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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

### Final Newsletter of the term – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

- The Santa Dash raised an enormous £1287 which will be used to buy additional i-pads for each Key Stage.
- The Family Bingo raised a total of £364.95 Thank you for supporting the event.
- The Christmas Raffle raised a whopping £880 which is the best yet! We had 15 lucky prize winners; 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner won a 50" TV. Other prizes consisted of a £150 travel voucher, vouchers for Afternoon Tea & Booths as well as 11 luxury hampers. Thank you to Austin Watson, Joanne Wilson c/o Travel Counsellors, Booths and everyone for supporting the Christmas Raffle 2023.
- It was great to see so many past pupils in the All Hallows Christmas Roadshow at church on Monday. The whole school enjoyed the show; a big thank you to All Hallows for an excellent morning!
- The choir went on their festive travels to Ashwood Court and Booths on Monday afternoon. So many people commented on how beautifully they sang. Well done to all the choir members.
- A super turnout for the Reception Christmas Stay and Play, thank you for coming along.
- Y6 led a beautiful Christingle Service in Church on Tuesday. The readers, guitar group and Choir were all fantastic!
- The children looked very festive in their Christmas Jumpers yesterday. Thank you for your donations. We have raised £376.00 in total from the Nativity and Christmas Jumper Day which will be split between Save the Children Fund and The British Heart Foundation. Many, many thanks.
- Huge thanks to the Kitchen Team for a truly delicious Christmas Lunch yesterday. 222 Christmas Lunches were served, 264 crackers were pulled and great fun had by all!
- The Cake Sale this week raised £276 which is tremendous. Huge thanks to Mrs Nowak and her team for all their hard work this term.

#### January dates for your diary 2024:

- Meeting for Year 6 parents re 'End of Key Stage 2 Assessments and Tests', **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.30 pm in school.
- PTFA Meeting **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** 6.30pm to plan the Spring Term events. Everyone welcome!

#### Reminders:

- Primary School Admissions 2024 – the closing date is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2024. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

- Please make sure that your child returns to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** on time, in full school uniform, looking smart – black school shoes, **no nail varnish, earrings or trainers**. Thank you.
- P.E Kits need to be returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, fresh and ready for lots of Spring Term Sport and P.E

### **Christmas and New Year Mass times for St Oswald's:**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Vigil – 5.00pm  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - 8:30am  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Vigil Masses of the Nativity – 5pm and 7pm  
 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord - 8:30am  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of St Stephen, 9.30am  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Innocents, 9.30am  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St. Thomas of Canterbury 9.30am  
 Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Family Vigil 5pm  
 Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December - Feast of the Holy Family - 8:30am

And finally...

Many thanks to everyone who has helped, donated or attended any of the PTFA events this term. Your support is crucial in making sure we can provide the best learning environment and resources for the children.

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning over the past 15 weeks. Being in every day, on time and ready to learn is the best thing you can be doing to support your child.

I would like to wish Mr Mears and his family all the very best as he makes his way to Australia to start his new teaching job in January. I'm sure he will stay in touch; he knows he will be missed by all of the team here at St Oswald's.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, may I wish you all a very 'Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year'. Thank you so much for all the support, encouragement and feedback over the past term. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Best wishes,

B Wood  
 Headteacher