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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. 8– 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope everyone had a wonderful half term! We return to a very busy half term with plenty of learning planned for your child.

**Up-date since the last newsletter:**

- Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Campbell on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Dara Campbell on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October. The Campbell family are all doing well. Mr Campbell is enjoying his Paternity Leave; we'll see him back in Y3 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.
- Thank you to Fr Michael for inviting Y4, Y5 and Y6 to the All Saints Mass on Wednesday.
- Thank you to the parents of Reception children who attended the Phonics Sessions. We hope you found the information useful.

**Coming up:**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** The Bishop of Liverpool is due to visit the school for the morning to meet staff and pupils.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** The British Legion have asked if we will sell poppies on their behalf throughout the week commencing. If you would like your child to bring a donation into school, please send it in an envelope with your child's name and marked 'Poppy Appeal'. Other poppy items available are: Zip Pull – 50p, Reflectors – 50p, Silicon Wristband - £1.00, Snap Band - £1.50. Each class has an allocated time slot to come along and purchase their poppies.  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3/4**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November– Year R/1/2**
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. **If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.**
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** Y5 and Y6 will be visiting Blackpool Grand Theatre on to see the awarding winner author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Please ensure that the permission slip is returned and payment is made on Parentpay asap. Thank you. We will be back by 12.20pm so lunch as normal!
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** PTFA Meeting 6.30pm in school. Everyone welcome!
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** Reception walk to the park (letter to be issued 3<sup>rd</sup> November).
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** Y6 Maths Challenge at All Hallows 4pm-5.30pm (letter issued to the team representing the school 1<sup>st</sup> November)
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** Reading for Pleasure event for **EYFS, Y1 and Y2**. Local author Rachel Walmsley will be in school to read her new book 'Listening Ears' which is all about what good

listening looks like and why it is important. Attached is a flyer if you would like to purchase Rachel's book. Please return by Wednesday so Rachel can bring personalised copies with her on Thursday.

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** Y5 will attend the Parish Mass in church at 9.30am. Parents welcome.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** Y6 residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden on. 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 10<sup>th</sup> November on ParentPay.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** Reception visit to Longton Library (letter issued today 2<sup>nd</sup> November).
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of 'It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need Fundraising Day. The School Council have asked for all the children to come to school dressed in pyjamas! Just bring a £1 donation which the School Council will collect at the gate on the Friday morning. If you would like to come into school to read a Bedtime Story to Reception, Y1 or Y2 at 2.50pm, please return the slip below with the name of the book you are bringing in to read.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** Y4 Enrolment Mass 10.30am in Church for Y4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May 2023
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** Y3 Parent Assembly 2.40pm. Parents are invited to come along to watch the Assembly with the theme of 'Advent'
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Parents invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** The Choir have been invited to St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew's Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.30pm. School will provide your child with a costume so no need to worry!

### **Home Practice:**

Just a reminder that reading with and to your child is the most important thing you will do to help your child achieve great success in their learning. Every week the Class Teachers publish a blog on the website which summarises the learning from that week and explains what your child needs to practise during the week.

### **Community News:**

New Longton Youth on Stage are performing a pantomime 'Alice in Wonderland' on 14th, 15th and 16th December at New Longton Village Hall. Monies raised will be going to Brain Cancer Treatment charities. Please see flyer attached.

Carl Sutton Football Academy are looking for new players in Reception and Year 1. Please see flyer attached.

Lancashire Fire & Rescue are holding a Bonfire Night with quiet fireworks in aid of their charity. Please see flyer attached.

And finally...

After 13 years of dedicated and loyal service at St Oswald's, Mr Mears will be leaving at the end of this term to start a new life in Australia with his lovely family. He has been offered a teaching post which means he can fulfil his lifelong dream of living in Australia. I'm sure you would want to join me in wishing him and his family the very best of luck as they set off on the greatest of adventures. Mr Mears will be continuing his close connection with St Oswald's as he is excited to make links between us and his future school in Western Australia! Rest assured that plans are already in hand to ensure a smooth handover with whoever takes over teaching the Y6 class from January 2024. Timetables, curriculum, routines and additional needs provisions that are already in place for Y6 will continue into the Spring and Summer term.

As always, 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

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**CHILDREN IN NEED BEDTIME STORY – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 2.50PM**

I am available to read a bedtime story.

Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title of book to be read \_\_\_\_\_

