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The Newsletter Autumn Term no. 9– 9th November 2023 Follow us on twitter @StOswaldsCPS

Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Y5 had a brilliant trip to Rock and River last Thursday for a day of outdoor activities which included paddle boarding, kayaking, archery, climbing, low ropes and the big jump! All the children tried everything and showed great determination.
- Thank you to Lancashire Police for their visit last week. Y6 and Reception loved it!
- Mr Turner from The British Legion visited school on Friday and talked to the Key Stage2 children about the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal this year. There are still some poppy items left so please call into the office if your child wishes to purchase any.
- Fr Michael would like to thank all the families who attended the Year 4 Sacramental Programme Meeting on Monday evening.
- Bishop Tom really enjoyed his visit to school on Monday. He noticed how polite and interested the children were in every class.
- Thank you to Mrs Clayden and Mrs Summers who visited school to talk to the Reception children about being a nurse and helping people as part of the EYFS current topic.
- Y5 & Y6 children had a great time at The Grand Theatre, Blackpool on Tuesday meeting the children's author, Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Everyone received a copy his new book!
- A super turn out at the PTFA Committee Meeting on Tuesday. The PTFA cake stall at the end of half term raised £220. Thank you to Mrs Nowak for, once again, baking the cakes. The PTFA Halloween Disco made £848.18 profit! Thank you for all your fantastic support; huge thanks to Mr Smith (Teddy's dad) for kindly volunteering to DJ at the event! Attached is a summary sheet of the events and fundraising from 2022/2023.
- Well done to Y6 Maths Team who took part in a Math's Challenge at All Hallows on Wednesday. The children were a credit to you and the school.
- Children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 enjoyed meeting Rachel Walmsley this morning. Rachel read her new book `Listening Ears' which we all thoroughly enjoyed. Rachel did comment that the children were brilliant and their listening was excellent! If you wish to purchase a copy of this book (£7.99), Dotty the Dogwalker (£6.00) or both (£12.00), please complete the slip below and send in the money by cash or cheque to the office by Thursday 16th November. Thank you.

Coming up:

Friday 10th November - Y5 will attend the Parish Mass in church at 9.30am. Parents welcome.

Tuesday 14th November – Freddy Fit will be spending the day in school, working with each class to promote healthy lifestyles. We use our Sport Premium money to fund Freddy's visit which the children love!

Tuesday 14th November - Reception visit to Longton Library at 2pm.

Thursday 16th November -Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of `It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week. Parents are welcome to attend.

Friday 17th November -Children in Need Fundraising Day. The School Council have asked for all the children to come to school dressed in pyjamas! Just bring a £1 donation which the School Council will collect at the gate on the Friday morning. Thank you if you have volunteered to come into school to read a Bedtime Story to Reception, Y1 or Y2 at 2.50pm, we are looking forward to seeing you!

Sunday 19th November -Y4 Enrolment Mass 10.30am in Church for Y4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion in May 2023.

Friday 1st December -Y3 Parent Assembly 2.40pm. Parents are invited to come along to watch the Assembly with the theme of `Advent'.

Monday 4th December -Y4 Reconcilation Day with Fr Michael. Parents invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.

Tuesday 5th December - The Choir have been invited to St Andrew's Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew's Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm. The Y5/Y6 Guitar group have also been invited to play at this event!

Wednesday 6th December – Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their current topic on 'Romans' (letter issued 8th November).

Tuesday 7th December - Year 3 Advent Assembly in school 2.40pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 12th December - Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.30pm. School will provide your child with a costume so no need to worry!

Scholastic Book Fair:

Scholastic Book Fair will be open from 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room on Thursday 23rd November, Monday 27th November and Tuesday 28th November. Every book purchased means extra books for school. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading for your child.

School Calendar 2024:

St Oswald's School Calendar is available to pre-order. If you wish to pre-order a calendar(s), please complete the order form attached with payment. Order forms are also available from the School Office.

Cost of calendars are: £6.00 1 calendar £11.00 2 calendars £15.00 3 calendars

Many thanks if you have sponsored a month in the calendar. As a sponsor you will receive a complimentary copy as soon as they arrive from the printers.

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

RACHEL WALMSLEY – AUTHOR VISIT - WEDNESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER	
Child's Name	Class
I wish to purchase the following book(s): Listening Ears (£7.99) Dotty the Dogwalker (£6) Both books (£12) Would you like the book dedicated to anyone? If so, please write the details below.	
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I would like to pre-order the following:	
1 Calendar at the cost of £6.00	
2 Calendars at the cost of £11.00	
3 Calendars at the cost of £15.00	
3+ Calendars @ £5.00 each. Please state if more than 3	
Please return the order form to school with payment (cash or cheque). I enclose payment of	
Name of Child	Year Group