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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:

- Y3 presented a lovely Advent themed Assembly for parents last Friday. Every child took an active part and the singing was super, well done to Y3!
- Thank you to Fr Michael, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Cross for organising a very thoughtful Reconciliation Day for Y4. Fr Michael was impressed with the questions and discussions that the children explored during the sessions.
- A huge thank you to everyone who came down to support the switch-on of Longton Lights on Tuesday. The choir sang beautifully and the Y5/Y6 guitar group played brilliantly. Reverend Sam sent this message today: 'To the wonderfully talented pupils and staff at St Oswald's, thank you so much for the part you played in making Community Carols such a joyous celebration.' A big thank you to Sam for making the event so welcoming for all!
- Y4 had a super day of learning at Lancaster City Museum. Staff from the Museum were impressed with the manners, great listening and behaviour of the class. Well done Y4!
- Y5 took part in a PE Coaching day at All Hallows yesterday and put 100% effort into everything they did. Well done Y5!
- Quantam Theatre provided an hour of spectacular live theatre for all the children today with the performance of 'The Snow Queen'. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the event!

Please note:

St Oswald's is a Nut-Free School. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts e.g., Nutella, can trigger an anaphylactic shock which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. As a school we have a responsibility to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe reducing any risk of harm so pupils, staff and visitors must not bring products containing nuts into school either in lunch boxes or as snacks. **To be clear, the following items must not be brought into school including Early Birds Breakfast Club:**

- Packets of nuts
- Peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches
- Cereals / Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. No items containing nuts are prepared in the school kitchen.

Reminders:

- **School Lunches:** A week's notice **must** be given if you wish your child to change from packed lunches to school meals, or vice-versa. This is school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- **Letters:** Check your child's bag on a regular basis to make sure you are not missing out on anything! Any letters issued are also put on the school website. The older your child, the more responsibility they should take for making sure they remember to take letters home!
- **Absence (Illness):** If your child is absent for any reason during the term, please telephone the school **before** 9.30 am on the first morning of your child's absence. If we do not receive a message from, you will receive a telephone call from school to ascertain the reason for your child's absence. This is a "1st Day Contact" system

and is part of our safeguarding procedure. On your child's return to school, please provide an email or letter explaining the absence.

- **Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:** We ask that you make appointments out of school time. However, should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please provide school with a copy of the appointment card or letter at least two days in advance of the appointment. If an appointment card is not available, please write a note or email the school with the details of the appointment. Pupils should be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out.' On your child's return to school, please sign your child back in. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

Friday 8th December:

The whole school will be involved in a Dance festival today which South Ribble Sports Partnership are running. PE kits must be in school.

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:

The Dog's Trust will be in school today to provide workshops for the children. The Trust delivers education programmes which encourages positive attitudes and safe behaviours towards dogs. The workshops are linked to our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education).

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! Each person attending will 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:

Carol singing at Ashwood Court and Booths: The Choir will visit Ashwood Court in the afternoon to sing carols to the residents and then move on to Booths for a 2.20pm start. Parents welcome to come along to Booths for 2.20pm! (Letter sent today to Choir members).

Monday 18th December

Reception Christmas 'Stay & Play': 2pm- 3pm. Parents invited. Let us know if you are coming along.

Mon 18th –Wed 18th 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:

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

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.

Christmas Lunch: If you wish for your child to have the Christmas Lunch provided by the kitchen, please return the slip on Newsletter No.12. Last day to order is **TOMORROW** Friday 8th 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!

School closes at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st December and we re-open on Monday 8th January 2024.

Don't forget:

Christmas Raffle: If anyone has any unsold raffle tickets at home, please return to school as we have people waiting to buy more books! All ticket stubs and money to school by Friday 15th December, thank you! The Grand Christmas Draw will take place on Tuesday 19th December.

If you have not already done so, please send in donations for your child's Rainbow Hamper by Friday 15th December. Thank you!

School Calendar 2024: St Oswald's School Calendars are available to buy from the school office and will also be available to buy at the Nativity, Bingo Night and cake sales on the playground.

Cost of calendars: £6.00 1 calendar, £11.00 2 calendars and £15.00 3 calendars.

Players in Education Drama Course:

Please see flyer attached regarding the next Players in Education Drama course starting in January. If you wish for your child to attend, please sign up at www.playersdramaschool.co.uk or telephone 07368 342092.

And finally...

Please make sure we have your most up to date details including contact numbers, address and e-mail. If you are unsure that we have the correct details for you, please get in touch before the end of term.

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

Yours sincerely

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