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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!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the season of Advent.

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair. The school received over £220.00 in free books!
- Y4 celebrated their Reconciliation Day on Monday. Fr Michael would like to thank everyone involved.
- Year 2 and Reception walked to Longton Library this week for their super storytelling sessions. Longton Library is a real bonus to have on the doorstep!
- Huge congratulations to the Athletics Team who competed in the Sportshall Athletic Finals at Worden Academy on Tuesday and won the tournament; brilliant teamwork, super attitude and great sports skills, well done Team Oswald!

Don't forget:

Christmas Raffle: A raffle ticket book was sent home last week. Please return the ticket stubs and money to school by Tuesday 13th December, thank you! If you are unable to sell them, please return the raffle tickets back to school. The Grand Christmas Draw will take place on Thursday 15th December at 3pm. We are looking for donations to make exciting Christmas Hampers; any donations of wine, chocolates, biscuits etc. would be gratefully received! Just send your donation into the School Office by Friday 9th December.

School Calendar 2023: St Oswald's School Calendars have arrived! For anyone who has pre-ordered, calendars will be sent home enveloped with your child today, Thursday 1st December. School Calendars are on sale from the school office and will also be available to buy at our forthcoming events; Nativity performances in church, cake sales on the playground and at the Bingo Night.

Any companies that have sponsored a month will receive a complimentary copy in the next few days. Thank you so much for your support!

Cost of calendars:

£6.00 1 calendar
£11.00 2 calendars
£15.00 3 calendars

Coming up:

Friday 2nd December

PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can wear a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit if they wish for the event. Sponsor Forms were sent home on 17th November. Sponsor money can be returned to school from Monday 5th December. Many thanks for supporting this event.

Tuesday 6th December

Infant Nativity 'Shine Star Shine' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils in church. Performances at 2pm and 6.30pm. No need for tickets, just come along and enjoy the Nativity story! The performance will start promptly and last approx. 40 mins. Please drop your child off at 6.15pm for the evening performance. Thank you.

- Wednesday 7th December** Last swimming session for Y5.
- Wednesday 7th December** Fairtrade Stall 3.15pm on the school playground. Fairtrade Christmas gifts available to buy.
- Thursday 8th December** Drumming Showcase Assembly 1.15pm – 1.45pm. If your child is involved, you are invited to come along. Please let the office know by either completing the slip (Newsletter No.11) or by email.
- Thursday 8th December** PTFA Family Christmas Bingo: Come and join us for this family event 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Due to the restriction of numbers in the hall, this is a tickets only event on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the slip attached if you wish to attend, return to the school office and tickets will be sent home with your child that day. Tickets are free and the cost is £1.00 per Bingo Book which are available to buy on the night as well as Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Tuck Shop.
- Monday 12th December** Music Showcase for R, Y1 and Y2 at 2.40pm. Parents invited to come along to find out how music is taught to all our Infant pupils.
- Mon 12th – Thurs 15th Dec** Cake Sale! Due to popular demand, Mrs Nowak has very kindly extended the PTFA Cake Sale across 4 days! Cakes will be for sale on the playground each day at 3.15pm.
- Wednesday 14th December** Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish.
- Wednesday 14th December** Christmas Lunch. If you wish for your child to have the Christmas Lunch provided by the kitchen, please return the slip on Newsletter No.10. Last day to order is Tuesday 6th December.
- Wednesday 14th December** Christmas Jumper Day! Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day. All proceeds towards Save the Children Fund.
- Wednesday 14th December** Carol Singing 2022. Each of the **Infant** Classes will be performing a couple of carols on the playground at 3pm so you can come along and enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive cake stall too!
- Thursday 15th December** Y6 will be leading the Christingle Service in church 2.15pm. Everyone invited.
- Thursday 15th December** Carol Singing 2022. Each of the **Junior** Classes will be performing a couple of carols on the playground at 3pm. We will be opening the gates at 3pm so you can enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive Cake Stall too!
- Friday 16th December** School closes at 1.30 pm.

Primary School Admissions 2023:

The closing date for Primary School Admissions for September 2023 is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate as this does make a difference!

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers:

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire on the [Cost of living support website](#). This website summarises some of the most useful information from Lancashire County Council that you can share with parents and carers.

Community News:

We have only just been informed that Longton Lights Grand switch-on is Wednesday 7th December at St Andrew's Church 5.30pm for Christmas Carols; Light Switch On at 6.00pm. All families welcome to pop along. Don't forget to wear your Christmas hats!

And finally...

Maggie Hindle in Y6 has just qualified for the Irish Dancing World Championships in Canada next year. What an exceptional achievement. Congratulations Maggie and Good Luck!

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

PTFA FAMILY BINGO – THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2022 6.30PM – 8.00PM

Entrance by ticket only.

I/We would like to attend the PTFA Family Bingo.

Number of Adult tickets

Number of Children tickets

Name of child:

Signed: