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The Newsletter Autumn term no.8 – 4th November 2021 Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term!

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Year 5 had their first Sacramental preparation programme in church on Monday. Mrs Nuttall has added a blog to the Y5 class page for your information. Fr Michael was very impressed with the respectful way the children listened and responded.
- Thank you to the new prospective parents who came along to our 'Open Morning' on Wednesday 3rd November to see the school in action.
- Reception School Starter Photographs 2021 will be published in the Lancashire Evening Post today (Thursday 4th November).

Coming Up:

Friday 5th November: Reception to walk to the park after lunch so please ensure your child has a showerproof coat (letter issued 2nd November).

Monday 8th **November:** We will be selling poppies on behalf of the British Legion throughout the week commencing Monday 8th November. If you would like your child to bring a donation into school, please send it in an envelope with your child's name and marked 'Poppy Appeal'. Other poppy items available are: Zip Pull – 50p, Reflectors – 50p, Silicon Wristband - \pounds 1.00, Snap Band - \pounds 1.50.

Each class has an allocated time slot to come along and purchase their poppies. Monday 8th November – Year 4/5/6 Tuesday 9th November – Year 2/3 Wednesday 10th November - Reception/Y1

Monday 8th November: Last Netball Club until the Spring Term- 21st February

Tuesday 9th November: Last Football Club until the Spring Term- 22nd February

Tuesday 9th November: Y5 trip to The British Vehicle Commercial Museum: All slips have been returned but there are over 50% of payments still outstanding on Parent Pay which may mean that the trip will have to be cancelled as we cannot cover the costs. Please ensure any payments are received by Friday 5th November (letter issued 13th October).

Tuesday 9th November: PTFA AGM Meeting: If you would like to get involved come along to the AGM on at 7pm in the school hall. Please wear your mask; we will be distanced and ventilated so wear something warm!

Wednesday 10th November: Hearing tests will take place in school by the School Nursing Team for Y2 and Y3 children. If you have not returned the consent slip to school, please do so ASAP (letter issued 21st September).

Wednesday 10th November: Parents Evening: If you have not yet booked a telephone appointment, we will be contacting you to offer you an appointment for the 10th November.

Friday 19th November: Children in Need Day. As a school, we are very proud to support the great work that Children in Need do so on Friday 19th November we will be joining in with the National Children in Need Day 2021. The School Council have decided to ask all the staff and children to come to school wearing something spotty... the children can be as spotty as you would like them to be in return for a donation of £1 or more!

Wednesday 24th November: Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations: The Intrahealth Team will be in school on to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme. Anyone who hasn't yet returned your child's consent form, please read and complete either the YES form or NO form in full (one per child) and return to school as soon as possible. Spare copies are available from the school office.

Friday 26th November: Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows. THIS HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO RISING NUMBERS OF COVID CASES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Sunday 28th November: Fr Michael is inviting Y5 to a special Family Mass at 10.30am (only immediate family).

Monday 29th November: Y5 Reconciliation Day in Church. Y5 Parents are invited at 2.30pm for the Service of Reconciliation. Please wear your mask.

Dates for December:

Thursday 2nd December: The last time we were able to see live theatre was The Grinch at The Lowry in December 2019. The whole school had a super time! This year the children will be able to watch a live performance of Dick Whittington in the school hall which will be very special. The PTFA fundraising will be covering the cost – THANK YOU!

Wednesday 8th December: Infant Nativity 'Born in a Barn' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. We will be filming the performance and hope to be able to invite parents if we are able to safely. Further details to follow.

Thursday 9th December: Y4 are to visit Lancaster City Museum as part of their History studies (letter issued 3rd November).

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day. Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of $\pounds 1$ will be collected at the gate on the day. All proceeds towards Save the Children Fund.

Friday 10th December: Christmas Lunch (details to follow).

Friday 17th December: School closes at 1.30 pm.

PTFA News:

Halloween Dress Up day on Thursday 21st October raised £202.83 and Halloween Quiz raised £52.00 making a total of £254.83! Thank you for all your support.

Job Vacancy:

Sadly we say goodbye to Danielle who has worked in the kitchen for 5 years and we wish her well in her new career as a Teaching Assistant.

If you are interested in working at St Oswald's, there is a vacancy in the kitchen as Lancashire County Council Catering Services are looking for a school cook for 10 hours per week 11.30am - 1.30pm. Please contact Diane Wormald on 07854 184207 between 9.00am - 4.00pm.

And finally ...

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

Yours sincerely B Wood Headteacher