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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 Academic Term 2021

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Dear Parents,

Update since the last newsletter:

- Y6 did a great job performing their production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' to the school and their parents. Well Done Y6!
- Reception really enjoyed their trip to the park last Friday. They were so excited to be having their first school trip!
- Y6 spent the day at Borwick Hall on Monday enjoying canoeing, climbing, caving and completing tricky Team Challenges. A super day was had by all and the children loved jumping in the Lancaster Canal!
- Thank you to Fr Michael for saying Mass in our beautiful grounds last night for Y6.
- Huge thanks for supporting the Tough Kidder event last week. We have raised a whopping £1672 which will go towards a new outdoor learning shelter.

#### Summer Reading Challenge:

**As we head to the summer, please try and encourage your child to read every day, no matter how old they are! Reading makes the difference.**

#### Longton Library is open and Tom from the Library Service has sent this message:

**SCART Club** – our summer reading scheme for children – is back after last year's hiatus, and we hope you agree it looks great!

Check out the video for an idea of what's involved: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/lancshirereadingjourney/course/31808>

**SCART** stands for **Science, Culture, Active, Reading** and **Technology**, and is full of challenges and rewards for children over the course of the summer.

The challenge is to **read 5 books** as well as to **complete a task for each of the categories** (S, C, A, R and T), **earning special 'pop' badges for their reward sash** as they go and receiving their certificate if they finish the whole thing.

The pack you get when you start has all of the information you need plus **suggestions for tasks you might like to try**. If you're feeling especially creative and have an even better idea for tasks for any of the categories then no problem, **we'll happily accept those too!**

You can **pick up a pack from the library any time from now onwards**, with children having all the way up until the end of October to finish.

With your pack **you will also receive a ticket entitling an adult and a child to a free visit to a museum** run by Lancashire County Council between 3<sup>rd</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> September.

## Reminders:

- **School Meal Arrangements** - Thank you to those parents who informed the school office in advance of changes from school meals to packed lunches commencing September, or vice versa, it is very much appreciated. Please could I remind all our parents that at least one week's notice **must** be given to the school office to facilitate lunch changes – thank you for your co-operation!
- **Jewellery must not be worn at school.** It is important that ear-piercing is **ONLY** carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays, as earrings are **not** permitted to be worn at school. It is extremely annoying to find children returning with pierced ears and having to put plasters on during PE! Thank you for your support in this matter.
- **Phones** – Please note only children in **Y6** who walk / cycle to school on their own may, if you wish, bring a phone into school. The phone is to be switched off and handed in every morning and collected at the end of the school day. Phones are not to be used in the school building or grounds. Please talk to your child about safe use of their phone and ensure you check their phone regularly and that settings are appropriate.
- **Green School Bags** are to be used by Reception, Y1 and Y2 for school, not rucksacks or other bags (space is limited). Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 are to try as far as possible to use their green school bags as space is limited. We ask that no bulky bags or designer handbags please. School bags are available to buy from the school office at the cost of £7.50. Thank you. No pencil cases need to be brought in from home as all the children are provided with everything they need.
- **All medication and inhalers** will be sent home on Friday. It is parent's responsibility to return any long-term medication or inhalers on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September to the school office.
- **ParentPay** - Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance by the end of term. Y6 ParentPay accounts with credit balances have been refunded. Cheques are available from the school office for collection or can be transferred to sibling accounts where possible otherwise a refund will be arranged.  
Please contact the school office should you have any queries regarding this matter.  
Thank you for your co-operation.
- **Winter Uniform:** When we return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, the children are to wear winter uniform which is the shirt and tie. Black school shoes only; no trainers. I know we have let children finish the last couple of weeks in trainers if their school did not fit but this will not be the case as we start the new year. Please label all uniform items with your child's name.
- **PE Kits:** Every child is to have their PE kit in school every week. Kits are to come to school on a Monday and be taken home every Friday for a wash. Please label all PE Kits with your child's name.
- **Water Bottles:** Every child is to have a water bottle every day in school. Water bottles with a sports top are the best as they do not spill.

## September Opening:

When we return to school in September, the school gates will open at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am. Your child may arrive at any time within the 10minute window. Punctuality is an important life skill so please be on time every day.

The end of the school day will return to normal at 3.15pm and collection of your child from the playground can be from 3.15pm-3.25pm. We will be keeping the same dismissal procedure as this year i.e. each class will line up on the playground.

And finally...

We would like to wish Y6 all the very best as they leave St Oswald's and move on to their respective High Schools. They have been a resilient and delightful class of creative learners who have contributed so much to school life over the last 7 years.

We send Wedding Congratulations to Miss Collinson who will return in September as Mrs Stone.

We also send Wedding Congratulations to Mr Campbell as he celebrates his wedding in August.

Our warmest wishes to Mr Ingram as he starts his career with Lancashire Police. Thank you Mr Ingram for everything you have done for the children at St Oswald's. Good Luck!

Thank you and best wishes to Mr Hawryluk as he leaves to embark on building his business.

Thank you to Miss Geraghty who has worked as part of our Lunchtime Team this year as she starts a new career as a Teaching Assistant. Good Luck!

We all wish Mrs Maguire- Dorr every happiness as she starts her retirement after being at St Oswald's for 23 years. Our heartfelt thanks for her commitment to the school over this time and the hundreds of children who have benefitted from her excellent teaching. Enjoy!

On behalf of the amazing staff team and our dedicated Governors, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy summer. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and feedback over the past year. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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