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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 Friday Newsletter
Autumn term no.13 – 4 December 2020
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

COVID Reference Guide for Parents:

Please find attached latest COVID-19 information in the school setting and a poster with information about the local restriction tiers published by the Cabinet Office.

Reminders:

Thursday 10th December - Nasal Flu Vaccinations catch up programme: Any children who were isolating or absent on the day of the initial flu vaccination delivery can be included in the catch up programme. If you wish for your child to have the Nasal Flu Vaccination and have not yet not completed a flu consent form, please contact the school office for a form to complete and return to school.

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Raffle: Last day for all raffle ticket stubs and money to be returned to school. The Grand Christmas Draw will take place on Monday 14th December. Deluxe Christmas Day Hamper to be won plus a variety of other excellent prizes. We normally sell the raffle tickets at Booths and at church but this is not possible this year so every ticket sold will make a difference! If you need any extra books, please contact the school office!

Friday 11th December – Grand Christmas Post Day: This is the day when children may wish to bring Christmas Cards in for their friends. The cards will be quarantined and then given out on Monday 14th December.

Friday 11th December - St Oswald's Sponsored Santa Dash: To help raise funds for even more reading books, we are holding a Sponsored Santa 1 mile Dash for all the children and staff to join in with! The children can wear a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit if they wish. The sponsor form is attached to this newsletter. The event should be great fun, keep us fit and raise lots of money! Sponsor money can be sent in in an envelope after the event!

PTFA Christmas Pop up Shop: Children can visit the Christmas Pop up Shop in school to buy Christmas presents for Mums and Dads. Every present will be £2.50. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name on.

Shopping Times:

Monday 14th December – Reception and Y1

Tuesday 15th December – Y2 and Y3

Wednesday 16th December - Y4, Y5 and Y6

Wednesday 16th December - PTFA Christmas Quiz: Last day for Christmas Quiz sheets to be returned to school. The winner will be announced on Facebook on Thursday 17th December. The winner's prize is a Christmas Treat Box from The Village Teapot.

Wednesday 16th December – St Oswald's Christmas Jumper Day: Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper in return for making a donation of £1.00 towards the Save the Children Fund. Please note that you can make school jumper look Christmassy instead of buying one!

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch: The meal served will be Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage or Roast Quorn Fillet with Veggie Sausage served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy, Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables followed by a Christmas Treat Dessert.

If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one, every child in the school will be given a Christmas

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cracker! If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the attached slip on Newsletter No.12 and return to school. If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment should be made through ParentPay or with a PayPoint card if you wish to pay by cash using the PayPoint facility.

Friday 18th December - Wear your Own Clothes Day!!! To celebrate the end of term, the children can wear an outfit of their own choice and donate £2 towards PTFA funds. All the funds raised over the Autumn term is going towards new reading books across the school!

Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas:

1.05pm Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2)

1.10pm Key Stage 2 (Y3 – Y6)

1.15pm Reception and siblings

School will re-open on Monday 4 January 2021

Drop and Go:

8.35am Reception and siblings

8.45am Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2)

8.55am Key Stage 2 (Y3 – Y6)

Collect and Go:

3.05 pm Key Stage 1 (Y1 and Y2)

3.10 pm Key Stage 2 (Y3 – Y6)

3.20 pm Reception and siblings

School Calendar:

Your child will come home with a copy of the School Calendar on Monday. The cost of the calendar is £5.00/copy. A £5.00 charge has been assigned to your ParentPay account which will be unassigned if the Calendar is returned. If you wish for more than 1 copy, please pay for the amount i.e £10.00 for 2 calendars and we will send another calendar home with your child.

We would be very grateful if you could try and support our school by buying the calendar as we do not have the same opportunities to raise any additional funds from our usual events at this time!

School Meals:

Due to a member of the staff in the School Kitchen having to currently isolate, we are unable to provide a hot meal service today and next week. Children who are on school meals will be provided with a packed lunch which includes ham / cheese sandwich, piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, crisps and a piece of cake / biscuit. Hot school meals will resume from Monday 14th December.

Reminder Health Needs Questionnaire - Reception:

2nd reminders have been sent home on Thursday for the Health Needs Questionnaire today from the School Nursing Team. Please complete the form and return to school by **Friday 11th December**. Thank you.

Bike Revival Scheme:

South Ribble Sports Council are setting up an Active Travel Hub which will include bike revivals of donated bikes. The bikes will be given back to the community including pupils who need a bike to take part in Bikeability next year. Please find attached a letter regarding the project and details of how to donate any unwanted bikes.

And finally...

As a staff we are always overwhelmed at the end of term with your kindness in giving us gifts which we never expect. This year we are asking that you do not send gifts for staff into school for obvious reasons but if you do want to show your appreciation then feel free to make a donation to the PTFA funds or a charity close to your heart!

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Yours sincerely

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