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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
Summer term no.1 – 18th April 2024
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PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

The children look very smart in their summer uniforms and let's hope for plenty of sunshine! On very warm days, please apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before they come to school as there is very little shade out on the playground and field.

Don't forget to read the Class Blogs every Friday to find out what your child has been learning throughout the week and what they need to practise to ensure learning is becoming embedded. Reading every night is the key indicator of success for every child so please commit to 10/20 mins every night, reading to or with your child.

Admissions to Reception September 2024:

All offer letters were sent out on Tuesday from the Local Authority. We will be sending letters on Monday to parents who have been offered a place for their child to start school here in September 2024. We are looking forward to meeting the children at their first 'Little Owls' session which will start Wednesday 5th June.

Coming up:

- **Monday 22nd April 6.30pm** Sacramental Programme for Y4 in Church
- **Thursday 25th April and Thursday 2nd May** 3.45-5pm (revised dates) - Rugby Tournament at Hutton Grammar.
- **Thursday 25th April** Y2 trip to 'Brockholes' . Full school uniform to be worn with a warm, waterproof coat. Packed lunches will be provided by the school kitchen for all of the pupils. Please ensure that the permission slip has been returned to school and a payment of £16.50 has been made on ParentPay. Thank you. (Letter issued 18th March).
- **Thursday 25th April** School Meal Promotion – St George's Day Lunch : The menu is: George's Big Brunch – Pork /Quorn Sausage, Free Range Omelette, Hash Brown & Baked Beans or Savoury Shield & Arms – Cheese & Onion Pastry, Potato Wedges, Garden Peas & Sweetcorn followed by Dragon Slayer Dessert – Jam & Cream Butterfly Cake. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 25th April please complete the slip (newsletter no. 10) and return to school no later than Wednesday 24th April. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay. Thank you.
- **Monday 29th April** - Whole school Cricket Festival. Every class will be involved with the festival so PE Kits must be in school for the event. Many thanks.
- **Thursday 2nd May** - Reception Sports Day 2.15pm Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Thursday 2nd May** – PTFA Cake Sale 3.15pm on the playground
- **Friday 3rd May** - Sports Day for Y1 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday. School closed.
- **Monday 13th-Thursday 16th May** - Y6 End of Key Stage 2 Tests.
- **Thursday 16th May** School Meal Promotion – Swing into Spring Lunch: The menu is: Pork/Quorn Meatball Sub, Tortilla Chips & Salad Sticks or Rainbow Vegetable Quesadilla, Mildly Spiced Rice & BBQ Sauce followed by Ice Cream Tub. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 16th May

please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Wednesday 15th May. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay. Thank you.

- **Thursday 16th May** - Y4 Parent Assembly 2.40pm in school. The theme is 'First Holy Communion'.
- **Friday 17th May** - Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Saturday 18th May** – First Holy Communion Masses Y4 10.30am 12.30am
- **Monday 20th May** – Children in Y6 will complete an online School Health Needs Questionnaire carried out by the School Nursing Team. A letter explaining the assessment programme will be sent home with your child today. This is an OPT IN therefore if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to complete the questionnaire, please contact the school nursing team on 0300 247 0040.
- **Tuesday 21st May** - Class photographs to be taken.
- **Thursday 23rd May** – Reception visit to Blackpool Zoo. Letters to be issued shortly.
- **Thursday 23rd May** – 6.30pm New Parents Induction Meeting in the school hall. This meeting is for parents who have a child starting school in September 2024.
- **Friday 24th May** - Sports Day for Y3 2.15pm. Parents are invited to spectate.
- **Friday 24th May** – PTFA Cake Sale on the playground 3.15pm

Sports Days next Half Term:

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| Y4 Sports Day | Friday 7th June 2.15pm |
| Y5 Sports Day | Friday 14th June 2.15pm |
| Y6 Sports Day | Friday 21st June 2.15pm |

Safeguarding – End of Day Arrangements:

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish for them to start walking home, please can you ensure that you update the 'End of School Day' Safeguarding Form or email the school office stating the end of day arrangements.

If your child is walking home or cycling home and you allow them to carry a phone for emergencies please follow the policy. The policy is that they hand their phone in at the office on arrival at school before going through the gate. Phones are kept safe in the office until home time when your child can collect their phone from the school office at the end of the school day.

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 a letter or email explaining the absence. If no explanation is received in writing, the absence will be deemed as unauthorised.

Absence (Medical/Dental Appointments, etc.) with Appointment Card:

Where possible, please try to 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 are be collected from the Reception area near the school office. Please ensure that your child has been 'signed out' on collection. On your child's return to school, pupils must be brought to the school office and be 'signed in' by a parent, carer or family member. This is for health and safety and fire regulation purposes to ensure that all pupils are accounted for.

ParentPay Reminders:

Please may I remind parents to check their ParentPay account regularly and ensure that it is topped up and in credit! Outstanding amounts should never accrue to more than two weeks of debt, i.e., £25.00 for school meals and £35.00 for Early Birds.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium:

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes as part of a Government initiative 'Universal Free School Meals'. However, for those pupils who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals, i.e. those pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of the benefits mentioned below, the school can benefit from additional funding called Pupil Premium. This is worth over £1000 per pupil for the school once you have registered your entitlement. The benefit entitlements are:

- Income support or Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

If you think you meet any of these criteria, we do urge you to register. All you need to do is complete a simple form which is available from the school office or, alternatively, contact LCC on 01772 531809 and provide them with the claimant's (parent's) name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they will be able to confirm over the phone whether or not you are entitled. It is always worth checking!

PTFA News:

The PTFA are starting to plan for the Summer Fair, the biggest fundraiser of the year! **SATURDAY 6TH JULY 12-2.30PM**
So...

- if you have any suggestions for stalls etc, let us know
- if you are in a position to offer an incredible raffle prize, we would be so grateful!

The next PTFA meeting is Tuesday 14th May at 6.30pm and the only item on the agenda is the Summer Fair so feel free to come along and get involved or just let us know your ideas!

Community News:

Hutton Fete – Monday 6th May 1pm. Please see flyer attached.

New Longton Cricket Club – Allstars & Dynamos programmes are starting soon at New Longton Cricket Club. Please click on the links below for more information.

Allstars: 5-8 years old

Cost:£30

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/f77e9358-154f-425e-8491-1a3ae65ace9f>

Dynamos: 8-11 years old

Cost:£40

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/184a270c-745f-4f9d-97eb-5650cefc257>

And finally...

My apologies as I forgot to thank Booths, Spar and Gemma Tyrer for the generous donations of eggs for Easter Egg Raffle last term. Many thanks to both local companies and Gemma for supporting this event which the children loved being involved in!

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – SWING INTO SPRING LUNCH – THURSDAY 16TH MAY

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 16th May. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:

Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:
