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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**  
**Spring term no. 1 – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all a very 'Happy New Year!'

**Coming up:**

- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** - Meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the End of Key Stage 2 Assessments and Tests, at 6.30 pm in school.
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - PTFA Meeting 6.30pm to plan the Spring Term events. Everyone welcome!
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Meeting for Y1 parents to explain the statutory Phonic Screening that each child will do in June 2024, at 6.30pm in school.
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February or Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Spring Term Parents Evening 3.40-6pm. The appointment books will be available outside the office from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January so please book in.

**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.

**Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:**

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative, please may I remind you that for those pupils who have a **STATUTORY** entitlement to free school meals (those pupils whose parents are in receipt of benefits, such as Income Support, etc.) of the importance to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium which is worth over £1300 per pupil for the school once registration has been completed, so please check if you are entitled as school benefits greatly! Application forms are available from the school office or click on the link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

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## School Meal Promotion – ‘Jump into January’:

On Thursday 18th January we will be holding our next school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment should be made through ParentPay please. The meal menu will be **BBQ Meatball Slider with Paprika Wedges & Sweetcorn or Homemade Cheese & Onion Slice with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Baked Beans followed by Iced Chocolate Traybake.**

### Parent Governor Vacancy:

Dr Rachel Lancaster is currently one of our Parent Governors and her term of office is coming to an end. Rachel has been an excellent Governor and has given many hours to the role. The post is for 4 years and involves working strategically with current Governors to continually ensure the long-term success of St Oswald’s Catholic Primary School. It is a great privilege to be a Governor and with it comes great collective responsibility. If you are interested in the post, please make an appointment with myself next week to have a chat about the role and what it entails in more detail. If, after having a chat, you are keen and have the necessary skills to apply for the position, applications need to be returned to the school office by **9am Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.**

### School Website:

Don’t forget that each class has an updated blog every Friday which summarises the learning over the week and details the Home Practice for the week ahead which includes the all important reading every day for every child. Being a competent reader is the key to success in every aspect of learning so please ensure that your child reads every night.

### School Uniform:

We do have preloved uniform available at school for anyone to take, just call in if you need anything.

### Reminders:

- Please note that we do not allow children to wear a smart watch to school. Despite the obvious distraction that these devices can pose, smart watches are internet and camera enabled and therefore present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding
- Earrings are not to be worn
- School shoes please, no trainers
- Names in items of clothing please

And finally...

Please get in touch with any issues or concerns you may have as we do try our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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## SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘JUMP INTO JANUARY’ – THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child: .....Year ..... Signed.....

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