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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**  
**Spring Term No.7 – 24th February 2022**  
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**PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER !**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the final part of the Spring Term!

**New Covid guidelines:**

The government has published its plan for living with COVID-19. We are waiting on the latest guidance regarding education settings, therefore if your child tests positive for coronavirus, please contact school to discuss.

**Extra- Curricular Clubs:**

It is so lovely to see more clubs opening up for the children. Netball, Football, Dance and Drumming have all started this week. Mrs Winter is re-opening Choir from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for any pupils in Y5 and Y6 that are keen singers and can commit to coming every Wednesday 8.15-8.45am in the Green Room. Please return the slip below if your child would like to join as places are limited due to space!

**Parent Volunteers:**

We are thrilled to invite our brilliant volunteers back into school. If you can offer a regular commitment to hear children read, get involved in the school library, help out with various activities or even offer help on school trips, we would love to hear from you so please return the slip below and we can get you started on the process of becoming a Team Oswald Volunteer! A DBS check will be required for all volunteers in school which school will organise.

**Spring Term Parents Evening:**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 3.40pm- 6pm**

We had already planned to do this terms Parents Evening by phone appointments so please return the slip by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March so we can allocate a time for your child's class teacher to contact you to bring you up to date on your child's progress in learning. We are planning to have Class Open Days in the Summer Term so you can join us to see your child's work over the year.

**Job Vacancy:**

LCC Catering Service are looking for a catering assistant to work in St Oswald's school kitchen, 15 hours per week, term time only. As a valued member of the team, full training and induction programme is offered. If you are interested or require any more details, please contact Diane Wormald on 07854 184207.

**Update since last newsletter:**

- Y5 children have completed their sponsored run before half term running over 200 miles during their Daily Mile. Any sponsor money or donation that has not been sent it to school yet, please do so by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Money raised will be sent to the charity Barnardo's. Thank you.
- 'Dress to Express' Day raised £201.00 which will be sent to the charity 'Young Minds'. Thank you for all your support!

## Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February** Enrolment Mass for Y4 who begin their preparation for First Holy Communion with this special family mass on at 10.30am. Fr Michael has requested that all adults are to wear masks.
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Ash Wednesday. Fr Michael has invited all the children to church to receive their ashes at 2.15pm as we start the journey through Lent.
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** Y5 study trip to 'Judges Lodgings, Lancaster on (letter issued 27th January). Full school uniform to be worn.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** School Meal Promotion – 'We love Reading'. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip (newsletter no.7) and return to school no later than Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.30 should be made through ParentPay please. The menu will be Slugsworth Sausage Roll with Potter's Pomme Noisettes & Bertie Bott's Beans or Roly Poly Four Cheese Ravioli in Tomato Sauce & Gruffalo's Garlic Bread followed by Charlie's Chocolate Chip Shortbread. The school meal promotions really help to keep our School Meals budget afloat so it's great that so many children join in! Thank you.
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** The Y6 Athletics team have made it to the Lancashire Finals in Blackpool. Letters will be given to the team with all the details next week. Great result from the Y6 Team!
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** Representatives from CAFOD will be in school to present a special assembly for the children during this time of Lent.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** Y6 Parents meeting on at 6.30pm regarding the end of Key Stage 2 Tests for 2022. It is understood that children do not attend the meeting. Study books are available to buy on the night for £10.00/set.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** Y2 trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on (letter issued 27th January). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £12.50 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you! Due to the nature of activities taking place, children are to wear old tracksuit bottoms, **school jumper, shirt and tie**, wellies (or strong footwear) together with a warm, waterproof jacket or coat. (Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly!)
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March** Sacramental Preparation Mass on at 10.30am for children in Year 4 taking part in the Sacramental Preparation Programme. Parents are requested to wear masks.
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** It has been a while but we are excited to welcome back Freddy Fit who will be joining us for the day. Freddy will work with each class on how to keep healthy and active. The day will be funded from our Sport Premium budget and is always informative and great fun for every child.
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Y5 Extended Outdoor Activities Day to Borwick Hall Outdoor Education Centre. Please return forms back to school ASAP (letter and forms issued 10<sup>th</sup> February). Please ensure that the balance has been paid. Thank you. Children are to wear appropriate clothing for a day in the outdoors – tracksuit bottoms or similar (not jeans), t-shirt, fleece/jumper, outdoor trainers/boots with a waterproof jacket. **Contrary to the original letter, in order to keep the cost down, children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink** (the centre will provide snacks and evening meal). Children will need to bring a small rucksack containing a complete set of clothes, towel, water bottle (no flasks) and a spare plastic bag for wet clothes. This is sure to be a memorable day for Y5!
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** We are so pleased that Y6 have been invited as part of their 'Faith in Action' programme to help with the Parish Lunches once a month. This has always been a great privilege to be part of and the Y6 children will be on a rota so that they all get the chance to participate!

