

St. Osmund's Newsletter



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Happy New Year

Welcome to the first newsletter of the New Year! I am sure that with your support, it can be a great year for the St Osmund's community. The children have settled back in to school really well, working hard and having fun.



This weekend saw us celebrate Epiphany – the coming of the three kings, led by the star, to pay homage to Jesus our Lord. The kings travelled from distant lands - far and wide - to join with other visitors, such as the shepherds, to celebrate Jesus' birth. This sets us an important example today and I feel is what St Osmund's does so well – the coming together of wonderful people in our Catholic community from many different cultures, to celebrate our faith in Jesus. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful place and may the star – the guiding light that is Jesus – continue to offer support and direction for you this coming year.

Safety

Last week I sent a text out to all parents asking for your cooperation in keeping our school grounds safe by keeping to the footpaths when dropping-off and collecting your children.

We have a car park which is used frequently throughout the day with cars pulling in and out; it is not a walkway. The vast majority of parents and visitors have adhered to this request, thank you. However, there are still occasions where people are walking across the car park in front of moving cars – this is very dangerous and puts your safety, and that of your children, at risk. Please, for the sake of a few extra metres, keep to the footpath. Let's work together to make our school grounds safe.

Head Lice

Head-lice are an on-going problem in all schools – at any one time there will be a case of head lice so it is important that you keep on top of the situation and check your child's hair regularly, treating immediately if you notice any 'visitors'.

The 'Once a Week, Take a Peek' campaign shows parents about the need to check their children's hair regularly for lice as a normal part of their family's personal hygiene routine and then to take swift action should any be found.

Why not take a look at the website for 'Once a Week, Take a Peek'? Visit <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.co.uk/>



Wiltshire Childcare Survey

Wiltshire County Council is trying to assess the current sufficiency of childcare in the county. The county would like to assess your needs. The survey is anonymous and the council would be very appreciative if you could complete the survey. Scan the link below or go to

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=147808999956>



Workshops – free for parents

The ESOL workshops have been cancelled due to a lack of interest but there is a new one we are hoping to start called 'Keeping up with the Children in Literacy'. A letter will be going home shortly.

Golden Book Awards

The Golden Book awards return for the start of the New Year on Friday 13th January at 2:45pm.

Scan this and join us on Twitter by searching @St_OsmundsCP you will need your own Twitter account first.



Dates for your diary...

- 12/01/17 ~ Primary Live Music Sessions during the school day ~ Years 3 and 4
- 13/01/17 ~ Year 6 Computing Sessions during the school day ~ South Wilts Grammar School
- 17/01/17 ~ Y6 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 17/01/17 ~ Football League Match ~ St Nicholas ~ 1:30pm
- 23/01/17 ~ Cross Country Festival ~ details TBC
- 24/01/17 ~ Reception Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 25/01/17 ~ Year 3 Trip ~ Tutankhamun Exhibition ~ all day
- 31/01/17 ~ Y5 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 07/02/17 ~ Y4 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 09/02/17 ~ Dental Health Visits ~ various classes
- 10/02/17 ~ Break-up for half term ~ 3:15pm

With all best wishes,



Mr R Sanderson
Headteacher

PSA Calendar 2017

This has now been reduced to £3.50 – grab yourself a bargain.

A fab calendar featuring our children as they celebrate their birthday each month.

Thank you

On behalf of myself, and all the staff, thank you so much for the gifts we received before Christmas. Your kindness is very much appreciated!



This weekend the Salisbury Malayalee Association held their Christmas and New Year celebrations. I was invited along with my family to the celebration, representing St Osmund's. It was a fabulous, colourful and vibrant occasion filled with great entertainment and food. I am in awe of all the great work the association does to support others - thank you so much for a wonderful day!

St Osmund's Catholic Primary School

Love for God ~ Love for Each Other ~ Love for Learning