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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
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- The Lancashire Evening Post photographer were in school last week to take the class photograph of the Reception pupils. The photograph will appear in the 'School Starters 2022' supplement of the newspaper in a few weeks time.
- Year 6 did a brilliant job leading the 'Harvest Festival' on Tuesday. Thank you for all the generous donations which are being collected and taken to the local foodbank in Penwortham on Thursday.
- Congratulations to the Athletics Team who won the Athletics Tournament at Priory last night. A great team effort!
- Letters have been sent home to children in Year 4 regarding the Sacramental Preparation programme. If you wish for your child to take part in this programme, please return the application form (enclosed with the letter) to Fr Michael at the Presbytery as soon as possible (letter issued Monday 17th October).

Don't forget:

PTFA Cake Sale on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October**. Mrs Nowak has very kindly offered to bake cakes. Cakes available for a small donation on the school playground at 3.15pm on both days. Every little helps our fundraising so please support if you can.

PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco on **Thursday 20th October**. Final chance to buy tickets! On sale from the school office or pay on the door. Tickets are £3.00/child and Tuck Shop will be open on the night.

6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)

7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

School finishes **Thursday 20th October** at 3.15pm for Half Term (After School Club will be running on this day) and re-opens on Monday 31st October.

Secondary Admissions 2023: If your child is due to go to secondary school in September 2023 the closing date for applications is 31st October 2022! If you are applying for All Hallows, you MUST fill in the yellow supplementary form and return it direct to All Hallows before half term.

Coming up:

KS2 (Y3-Y6) will be leading the All Saints Mass in church **Tuesday 1st November** at 2.15pm. Parents are invited.

Y3/Y4 STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) starts from 3.15pm – 4.15pm **Tuesday 1st November** for 7 weeks.

School Meal Promotion -Bonfire Lunch **Thursday 3rd November**. The meal served is Sausage in a Finger Roll, Pinwheel Pizza followed by Sticky Toffee Parkin. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this

date, please complete the slip attached and return to school on Tuesday 1st November. Payment of £2.40 is to be made on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Reception 'Stay and Play' in class **Thursday 3rd November** from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Parents are invited to come into school to join in with your child's learning. Please complete the slip attached if you wish to come along.

The British Legion have asked if we will sell poppies on their behalf throughout the week commencing **Monday 7th November**. If you would like your child to bring a donation into school, please send it in an envelope with your child's name and marked 'Poppy Appeal'. Other poppy items available are: Zip Pull – 50p, Reflectors – 50p, Silicon Wristband - £1.00, Snap Band - £1.50.

Each class has an allocated time slot to come along and purchase their poppies.

Monday 7th November – Year 5/6

Tuesday 8th November – Year 3/4

Wednesday 9th November– Year R/1/2

Y5 'Friendship' Assembly in the hall **Tuesday 8th November**. Parents are welcome at 2.40pm

Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley for an outdoor adventurous day **Thursday 10th November**. Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but will need to wear appropriate warm clothes. Please ensure that permission slips have been returned to school. Final payments to be made by Friday 4th November on ParentPay. Medical forms are to be completed and returned to school by Friday 4th November. (Kit list and Medical Forms issued on Friday 14^h October).

Y6 residential visit to Robinwood, Todmorden **Monday 14th-Wed 16th November**. Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but will need to wear appropriate warm clothes. Final payments to be made by Friday 11th November on ParentPay. (Final arrangements letter, kit list and information from Robinwood issued 11th October).

Children in Need Fundraising Day **Friday 18th November**. The School Council are busy organising the day and have asked for all the children to come to school dressed in something spotty; it could be a pair of spotty socks, a spotty shirt or a complete spotty outfit! Just bring a £1 donation which the School Council will collect at the gate on the Friday morning.

Last Netball Club until the Spring Term **Monday 21st November**.

Last Football Club until the Spring Term **Tuesday 22nd November**.

Primary Admissions 2023:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2023 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2023 with the offer letter being issued to parents on TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE!

Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', which is available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery postbox.

Players in Education Drama Club:

The next course will start after half term on **Friday 4th November** and will be open to all pupils. ACT-SING-DANCE and spread the Christmas Cheer with Players in Education. Sign up to the Christmas course by following the link below. Further details are available from Miss Rebecca on 07764 998997. Flyers have been sent home with your child today.

<https://www.playersineducation.com/signupstoswalds>

Community News:

South Ribble Borough Council and South Ribble Leisure are going above and beyond this October Half Term to offer a HAF programme of FREE activities and food to children and families at local leisure centres!

Full details of the programme and how to book are attached and can be found at <https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>

And finally...

Huge congratulations to all the children in Reception as they come to the end of their first half term in school. They have settled in so quickly and already love their learning!

Wishing everyone a great half term and see you on Monday 31st October.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries. We will always do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION 'STAY AND PLAY' – THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

I/We would like to attend the 'Stay and Play' session on Thursday 3rd November from 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm.

Name of child: Signed by parent/carer:.....

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2022

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 3rd November. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

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