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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. 12– 30th November 2023
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the season of Advent.

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Huge congratulations to the Volleyball Team who competed at Hutton on Thursday.
- Thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair. The school received over £170 in free books!

Christmas Raffle: A raffle ticket book was sent home last week. Please return the ticket stubs and money to school by Friday 15th December, thank you! **If you are unable to sell any tickets, please return the raffle tickets back to school.** We have people who would like more books!

The Grand Christmas Draw will take place on Tuesday 19th December at 3pm. Each class has a colour theme to make up the Rainbow Hampers so please donate what you can to your child's Class Hamper over the next 2 weeks.

Reception – Red
Year 1 – Orange
Year 2 - Yellow
Year 3 – Green
Year 4 – Blue
Year 5 – Purple
Year 6 – Pink

Reminders:

Monday 4th December - Y4 Reconciliation Day. Parents can attend the service in church at 2.15pm.

Tuesday 5th December -The Choir will be at St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children 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 with Miss Galea. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thursday 7th December - Y4 Dodgeball Competition at Priory Academy 3.45pm – 5.15pm.

Monday 11th December - PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Sponsor money can be sent in in an envelope after the event. Last year we raised an amazing £975!

Tuesday 12th December - Infant Nativity 'It's a Baby!' 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. The performance will start **promptly** and last approx. 40 mins. Please note no food or drink can be brought in to the church. The evening performance starts at 6.30pm prompt in church. Children need to be dropped off in the school hall at 6.10pm.

Wednesday 13th December Final swimming session for Y3.

Thursday 14th December -PTFA Christmas Family Bingo 6.30pm – 8.00pm in school. Free tickets are available from the office. Bingo Books available on the night for a suggested donation of £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family! You need a ticket for this event; last year we sold out!! No tickets will be available on the door for this event.

Monday 18th December - The Choir will visit Ashwood Court in the afternoon to sing carols to the residents.

Monday 18th December -Reception Christmas 'Stay & Play' 2pm- 3pm. Parents invited to come along. Please complete the slip below if you wish to attend.

Monday 18th –

Wed 20th December -PTFA Cake Stall 3.15pm on the playground.

Tuesday 19th December -Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church **2.15pm**. Everyone invited to come along.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day by the School Council. The proceeds will be split between Save the Children Fund and The British Heart Foundation.

Wednesday 20th December -Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Lunch Day for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served will be Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage or Roast Quorn Fillet with Veggie Sausage served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy, Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy followed by Iced Vanilla Sponge & Fresh Fruit.

If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one, every child in the school will be given a Christmas cracker! If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the slip below and return to school by **WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER** as the kitchen needs to place their order 2 weeks before. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment of £2.50 should be made through ParentPay for children in Y3-Y6.

Wednesday 20th December - Carol Singing 2023.The Junior Classes will be performing carols on the playground at 3.05pm so you can enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive cake stall too!

Thursday 21st December - School closes 1.30pm for Christmas.

Community News:

Barnado's Longton Drop-In session:

Please see flyer attached for a drop-in session on Tuesday 5th December at Longton Library.

Useful Website:

The Hub of Hope is the UK's leading mental health support database. It is provided by national mental health charity, Chasing the Stigma, and brings local, national, peer, community, charity, private and NHS mental health support and services together in one place for the first time. The website lists agencies that are local and can provide support for a range of mental health issues.

<https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

And finally...

Please find attached the Holiday List for 2024-2025. This gives plenty of notice so you can avoid booking any holidays during term. Thank you!

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you need anything clarifying or any queries at all.

Yours sincerely
B Wood

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS 'STAY & PLAY' – MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2023

I am able to come along to the 'Stay and Play' session on Monday 18th December.

Name of child: Signature of parent/carer:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 20th December and will make the payment of £2.50 through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6).

My child would like:

Roast Turkey **Roast Quorn Fillet**

Name of child: Year group: Signature of parent/carer:
