



St Osmund's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Children in Need and Water Aid

Together We Can Change Young Lives – Fundraising

Friday 17 November 2023 is Children in Need day. We would love for our children to come to school wearing something spotty but please do not go out and buy anything special! You might already have an item of spotty clothing, or you could put spotty stickers on a t-shirt. You may also face paint or be creative in other ways!

We ask that a small cash donation for this great cause is made. There will be buckets by the school gate or money can be handed in to class. The reason we are asking for cash is so that the children can see the fundraising happening, something that can be lost when everything is online. Some children even like to donate their pocket money!

Our Chaplaincy Team would also like to support children overseas. St Osmund's is part of the Emmaus Hub of Catholic schools and our group is fundraising to improve the supply of fresh water to schools in Uganda. As a result, we would like you to consider making a second donation on the same day as Children in Need to support the Water Aid project. If you are able to provide a donation of £2 on the day, we would be very appreciative.

Car Park

The school car park is for Staff only between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm. If you are dropping off or picking up from Sunshine club after 8am and before 4.30pm please refrain from using the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dolce Tasting Event

Dolce are hosting a tasting event where you can come to the school hall and taste a selection of dishes which typically appear on our lunch menu on Monday 13 November from 2.30pm until 3.15pm.

Naming Belongings

Please can you name all of your child's belongings in particular jumpers/cardigans and now that it is getting colder, coats. May we ask that the name is written clearly in an ink which won't wash off (please check regularly that the name can be read) and in a way that your child will recognise. These are costly items so please help us to help you not having to replace them. Please cross your child's name out on any items you donate to our pre-loved sale so that the next person can clearly mark it with their child's name. It makes it much quicker to reunite it to the rightful owner.



Remembrance

We shared in a moving reflection and liturgy today with Fr Joseph. In our liturgy we reflected on the origin of poppies as a symbol of remembrance and the sacrifice made by so many in the armed forces through conflicts over the years. If you can, please consider attending the remembrance services in the Market Square on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Nuts

Please remember that we aim to be a nut free school, therefore may we ask that if you provide your child with a snack or packed lunch that you please double check any chocolate spreads or cereal bars do not contain any nuts. Thank you for your co-operation.

Star of the Week Awards

Rec:
Year 1:
Year 2: Stars of the Week will
Year 3: be back next week!
Year 4:
Year 5:
Year 6:

Our
weekly
winners



Dates for your diary...

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13.11.23 ~ Dolce Tasting Event
14.11.23 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 6
17.11.23 ~ Children in Need Day and Water Aid ~ suggested donation of £2
21.11.23 ~ Class Mass ~ Year 5
23.11.23 ~ Whole School Science Day
04.12.23 ~ Advent Mass ~ Church ~ 1:30pm
07.12.23 ~ Reception Nativity ~ 10am
07.12.23 ~ KS1 Nativity ~ 2pm
07.12.23 ~ KS1 Nativity ~ 6pm
08.12.23 ~ Reception Nativity ~ 2pm
12.12.23 ~ KS2 Carol Service ~ Church ~ 6pm
20.12.23 ~ Last day of Term 2 ~ 1:30pm

Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

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 Chapman – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Sambrook – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Windsor – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



*When you go home,
tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

A Letter from our Chaplaincy Team

By Friday 1st December we are encouraging you to bring in 'the essentials' ... items to go in a shoebox which would support someone who is homeless in Salisbury. These items might include soap, toothbrushes, flannels, or other non-perishable items.

This is similar to the event we held last year however we are also holding a non-uniform day in exchange for items for the shoebox appeal. As much as we would appreciate ready-made shoe boxes we understand that you may not have the time or money to make one. So, on Friday 1st December please bring in items to donate so we can make up the shoe boxes for Alabare, the charity we are supporting. You may of course bring a shoebox filled with items already if you have one. Thank you, from the chaplaincy team.

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ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for, it also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert

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