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The Newsletter End of Autumn Term no.14 – 16th December 2021 Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

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Dear Parents/Carers

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- The children and staff looked very festive in their Christmas Jumpers last Friday. Thank you for your donations. We raised £230 for Save the Children Fund!
- St Oswald's Kitchen Staff served 210 Christmas Lunches last Friday! We would like to say a big thank you to the kitchen staff who work so hard throughout the year serving healthy school meals to our children and making sure that any dietary needs are catered for.
- Children and staff took part in the Sponsored Santa 1 mile Dash on Monday to raise money towards our Forest School Project. A video was made of the event with lots of smiling faces! Sponsor forms and money can be returned to school by **Friday 7th January**. Thank you so much for your support.
- We hope you have enjoyed the Carol Singing from Year 3,4,5 and 6 at the end of the school day this week. Thank you to the PTFA for selling festive cakes. All proceeds are going towards our Forest School Project.
- The Intrahealth School Nursing Team were in school to do a 'mop up' session for children who were absent and missed their nasal flu vaccination on Wednesday 24th November. Following on from this year's Flu vaccination programme, please find attached a letter from Intrahealth confirming flu vaccination sessions that will be running in the community until the end of January for pupils who may have missed their flu vaccination in school. Parents are to contact Intrahealth if they would like to discuss their child having the flu vaccination on 0333 358 3397 Option 3, Option 1.

Reminders:

- Primary School Admissions 2022 the closing date is Saturday 15th January 2022 for your application for a Primary School place for September 2022. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!
- Please make sure that your child returns to school on **Tuesday 4th January** on time, in full school uniform, looking smart – black school shoes, no nail varnish or earrings!
- P.E Kits need to be returned to school, fresh and ready for lots of Spring Term Sport and P.E!

Car Park Safety:

Please only use the car park bays to park your cars. We need to keep every child as safe as possible and if your car is blocking the pedestrian paths, this does cause a safety issue. Thank you for your understanding.

Letter from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health:

Please find attached a letter for parents and carers from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi regarding the latest updates around the measures to be taken in relation to vaccinations, testing, close contacts and additional measures.

Players in Education:

Players in Education January course- every Friday for five week course- Friday 7th January- Friday 4th February 2022 finishing at 4:30 each week. Only a few places left!

Follow link to sign up now-

https://www.playersineducation.com/signupstoswalds

Break Time Short Breaks (please find the information attached):

We have been asked to share the following information with parents / carers of children and young people with SEND. Break Time will provide group activities for children and young people aged 4-18 with SEND from April 2022: this will replace the current Lancashire Break Time service.

In order to access Break Time activities, parents and carers must register their child by 21st January 2022. Please find attached flyer and registration form with parents and carers of CYP with SEND.

Christmas Mass Times at St Oswald's Church:

Please find attached the booking form for the masses at St. Oswald's this Christmas.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass5pm and 7pmChristmas Day8.30am.

The **5pm Vigil Mass is now full** and so parishioners are being directed towards the 7pm Vigil Mass and the 8.30am on Christmas morning. Slips should be returned to the presbytery as soon as possible.

PTFA Christmas Raffle:

The PTFA Raffle Tickets made a whopping £797.00, a tremendous amount so thank you very much!!! The draw took place on Tuesday 14th December. We had 18 lucky prize winners, 3 who won luxury food & drink hampers. Other prizes consisted of champagne, wine, chocolates, biscuits and other festive items! All prize winners have been contacted. Thank you so much for supporting the Christmas Raffle 2021.

And finally ...

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, may I wish you all a very 'Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year'. Thank you so much for all the support, encouragement and feedback over the past term. We look forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Stay safe and take care,

Yours sincerely

B Wood Headteacher