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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**  
**Autumn term no.3 – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
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**PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents/Carers

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

- Thank you for supporting the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings over the past two weeks. Each class teacher will post their PowerPoint on the class pages of the website for your information. Class Blogs start on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September with the Home Practice tasks for the week so please check the relevant Class Pages.
- Guitar lessons started on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The times agreed with Miss Galea for the **Y3 class is 2.45 - 3.15 pm. Y4 is 3.20 pm – 3.50 pm.** Dismissal from the main gate.
- The school photographer was in school last week to take individual & sibling photographs. A proof was sent home with your child on Wednesday. Photographs can be ordered online, free p&p and will be delivered back to school. Alternatively you can complete the order form with payment and return to school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**Please note:**

**The PTFA AGM has been postponed tonight and a new date will be arranged in a few weeks time.**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Netball Club will start and run until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November for Y5/Y6 children. Dismissal from the Club will be from the main gate at 4.15 pm.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Football Club will start and run until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November for Y5/Y6 children. Dismissal from the Club will be from the main gate at 4.15 pm.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 6pm** - Mr Horrocks, Headteacher from All Hallows will be here at St Oswald's to talk to Y6 Parents. The meeting will be in the hall and restricted to **1 adult per child** and we ask that you wear a mask. No children to attend (letter issued 15<sup>th</sup> September).

**European Languages Day:**

European Day of Languages is celebrated on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and we always join in with this event. If you speak another language fluently and would be willing to bring in and read a story to a small group of children on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm, please let me know by contacting the office. It would be lovely for our children to hear more languages!

**Harvest Festival:**

We will be collecting tins, packets, etc. for our Harvest Festival which will be celebrated in school during Golden Assembly on 8<sup>th</sup> October. If you could send your child in with an item over the next two weeks, we would be really grateful. All the food that we receive is donated to the local Foodbank in Penwortham. Many thanks.

## **Morrisons 'Good to Grow':**

We have signed up to Morrisons Good to Grow scheme. It's Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect for free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. Between 6th September and 24th October 2021 for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to your chosen school. (Please note when searching for St Oswald's, you will need to type it in exactly as St Oswald's, alternatively you can search by post code, PR4 5EB).

You'll need to be a MyMorrisons customer to take part so you will need to download the app and select our school to donate your Grow Tokens.

Finally, don't forget to scan your app or MyMorrisons card at checkout every time you shop to receive your Grow Tokens. Once you've selected a school, you'll be able to donate your Grow Tokens to us.

From 24th October, we will be able to redeem the Grow Tokens we have collected against a range of growing and gardening equipment for school.

## **School Meal Promotion – 'Hello Autumn' Lunch – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October:**

The next school meal promotion will take place next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served will be Beef / Veggie Burger or Cheese & Ham / Cheese & Tomato Calzone served with Crispy Fries & Crunchy Salad Sticks followed by Toffee Drizzle Cake or Fruit. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event.

## **Primary Admissions 2022:**

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022 then you MUST apply on-line at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) **The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2022.** You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE!

Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', which is available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery postbox.

## **Secondary Admissions 2022:**

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2022, then please apply on-line at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). **The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2021.** Supplementary Faith Forms for All Hallows will be given out at the All Hallows meeting in school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Please ensure that the Supplementary Faith Form is completed and sent to All Hallows direct.

## **Reminder - End of Day Safeguarding Forms:**

Anyone who has not yet returned the blue End of Day Safeguarding form, please do so asap. We are still waiting for a couple of forms to be returned. It is essential that staff are very clear about where your child is going at the end of the school day and who with! Spare copies are available at the school office. Thank you.

## **Reminder - ParentPay Activation Letters for Reception Parents:**

There are still some accounts that are not yet activated. Although you may not use this facility at the moment, we are encouraging all parents to activate their ParentPay accounts as soon as possible. This service is used for payments such as Early Birds' Breakfast Club, school trips and also for school meals (for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils). Activation letters were issued at the beginning of term. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

## **'School Starters 2021' Photograph:**

The Lancashire Evening Post photographer came in to school recently to take a photograph of the Reception pupils. This photograph will shortly appear in the 'School Starters 2021' supplement of the newspaper. Please complete the order form and send payment by cash or cheque (payable to B Urbani) and return to school no later than **Monday**

**4 October.** ('Proof copy' of the photograph and an order form sent home on Monday with your child).

**Reminder – Y6 Tower Wood**

A letter has been sent home regarding the Tower Wood residential visit from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for children in Year 6. Please return the permission slip to school asap and a £20.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid through ParentPay no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October (letter issued 15<sup>th</sup> September). Thank you. If you have any queries, please get in touch.

**Reminder – Y2/Y3 Hearing Tests**

A letter has been sent home regarding hearing tests taking place in school by the school nursing team for Y2 and Y3 children. Please sign and return the consent slip to school if you are happy for the test to go ahead by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October (letter issued 21st September).

**Admin Reminders:**

- 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 normal school policy – thank you for your co-operation.
- Should you need to send a message or a letter into school please send them in with your child as they will be collected in the 'Class Box' each morning and delivered to the school office, class teacher or Headteacher as appropriate. It is therefore not necessary to deliver envelopes yourself to the school office unless you feel it is absolutely necessary. This will encourage pupils to be responsible for letters to and from home.
- 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.

And finally...

Thank you for being vigilant about lateral flow testing and PCR testing. We are very grateful that everyone is being cautious and that your children are coming into school healthy!

As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**HELLO AUTUMN – SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION - THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October and will ensure that payment of £2.35 is made through ParentPay (meals are free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children).

Name of child: ..... Year group: ..... Signature of parent/carer: .....

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