**Tuesday 22nd March**

Reception trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip (letter issued 9<sup>th</sup> February). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £14.00 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you! Due to the nature of activities taking place, children are to wear old tracksuit bottoms, **school jumper, shirt and tie**, wellies (or strong footwear) together with a warm, waterproof jacket or coat. (Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly!)

**Wed 23-Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Y6 Residential visit to Tower Wood. Please return forms back to school ASAP (letter and forms issued 10<sup>th</sup> February). Full payment was due Monday 21st February – thank you!. The children will need a packed lunch on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, which will be eaten upon arrival at Tower Wood. Promptly after lunch, the children may be taking part in a 'ghyll scramble', which means that they will need a full change of clothes (including shoes and a towel) in a separate bag.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Y4 study trip to 'Formby Beach and Eco Centre, Southport. If you have not yet done so, please make the payment of £19.00 on ParentPay asap –thank you! Children need to be in school uniform but need to wear warm jogging bottoms (no jeans) and appropriate footwear for outdoors (walking boots or trainers).

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

St Oswald's will be celebrating World Book Day on this year. It is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Book Day this year so a special day is being planned for all the children and every child will receive a free book. The children and staff can dress as a book character for the day!

**PTFA Update:**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March there will be a Pop Up Shop in school so the children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 can buy a present for Mother's Day. Reception, Y1 and Y2 will visit the shop on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All gifts will be £2.50. If you would like your child to visit the shop, please send money in an envelope on the correct day. Ensure your child's name is on the envelope!

*Message from Longton Library:*

*Join us for a pre-World Book Day celebration on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30am-11:30am*

*Let us know about some of the books you love, play a few games, discover great new books we think you'll enjoy, and to top it off we will have some giveaways for children who come along in fancy dress as a favourite book character.*

*The event is free, and is primarily aimed at ages 7-11. Just drop in.*

**And finally...**

Huge congratulations to Mrs Stone who is expecting her first baby in August, we are thrilled for her and Mr Stone and send them our very best wishes.

As always we ask that you get in touch with any concerns or queries that you may have as we do try our best to help!

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**YEAR 5/YEAR 6 CHOIR – WEDNESDAY’S 8.15-8.45AM, STARTING 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH IN THE GREEN ROOM**

I would like my child to join the Choir.

Name of child: ..... Signed: .....

Emergency contact nos.: .....

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**PARENT VOLUNTEER**

I am interested in being a volunteer at St Oswald’s. Please state below which day and times are best for you or whether you are flexible.

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Name ..... Telephone contact number .....

Child’s Name ..... Relationship to child (parent/grandparent) .....

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**SPRING TERM 2022 PARENTS EVENING**

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number to be contacted on: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick in the box below which date you would prefer to be contacted by your child’s class teacher.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March  Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March  No preference

Please tick in the box below a time slot that is convenient for you. Please be available to take the call within the half hour allocated time slot.

3.40 pm – 4.00 pm  4.00 pm – 4.30 pm  4.30 pm – 5.00 pm  5.00 pm – 5.30 pm

5.30 pm – 6.00 pm  No preference

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