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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– 19th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Thank you to the Y5/Y6 parents who came along to the All Hallows meeting with Mrs Cooper on Monday evening. For any Y6 parents unable to attend, Supplementary Faith Forms (the yellow form) are available from St Oswald's school office. Please note that the yellow form must be returned by Tuesday 22nd October so we can send the forms to All Hallows on Wednesday 23rd October.

Coming up:

Curriculum Evening for parents in Reception **Thursday 19th September** 6.30pm – 7.30pm. At this meeting we explain how we teach phonics, reading, writing and number so please try to come along as it will be very useful.

School photographer will be in school **Friday 20th September** to take individual photographs of the pupils or if they have a sibling in school their photograph will be taken together.

2nd match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School **Thursday 26th September** 3.45pm – 5pm (letter issued to the team on 11th September).

All Hallows Open Evening **Thursday 26th September** 5-7.30pm.

Fr Michael has invited the Reception children and parents/grandparents to a special 'Starting School' Blessing in church **Friday 27th September** 2.30 pm.

Wednesday 2nd October The Lancashire Evening Post photographer will be coming into school to take a photograph of the Reception pupils. This photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2024' supplement of the newspaper. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN WRITING BY EMAIL OR LETTER BY MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER.** Thank you.

School Meal Promotion 'Hello Autumn' **Thursday 3rd October.** If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. The meal served will be Toad in the Hole (vegetarian option available) or Cheese Pasty served with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables followed by Strawberry Mousse. If you would like your child to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip below and return to school no later than Tuesday 1st October.

Harvest Festival in Church **Friday 4th October** 2.15pm. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Each class will be collecting items for Churches Together in Penwortham over the next few weeks so if you can donate a tin or packet of something, it would be appreciated, just send in your donation in with your child from Monday 16th September.

PTFA Meeting **Tuesday 8th October** 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along and help to plan the fundraising events for the term and beyond.

Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom **Wednesday 9th October or Thursday 10th October** 3.30-4.30pm. Your child will be able to stay and play with Mrs Cliffe while you learn all about the importance of early reading and phonics. Let us know which night you can attend by returning the slip attached.

Final match of Y5/Y6 football tournament at Hutton Grammar School **Thursday 10th October**, 3.45pm – 5pm (letter issued to the team on 11th September).

Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows **Friday 11th October** (letter to be issued Friday 20th September).

Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council is on **Monday 14th October** and **Wednesday 16th October**. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms to be issued Friday 20th September). Your child is to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school. If your child wishes to leave their bicycle in school, please ensure they have a lock.

Open Morning **Thursday 17th October** 9.15am – 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2025.

Parents Evening **Thursday 17th October or Tuesday 22nd October** 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Folders will be available outside the school office from Monday 23rd September to book an appointment slot to speak to your child's class teacher about how they have settled into their new year groups.

PTFA School Calendar 2025:

Any businesses that would like to be included in the School Calendar for 2025, please contact the school office. The price of the adverts are £40.00 a month (1 month to 5 months) or £36 a month (6 months or more). The closing date for sponsors is Monday 14th October.

Primary Admissions 2025:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS 15th JANUARY 2025.

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', available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery post-box for Fr Michael.

Secondary Admissions 2025:

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2025, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31st OCTOBER 2024.

Reminder – Health Questionnaire:

A Health Questionnaire from the School Nursing Team was sent home to all children in Reception on Wednesday 11th September. Questionnaires are to be returned by Monday 23rd September. Thank you.

Longton Cub- Scouts:

2nd Longton Cubs are looking for new children to join, Age 8-10 on Wednesday's - 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Contact Vicky on 07770479383 for further information.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION –HELLO AUTUMN – THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd October. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay (children Y3-Y6).

Name of child: Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

Please tick which day you can attend. Sessions are from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Wednesday 9th October**

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Thursday 10th October**

Name of child: Signed by parent/carer:.....
