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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
Summer Term No.11–7th July 2022
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Dear Parents/Carers

Update since last newsletter:

- Thank you to the PTFA for arranging the summer disco last Thursday. Judging from the hot, sweaty faces, a good time was had by all!
- Y5 had a super day at All Hallows last Friday for their Taster Day.
- Y2 visited Skipton Castle on Tuesday as part of their History studies. They enjoyed learning about life in a castle and asked great questions!
- Well done to St Oswald's Netball Team who competed at the Lancashire Games in Blackpool on Tuesday. The team managed to get to the quarter finals before being knocked out. Brilliant achievement.
- Year 6 have completed their advanced cycling training this week! As a safety reminder, cycle helmets must be worn if your child cycles to school.
- Thank you to everyone who came along to 'Sharing the Learning' yesterday. The children were thrilled to show you how proud they are of their work over the year.

Coming Up...

Wednesday 13th July

2pm- 3pm PTFA Tough Kidder Challenge!!

The weather looks like it's going to be sunny on Wednesday and for the last few years every pupil has joined in with the physical challenge of a 'Tough Kidder' which is a giant assault course on the field. All the children take part but if you would like to sponsor your child to complete the course, then feel free to download the sponsor form or collect one from the office. The children will wear their PE kits for the event so please make sure kits are in school that day. The PTFA will be providing the ice pops for every child and parents can come along to spectate at this brilliant event. If, as a parent, you would like to have a go at completing the course, come to the event in your kit! This is a super fun way to end the year with the whole school loving a challenge and if we raise some more money towards the Forest School Firepit, that's a big plus!

Thursday 14th July

Y3 will be completing their Design and Technology project and would like to invite Y3 parents to join them at 2pm for a healthy Afternoon Tea and some active PE. Please complete the slip (newsletter no.10) if you can come along.

Monday 18th July

Y6 will be performing their Dress Rehearsal of Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat for the school at 1.30pm. Y5 pupils have been invited to be the Joseph choir for the production.

Monday 18th July

Y3 Athletics Club - last one!

PTFA Cake Sale on the playground 3.15pm.

Tuesday 19th July

Y6 production of Joseph. Performances for Y5/Y6 parents at 10am 2pm or 6.30pm. Y5 will be the Joseph Choir at all the performances. A letter for tickets for Y5 and Y6 parents has been sent home today (Friday).

Reception visit to the Library and picnic in the park (letter to be issued today).

PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground 3.15pm.

Wednesday 20th July

PTFA Cake Sale on the Playground 3.15pm.

Y6 Leavers Mass 6pm followed by Fish and Chip Supper and party on the field (details were in the letter sent to Y6 on Wednesday 25th May). Tickets for your fish and chip supper were sent home on Wednesday 6th July.

Thursday 21st July

Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am in the school hall. Y6 Parents most welcome. Following the Assembly, Y6 will be spending the rest of the day on retreat to Liverpool Cathedral and then onto Crosby Beach for picnic lunch and games on the beach.

Reception Stay and Sing 2-3pm. This session will include singing round the campfire and toasting marshmallows! Please complete and return the slip attached if you would like to attend.

Friday 22nd July

The whole school will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.30am to give thanks for the school year.

School closes for Summer 1.30 pm.

School Meals Increase:

As from September 2022, we will be increasing the school meal cost to £2.40/meal which is still great value for money. The school kitchen team do a fantastic job serving healthy lunches every day.

School Meal Vouchers – Summer Term Holiday 2022:

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended with further funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this summer. The extended programme will run from 01 April 2022 to 30 September 2022 and will provide further support to households in the most need, particularly those including children and pensioners who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills.

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers have been ordered for the next six weeks for the summer holidays. This voucher is for £90.00 per child / £180.00 2 children etc. If there is any possibility that you may think that you qualify for free school meals, it is really worth checking! The process is easy and all it takes is a phone call! Call the Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

South Ribble Holiday, Activities and Food Programme:

South Ribble Borough Council along with Community Partners including South Ribble Leisure, are once again delighted to announce the continuation of the **Holiday, Activities and Food Programme for Summer 2022**.

