



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back!

What a pleasure it is to welcome everyone back to school during such lovely weather! The children have been playing out in the woodland area, enjoying lunch outside... if only it were a little cooler... Everyone has settled back into school wonderfully well, getting to know their new teachers and their expectations.

On that note, we have our Meet the Teacher meetings coming up on separate days starting 18th September. Please see the letter which went home on Thursday 7th for details. It is very important that parents come to this meeting; it is only short but will give you the chance to meet your child's new teacher, learn about what life will be like in their class and important routines such as homework. Homework has been revisited by staff at the start of this new term and to that end, we will be sending a letter to you this coming week explaining how that is going to work. There are no drastic changes, more a case of reiterating the way it is set from year group to year group.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Chapman to St Osmund's as our new Year 6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher. If you have questions about curriculum, attendance, behaviour – Mrs Chapman is the person to see. We also welcome Mrs Brewu as our new Year 2 teacher, RE and PSHE leader. If you have any questions about religious teaching, prayer or relationships and sex education, Mrs Brewu is the person to see.

Finally, welcome to our new Reception parents new and old, we wish you and your child every success as they start their journey in learning and growth at St Osmund's.

Appointments

Where possible we ask that routine medical appointments such as eye test and dentist are made outside of school hours, however we do appreciate that this is not always possible.

If you have to pick your child up during the school day for an appointment please send the office a copy of the appointment letter, or email a screenshot of the text so that the absence can be authorised. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Tennis Coaching

The Downton Tennis club are running coaching classes after school from 11 September for 10 weeks for 4 to 14 year olds. Sessions are an hour long and run daily from 4pm. For information or to book a taster session please email mahoneytennis@gmail.com

Wristbands

All children should wear their wristband, it carries our Mission Statement and is part of our identity. It is also a personal reference point for our behaviour policy.

Morning Drop Off

The playground is staffed each morning from 08.45am, if you drop your child off then please ensure they are not left unaccompanied until the member of staff on duty is on the playground.

The bell will ring at 8.55am to indicate the start of school and that children should join their lines to be taken in to class.

Nuts

We aim to be a nut free school so ask that if you provide your child with lunch or a snack to please ensure cereal bars and chocolate spreads do not contain nuts.

Star of the Week Awards

Year 1: Imogen and Levi
Year 2: Leia-Skye and Oskar
Year 3: Moyin and Ayona
Year 4: Ella and Evana
Year 5: Leila and James
Year 6: Sofia H and Delvin



Dates for your diary...

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12.09.23 ~ Year 6 Swimming Lessons begin ~ Five Rivers
12.09.23 ~ Year 6 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church
13.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y3 ~ 3:25pm
14.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y2 ~ 3:25pm
18.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y6 ~ 3:25pm
19.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y4 ~ 3:25pm
20.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y1 ~ 3:25pm
21.09.23 ~ Meet the Teacher ~ Y5 ~ 3:25pm
27.09.23 ~ Reception Parents Meeting ~ 5:30pm
06.10.23 ~ Anti-Bullying Workshops
10.10.23 ~ Parents Evening
11.10.23 ~ Parents Evening
17.10.23 ~ Last day of Term 1
18.10.23 ~ Teacher Training Day
30.10.23 ~ Term 2 begins

Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

A prayer for the new school year to share with your child

Almighty God, we give thanks for our
school for it is a special place.
Help us to make it special for you, Lord, and
bring your peace, love friendship to
everything we do here.
As we learn and as we play, may we be
always in your safe keeping.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety,
please speak to a member of the school safeguarding team:

Mr Sanderson – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Sambrook – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Windsor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Staying safe when walking or making your own way home

At St Osmund's, we only allow children in Year 6 to make their own way home, and even then, only with the wish and written permission of a parent or carer. We won't allow a child to walk home if we agree they are not socially or emotionally ready for such a responsibility. In addition, children outside of Year 6 should not be making their own way to school either.

It is crucial that we work together to ensure our children arrive at their destination safely. Here are some recommendations to help them navigate their route:

1. Always use designated pedestrian crossings and wait for the green signal before crossing the road.
2. Walk with a friend or in a group whenever possible.
3. Encourage your child to remain vigilant and be aware of their surroundings at all times.
4. Avoid using electronic devices that can distract them from the road.

By following these simple guidelines, we can help reduce the risk of accidents on the journey home.

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