please see the attached letter from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health for Lancashire, detailing important information about local actions being taken in response to rising cases of the Delta variant.

#### **Pastoral Letter - A message from Fr Michael:**

Attached is the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm to be read at all masses this weekend. The letter summarises the work of the Synod last weekend and the priorities given to the 19 recommendations. The recommendations are all important but they cannot be worked on all at once. The priorities are a reflection of the Synod members both laity and clergy. The Archbishop in the coming weeks will be putting together an Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan which will be launched on the first week of Advent, the start of the new liturgical year.

## **Sacramental Programme 2021-2022:**

Children in current Y4 who are baptised Catholic will come home with a letter and registration form today regarding the Sacramental Programme that will take place from September 2021 – February 2022. If you wish for your child to follow the Sacramental Programme, please complete the form **and return it to the presbytery before 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. If no form is returned we will presume that you have decided not to go ahead with the First Holy Communion programme this year.

Children in current Y3 who are baptised Catholic will come home today with a letter regarding the Sacramental Programme that will take place from February 2022 – June 2022. Further details and registration form will be sent out during the Autumn Term.

## **PTFA 'Tough Kidder':**

The PTFA would like to have one last big fundraiser for this year as we have not been able to do our Summer Fair. The school staff will run a 'Tough Kidder' event on Friday 2nd July. All the children will take part but if you would like to 'sponsor' your child to complete the course that would be great. Last time we managed to raise over £2000! Sponsor forms will sent home with your child tomorrow. A copy is also attached to the newsletter. The children will wear their PE Kits for the event. This should be a fun, active and profitable event! Many thanks for all your incredible support for the PTFA events over the past 12 months.

## **Message from Mrs Ridgway (Year 6 parent):**

Over the years, the parents of the current year 6 usually get together to arrange a collection to buy something for the school as a thank you for the past 7 years. This is never expected by the school but has always been something that Y6 Parents have genuinely wanted to do. Mrs Wood would love any money donated to go towards a storytelling corner to enhance their outdoor space. If any parents from Year 6 would like to make a donation then please go to your ParentPay account where you will find the relevant details. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Anyone with funds left in their ParentPay account can e-mail Mrs Rothwell and arrange for the money to be transferred over if preferred. Any questions about the donation then please contact Alison Ridgway, 07968976334. Thank you.

## **Reminders:**

### **Universal Free School Meals – end of entitlement for current Year 2 pupils:**

Reminder to all Y2 parents to return the slip **BY FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY** stating your child's lunchtime arrangements from September 2021. If you do not return the slip, it will be assumed that your child is having school meals and you will be charged accordingly. Copies of the letter (issued 18<sup>th</sup> June) are available from the school office. Thank you.

**ParentPay:** Please can I remind all parents to regularly check their child's ParentPay account and ensure that it is regularly topped up and in credit. **Year 6 accounts should be cleared without delay otherwise, we will be contacting you shortly to request payment!** Thank you for your co-operation.

And finally...

We are advertising for a Site Supervisor to start in September or before as Mr Hawryluk is finishing the role to focus on building his DIY business. He has been a fantastic addition to the team and has kept the school incredibly clean and as hygienic as possible during the last year; we will be sorry to lose him! The advert has gone to the LCC website and Application Packs are available from school if you know anyone who may be interested in the post.

We are sending our best wishes and prayers to the Y5 children who are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday. A special day that will be a treasured memory for years to come.

As always please get in touch if you have any concerns, no matter how small you think they may be!

Yours sincerely

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