This programme is funded by the Department of Education and aims to provide free activities and food for children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals during Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods.

Please find leaflet attached. This programme is for children in receipt of benefit related free school meals in school.

More details around eligibility and booking the activities on offer across the Borough of South Ribble can be found at our website www.southribble.gov.uk/haf.

Reminders:

- Thank you to those parents who informed the school office in advance of changes from school meals to packed lunches commencing September, or vice versa, it is very much appreciated. Please could I remind all our parents that at least one week's notice **must** be given to the school office to facilitate lunch changes – thank you for your co-operation!
- **End of Year Admin / Finance - ParentPay accounts MUST be cleared before the end of the summer term as a deficit balance MUST NOT be carried forward to the next academic year.**
- We return in WINTER uniform in September (page 28 of the School Prospectus). Black school shoes only, no trainers!
- **Jewellery must not be worn at school.** It is important that ear-piercing is **ONLY** carried out at the beginning of the summer holidays, as earrings are **not** permitted to be worn at school. It is extremely annoying to find children returning with pierced ears and having to put plasters on during PE. Thank you for your support in this matter.
- **Phones** – Please note only children in **Y6** who walk / cycle to school may, if you wish, bring a phone into school. The phone is to be switched off and handed in every morning and collected at the end of the school day. Phones are not to be used in the school building or grounds. Please talk to your child about safe use of their phone and ensure you check their phone regularly and that settings are appropriate.
- **Green School Bags** are to be used by Reception, Y1 and Y2 for school, not rucksacks or other bags (space is limited). Children in Y3 and Y4 are to try as far as possible to use their green school bags as space is limited in the cloakrooms. If they can't use their green school bag, please provide them with a small rucksack that will fit the limited space available. Y5 and Y6 need to bring a school bag that is an appropriate size for their lockers. Please note that designer handbags are not appropriate for school. Green School Bags and P.E Bags are available to buy from the school office.
- **All medication and inhalers** will be sent home on the last day of term. It is parent's responsibility to return any long-term medication or inhalers on Monday 5th September to the school office.

Guitars:

Beginners guitar lessons will start Monday 12th September for Y3-Y6 (letters sent home Monday 4th July). If your child wishes to join, please return the slip to school or email Miss Galea. A copy of the letter is attached.

Message from The Play Stop:

Welcome to The Play Stop!

Come and Join us at Trinity and St Michael's Primary School in Croston for some Summer Holiday Club fun.

The summer holidays are nearly here and The Play Stop is now taking bookings for:-

W/C 25.7.22
W/C 1.8.22
W/C 8.8.22
W/C 15.8.22

We are open daily from 7.45 am to 6 pm. Healthy drinks ,Breakfast, Morning and Afternoon snack provided daily.

Full day care - 7.45 am to 6 pm - £27.50
Morning care - 7.45 am to 12.45 pm - £15 per session .
Afternoon care - 1 pm to 6 pm - £15 per session.

ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WELCOME.

Our qualified experienced , enthusiastic staff are all DBS checked and have a passion for creating lots of fun for 4 to 11 year olds. We deliver a range of fun filled crafts, activities, games , indoor /outdoor play and explore new opportunities for all children to enjoy and take part in whilst forming new friendships.

To book a place at The Play stop Holiday Club or for more information email : theplaystop123@gmail.com
phone :- 07538005478.

And finally...

Platinum Jubilee Books:

Your child will have brought home a special book today as a souvenir of the Queen's Platinum Celebration. The books have been provided for free by the publishers Dorling Kindersley and Penguin Random House to every Primary School in the country. A lovely keepsake!

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch asap and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION STAY & SING SESSION – THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2PM – 3PM

I will be attending the Stay & Sing Session.

Name of Child Name of Adult
