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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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Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Well done to all of Y6 for their brilliant 'can do' attitude at Robinwood this week. The children have made super memories and found out so much more about themselves! A huge thank you to Mr Mears, Mrs Jones and Mrs Wilson for all the care and encouragement they gave to every child.
- Freddy Fit enjoyed his day in school. The children fully participated in every fitness challenge! Don't forget your child needs their PE Kit in school every day.

Coming up:

Friday 17th 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. Thank you if you have volunteered to come into school to read a Bedtime Story to Reception, Y1 or Y2 at 2.50pm, we are looking forward to seeing you!
Sunday 19th November	Y4 Enrolment Mass 10.30am in Church for Y4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May 2023.
Tuesday 21st November	Y4 Dodgeball Competition at Priory High School (letter issued to the team 10 th November). Mrs Tipping and Mrs Cookson will be with the team.
Thursday 23rd November	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.
Thursday 23rd November	Y2 will be taking a trip to Longton Library in the morning (letter issued today).
Thursday 23rd November	Y6 Volleyball Competition at Hutton (letter issued to the team 10 th November). Mr Mears and Mrs Wood will be with the team.
Friday 24th November	Y6 to attend the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.
Monday 27th November	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Come along to peruse the books!
Tuesday 28th November	Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Final chance to purchase any books.
Friday 1st December	Y3 Parent Assembly 2.40pm. Y3 Parents are invited to come along to watch the Assembly with the theme of 'Advent'.
Sunday 3rd December	Y4 Sacramental Programme Family Mass 10.30am.

- Monday 4th December** Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Parents invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.
- Tuesday 5th 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. The Y5/Y6 Guitar group have also been invited to play at this event!
- Wednesday 6th December** Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their current topic on 'Romans'. Please return the permission slip and make the payment of £15.00 through ParentPay. Thank you.
- Tuesday 12th December** Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church. Performances at **2pm** and **6.30pm**. No need for tickets, just come along and enjoy the Nativity story! All costumes will be provided for the children so no need to go shopping! The performance will start **promptly** and last approx 40 mins.
- Wednesday 13th December** Final swimming session for Y3.

Reminder- Primary School Admissions 2024:

The closing date for Primary School Admissions for September 2024 is **Monday 15th January 2024**. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

School Meal Vouchers:

We will be processing School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas holidays in the next few weeks for families who are in receipt of the following benefits.

For each eligible pupil, a supermarket voucher for £30.00 will be issued to cover the two-week Christmas holiday period.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number. Alternatively complete the slip attached and we can carry the check out for you! **Even if you think you may not qualify, it is worth a try!**

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)

And finally...

Help the homeless – Foxton Centre Big PNE Sleepout Friday 17th November:

Miss Smith and Mrs Dexter will be sleeping by the football pitch at PNE's Deepdale Stadium this Friday 17th November. This is to raise money for a day centre called The Foxton Centre who provide food and warmth to the homeless people of Preston. Miss Smith and Mrs Dexter will sleep on cardboard and will only have with them

what they can carry; this will give an insight into how difficult it is for people sleeping on the streets, particularly as the nights are getting colder. We are all fortunate that we have food and somewhere warm to go to sleep every night, this is not the case for some people in Preston. Miss Smith and Mrs Dexter are asking for sponsorship, any donation would go a long way to help Preston's vulnerable homeless community.

You can read more and donate here:

https://www.justgiving.com/team/deepdaledreamers?utm_medium=proxy_team&utm_content=team%2Fdeepdaledreamers&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Please check if I/we are eligible for free school meals.

Full Name: Date of Birth:

Name of Child:

Relationship to child:

National Insurance Number:
