

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School St Oswald’s Catholic Community:

Headteacher - Mrs B Wood With Christ at the centre of our

# Chapel Lane community, our mission is to live,

# Longton love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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**The Newsletter**

**Spring term no. 1 – 5th January 2023**

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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wishing you all a very ‘Happy New Year’ and a big thank you for sending your child back to school looking smart and ready to learn!

**Coming up in January :**

* **Friday 6th January** – Feast of the Epiphany Mass for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6, at 2.15pm in church. Parents welcome.
* **Wednesday 11th January –** Y4 start swimming lessons with the final session being Wednesday 29th March.
* **Friday 13th January –** Spar Lancashire School Games Football Finals at Poolfoot Farm Sports & Leisure Complex, Butts Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, 10pm – 4pm. Good Luck to the team! (Letter issued to Football Team 5th January).
* **Sunday 15th January -** Primary School Admissions 2023. The closing date is **Sunday 15th January 2023** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2023. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child’s baptism certificate.
* **Wednesday 18th January** - Meeting for Year 6 parents re End of Key Stage 2 Assessments and Tests, at 6.30 pm in school.
* **Thursday 19th January** – The School Nursing Team will be in school to carry out vision screening tests for children in Reception, Letters will be sent home with your child today. This is an **OPT-OUT** system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned stating that you DO NOT want your child to have vision screening and state the reason for this. Please reply promptly, thank you.
* **Thursday 19th January –** ‘Chinese New Year’ school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the slip attached and return to school no later than Tuesday 17th January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment of £2.40 should be made through ParentPay please (free for reception, Y1 and Y2 children). The meal menu will be **Sweet & Sour Chicken & Veggie Noodles or Chinese Quorn Curry with Vegetable Rice followed by Chocolate Rice Crispy Cake.**
* **Friday 20th January** Y5/Y6 Swimming Competition at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm – 5.00pm. Further details to follow once the team has been selected.
* **Wednesday 25th January** - Meeting for Y2 parents re End of Key Stage 1 Assessments 6.30pm in school.

**PTFA News:**

As part of the Green Token Giving programme with Asda, the school has been awarded a cheque for £500 so thank you if you took part and registered your vote! The money will go towards resources for our Forest School.

**School Calendar 2023:** St Oswald’s School Calendars are available to buy from the school office.

Cost of calendars: £6.00 1 calendar, £11.00 2 calendars and £15.00 3 calendars.

Next PTFA meeting for anyone interested in coming along **Tuesday 10th January** at 6.30pm

**Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:**

If your annual household income is under £16,190 per year and that you are not entitled, or have an underlying entitlement, to Working Tax Credit, you may be entitled to free school meals and pupil premium for your child. Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative, please may I remind you that for those pupils who have a **STATUTORY** entitlement to free school meals (those pupils whose parents are in receipt of benefits, such as Income Support, etc.) of the importance to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium which is worth over £1300 per pupil for the school once registration has been completed, so please check if you are entitled as school benefits greatly! A comprehensive list of the benefit entitlements are available on the application form which is available from the trays by the school office. Alternatively, one phone call can confirm if you are entitled, it’s worth doing, so please call 01772 531809 and have your NI number handy!

**Players Drama School:**

Please find attached the flyer for the next course commencing 13th January for 5 weeks.

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**FIND Newsletter Winter 2022:**

Please find attached the newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. It is full of useful information and contact numbers.

And finally…

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

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**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘CHINESE NEW YEAR’ – THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2023**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 19th January. I will ensure payment of £2.40 is made in advance through ParentPay.

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

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