

St. Osmund's Newsletter

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Week 2.7 – Monday 17th December 2018



Top of the Class

I am so pleased and proud to report on another exceptional year at St Osmund's, as recognised in the school's performance tables. In the local area, St Osmund's pupils were top in all attainment and progress measures! Furthermore, our school is ranked 13th in the Southwest region for state primary schools and 208th nationally in the Sunday Times league tables. This is a fantastic achievement and adds to the many causes for celebration at the school over the last year.

At the heart of St Osmund's is our Catholic mission; that we show Love for God ~ Love for Each Other ~ Love for Learning. We try to create a unique, caring, family atmosphere, where every child is nurtured to be the best they can be; *we believe that every child can* (John 10:10). Far from being a bolt-on to our curriculum, our Catholicity is fundamental to everything that we do and our children achieve highly as a result of this.

Not only do our children work hard, but we are indebted to our exceptional teachers, support staff, governors and parents who live and breathe St Osmund's, making it the truly special place it is. *Thank you* 😊

KS2 Carol Service

In years 3-6, the children lead a carol service every year in St Osmund's Church. We have been rehearsing ready for our service this year on 18th December at 6pm. All children in KS2 are expected to attend this important school function. Please note, ensure your child arrives by 5.45pm. Parking will be available in the playground for parents attending the Carol Service.

We also have a small group of children going to sing at Bourne Hill on Tuesday afternoon.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity Plays

Wish our children luck in their plays this week. Our Reception children are performing 'The Nativity' while Years 1 and 2 are performing 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. Please log on to School Gateway to purchase tickets. If you have any queries, please see the school office.

Festive Fun

What a fabulous Christmas Fair we had on Friday! It was a super atmosphere and very well-attended by parents – thank you all so much for supporting us.

At the Fair we had a huge range of activities and stalls; Spin the Wheel, Toys and Books stall, Nerf Gun shooting, Skalextric racing, a wonderful array of cakes, butter beer, carol singing (St Osmund's and St Joseph's) and a visit from Father Christmas!

All in all, we raised £870 for the school – thank you all so much for your generosity and to our hard working PSA.

Job Vacancy

We continue to seek a new member of staff to join our Lunchtime Supervisory team. If you are interested in 1hrs work, 12.15-1.15pm Monday - Friday, please see the school office.

Christmas Jumper Day

This Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day. It is also Christmas Dinner Day. There is no need to pre-order dinners, but payment for those children in KS2 should be made, as for normal dinners, on School Gateway. On Thursday, children may wear full non-school uniform (no need to wear school trousers/skirts) as long as they wear something really Christmassy!

School re-opens

Please don't forget that school re-opens on Tuesday 8th January at 8:55am. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone!

Prepare for Jesus

*Jesus, help us to get ready
for your birth.
Help us to see past
the shiny decorations in the shops
and remember that we are
waiting for you.*

Amen.

Dates for your diary...



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- 18/12/18 ~ KS2 Carol Service ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 6pm (arrival 5.45pm)
- 19/12/18 ~ Reception Class Nativity Play ~ School Hall ~ 1:30pm
- 19/12/18 ~ Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play School Hall ~ 2:15pm and 6:00pm
- 20/12/18 ~ Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day!
- 21/12/18 ~ School breaks up at the end of Term 2 ~ 1:30pm
- 08/01/19 ~ School re-opens for Term 3 ~ please note this is a Tuesday
- 08/01/19 ~ Year 5 swimming begins
- 11/01/19 ~ Epiphany Mass ~ Whole School ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 15/01/19 ~ Year 1 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 22/01/19 ~ Reception Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 23/01/19 ~ Years 3 and 4 Gymnastics Festival

With all best wishes,

Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

It is with sadness that this week we say farewell to one of our teachers, Miss Hill, who is moving on to pastures new. She is leaving St Osmund's to teach in a special school and all here at St Osmund's wish her all the best for the future.

We welcome a new recruit to St Osmund's, Mr. Neave, who will be taking charge of Year 1 to the end of the academic year. Please join me in offering him a very warm welcome.

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

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