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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
Autumn Term no. 6– 12th October 2023
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Year 6 did a brilliant job leading the 'Harvest Festival' on Friday. Thank you for all the generous donations which have been collected and taken to the local foodbank in Penwortham today.
- Thank you for all your unwanted items of clothing etc. for the Bags to School collection. We raised £136 which will be put towards new poetry books across the school.
- In most year groups we are noticing a huge improvement in the % of children reading at home and it makes such a difference so thank you for supporting your child.

Don't forget:

Monday 16th October Last Netball Club until the Spring Term.

Tuesday 17th October Parents Evening 3.40pm-6pm

Wednesday 18th October Open Morning for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2024 is on 9.15 am – 10.30 am. Please come along and join us.

Wednesday 18th October Last Football Club until the Spring Term.

Thursday 19th October school closes at 3.15pm for half term and re-opens on Monday 30th October. (After School Club will be operating as normal on Thursday 19th October).

Thursday 19th October PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco. Tickets are on sale from the school office or you can send £3.00 in a named envelope with your child and tickets will be sent home with your child. Tickets are £3.00/child in advance or £4.00 on the night. Tuck Shop will be open. Prizes for the best costume, games, dancing and lots of fun!
6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)
7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October Mrs Nowak will be selling her famous cakes on the playground at 3.15pm.

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th October Half Term Musical Theatre Masterclass in the School Hall 9-3pm. There are still a few places left for anyone in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 who has an interest in improving their acting and singing abilities. Letters were sent home (Wed 4th October)

Coming up:

Wednesday 1st November Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be attending the special Mass for the Feast Day of All Saints at 2.15pm in church. All welcome to come along.

**Wednesday 1st November
or Thursday 2nd November**

Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom 3.30-4.30pm. Your child will be able to stay and play with Mrs Cliffe while you learn all about the importance of early reading and phonics. Let us know which night you can attend by returning the slip attached.

Thursday 2nd November

Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley for an outdoor adventurous (letter and kit list sent home 13th September). Full payment is made by Tuesday 31st October. Thank you.

Thursday 2nd November

School Meal Promotion 'Bonfire Lunch' for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Ring, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo or Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges & BBQ Dip, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Sticky Toffee Cupcake. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school by Tuesday 31st October and make the payment of £2.50 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Monday 6th November

Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents at 6.30pm **in church** to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May (letter sent home 22nd September).

It is important that you attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.

Tuesday 7th November

Y5 and Y6 will be visiting Blackpool Grand Theatre to see the awarding winner author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce (letters issued 6th October).

Tuesday 7th November

6.30pm PTFA Meeting to discuss fundraising for the term ahead. Everyone welcome!

Mon 13th-

Wed 15th November

Y6 residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden. Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but will need to wear appropriate warm clothes.

Please ensure that Personal Information Forms and Medical 3b forms are returned to school asap and final payments to be made by Friday 10th November on ParentPay. (Final arrangements letter, kit list and information from Robinwood issued 12th September).

School Meal Vouchers:

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 October 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
- 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)

FACE (Family Advice, Communication and Education):

Face are running some workshops to support families in the area. Please click on the following link for further information on how to book on the courses. Please see flyers attached.

<https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/>

Community News:

Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday 14th October 10am – 12 noon at St Andrew’s Church Hall, Longton. Please see flyers attached.

And finally...

Many thanks if you have sponsored a month in the 2024 School Calendar. The deadline is Monday 16th October. If you would like your business advertised then call the school office with your details.

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

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

Please tick which day you can attend. Sessions are from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Wednesday 1st November**

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Thursday 2nd November**

Name of child: Signed by parent/carers:.....

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2032

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 2nd November. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

Name of child: Year..... Signed.....
