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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**  
**End of Autumn Term no.14 – 11 December 2020**  
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**PLEASE READ THE FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2020!**

Dear Parents,

**COVID Reference Guide for Parents:**

Please find attached latest COVID-19 information in the school setting. We are still waiting for official guidance from Public Health England regarding the latest change to the self-isolation period from 14 days to 10 days and therefore must continue with 14 days until we receive further clarification.

Parents need to be aware that we have been requested by Public Health and the DfE to follow arrangements for reporting positive cases as follows:

- Where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should NOT be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of last being in school**, you **must contact the school via email no later than 10am**.

**Nativity 2020:**

Instead of our usual productions at Christmas, we spent all day Thursday filming a special Nativity for you to watch. Every class performed two songs and the whole performance tells the wonderful story of the First Christmas. The children worked so hard to learn the songs and produce their own artwork. We will be sending you the link as soon as the final edit is completed!

Enjoy...

**Sponsored Santa's Dash:**

It was a great end to the week to have every class complete the Santa 1 mile dash. We even managed to avoid the rain! Thank you for sponsoring your child. Just send any sponsor money in before the end of term. Many thanks for your support.

**Congratulations:**

Huge congratulations to Ava in Y4 for winning the 'Design a Christmas Card' run by Lancashire Constabulary. As well as getting her design printed, Ava has won £150 worth of book vouchers for school. Fantastic work Ava, very proud of you!

**Coming up:**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception and Y1

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Y2 and Y3

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Y4, Y5 and Y6

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 by **9am Tuesday**. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 are going towards new reading books across the school!

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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)**

**8.50am Key Stage 2 (Y3 – Y6) - please note new time!**

**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**

**St Oswald's Catholic Church Christmas Masses 2020:**

Due to the current pandemic and all the measures that have been introduced by HM Government the capacity of our churches is limited. Many parishioners attending mass recently will have seen the measures that have had to be put in place to comply with safety measures. It is therefore necessary to put a booking system in place for our Christmas Masses.

Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are as follows:

Christmas Eve: St Oswald's 5.00pm & 7.00pm

Christmas Day: St Oswald's 8.30am & 10.30am

Please find attached information on how to book places for the Christmas Masses at St Oswald's, St Teresa's and St Mary Magdalen Church.

**School Calendar:**

Reminder! If you wish to buy the School Calendar that was sent home with your child on Monday, please pay £5.00 to your ParentPay account. 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!

Please return the calendar back to school by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December if you do not wish to keep it. Thank you.

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## Primary School Admissions 2021:

The closing date is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2021. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

And finally...

The PTFA Raffle Tickets made a whopping £901, a tremendous amount so thank you very much!!! The draw has taken place this morning and our lucky prize winners are:

Luxury Christmas Hamper – Mr N.Millington  
Food Christmas Hamper – Ultan  
Selection of Cheesecakes from O.M.G Bakes – N.Woolrich  
Selection Box & Mince Pies – S. Malinowski  
Selection Box & Mince Pies – C. Taylor

As we come to the end of a very unusual Autumn Term, on behalf of all the staff and Governors. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year with your families. Many thanks for all your support, encouragement and feedback over the last 14 weeks.

Look forward to seeing you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher