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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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Reading the newsletter does help you to keep up to date with everything!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Congratulations to Y6 on their fabulous production of 'Oliver.' The whole school enjoyed watching it and thank you to all the parents and Grandparents who came along to each performance on Tuesday. Y5 did a superb job with all the percussion and the added extra volume to the singing. Well done to all the children!

Coming Up:

Friday 14th July - Longton Live 2023

Please buy your wristbands and join us for Longton Live on Friday evening 14th and Saturday evening 15th July 7-10pm. There are 15 different venues across Longton with so many brilliant music artists! Wristbands are £5.00 which will get you into all venues on both nights. As a school, we keep 100% of the wristband sales so PLEASE buy yours from the school office. Primary School age children are free! For further information regarding schedules and venues, please visit https://www.facebook.com/longtonlive/?locale=en_GB.

Saturday 15th July - St Oswald's Summer Fair 2023

- Fair opens at 12 noon with the choir singing.
- Guitar Groups will be performing at 12.15pm.
- Drummers will be on at 1.30pm
- Talent Show finals at 2pm
- Raffle Ticket Draw at 2.30pm if you have any unsold raffle tickets, please pass them back to school or bring to the Summer Fair tomorrow.

If you have volunteered to help set up for the Fair, please be at school for 10am as chairs, tables etc need to be moved.

If you have volunteered to help tidy up at the end of the Fair, you will be needed from 2.30pm

If it is raining on the day, Plan B will be that as much as possible will move indoors so the Fair will go ahead whatever the weather!

Monday 17th July – Wednesday 19th July - Year 5 Passport to Safer Cycling

Monday 17th July – Tuesday 18th July - Y6 Bikeability

Wednesday 19th July - Reception Stay & Play 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Parents invited to come along. Please complete the slip attached.

Wednesday 19th July - Last swim for Y3

Wednesday 19th July - Final PTFA Cake Sale on the playground 3.15pm

Thursday 20th July - School will close at 1.30pm for the Summer Holidays and will re-open Tuesday 5th

September.

Looking ahead to the next academic year...New Dates for your Diary September 2023

Meet the Teacher dates:

The following meetings are for you so that you are informed of the routines, timetable and expectations for your child in their new year group. Please put the dates in your diary and come along so you receive the information first hand. The meetings last approx. 40 mins.

Y6 Tuesday 12th September 6.30pm
Y5 Wednesday 13th September 6.30pm
Y4 Thursday 14th September 6.30pm
Y3 Monday 18th September 6.30pm
Y2 Tuesday 19th September 6.30pm
Y1 Wednesday 20th September 6.30pm
Reception Curriculum Evening Thursday 21st September 6.30pm

Reminders for next year:

- Thank you to those parents who informed the school office in advance of changes from school meals to packed lunches commencing September, or vice versa, it is very much appreciated. Please could I remind all our parents that at least one week's notice must be given to the school office to facilitate lunch changes – thank you for your co-operation.
- **End of Year Admin / Finance - ParentPay accounts MUST be cleared before the end of the summer term as a deficit balance MUST NOT be carried forward to the next academic year.**
- We return in WINTER uniform in September (page 28 of the School Prospectus). Black school shoes only, no trainers to be worn.
- Jewellery must not be worn at school. It is important that ear-piercing is ONLY carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays, as earrings are not permitted to be worn at school. It is extremely annoying to find children returning with pierced ears and having to put plasters on during PE. Thank you for your support in this matter.
- Phones – Please note only children in Y6 who walk / cycle to school may bring a phone into school. The phone is to be switched off and handed in every morning to the school office and collected at the end of the school from the school office. Phones are not permitted to be used in the school building or grounds. Please talk to your child about safe use of their phone and ensure you check their phone regularly and that settings are appropriate.
- Green School Bags are to be used by Reception, Y1 and Y2 for school, not rucksacks or other bags (space is limited). Children in Y3 and Y4 are to try as far as possible to use their green school bags as space is limited in the cloakrooms. If they can't use their green school bag, please provide them with a **small** rucksack that will fit the limited space available. Y5 and Y6 need to bring a school bag that is an appropriate size for their lockers. Please note that designer handbags are not appropriate for school. Green School Bags and P.E Bags are available to buy from the school office.
- All medication and inhalers will be sent home on the last day of term. It is parent's responsibility to return any long-term medication or inhalers on Tuesday 5th September to the school office.

Attendance:

We finish the year with attendance at 97.3% which is excellent so thank you for ensuring that your child is in school every day.

Leave of Absence:

Leave of absences are monitored carefully and must be applied for by parents. The Law states that parents do not have an automatic right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. School will not authorise holidays taken in term time except in exceptional circumstances. Holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence and may incur a fixed penalty fine. Parents are expected to arrange family holidays or other absences to coincide with school holidays (see Appendix D). In cases where this is impossible, an absence application

form must be fully completed and submitted to the school office before any arrangements have been made. If the absence is due to exceptional circumstances and is subsequently authorised by the Headteacher, bookings may then be made.

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. The school day starts at 8.50am. If your child arrives after 8.50am, a late mark will be given. Please aim to arrive for 8.40am when the gates open. Thank you.

In a nutshell I am saying make sure your child is in every day, on time and in full uniform!

And finally...

Over the summer please encourage and make time for your child to read. The Library have launched their Summer Reading Challenge 'Reading Heroes' which sounds great fun!

The final newsletter of the year will be Wednesday 19th July.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION PLAY & STAY – WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2023 2-3PM

I/We would like to attend the Reception Play & Stay session.

Name of Child

Name of Parent(s)

Signature Date
