

# St. Osmund's Newsletter



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Week 4.5 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

As we have in past years, we are collecting these vouchers which enable us to purchase new sports equipment. If any of you shop at Sainsbury's, then please do ask about the vouchers and hand them in to the school office. The vouchers are available until 2<sup>nd</sup> May – the more we receive, the more equipment we can get! Thank you for your support!

## Sporting Success

Well done to our Football Team and Netball Team who have been competing recently. Not only did they show true St Osmund's spirit by competing with maturity, respect and positivity, they also won some of their matches! The netball team won one match and lost one. The football team played four matches and drew all of them – they then won the penalty shootout for 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Well done to all those who took part, and thank you to the adults who led the children in their clubs.

## Attendance Update

Thank you for your support with good school attendance. As of February, our attendance rate in school was 96.1%, which means as a whole school, we are in-line with the average attendance nationally - but we think we can do even better!

**Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year**

Attendance during one school year	equals days absent	which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of missed lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

**How does your child's attendance compare with this target?**

**Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less**

Being on time to school is also vitally important – by 9am, children across the school are already engaged in learning phonics, spelling or guided reading. When children are late, they miss some of this vital teaching and progress may not be as fast as other children.

Going forward, we are targeting even better school attendance, and to keep you informed, we will be sending letters home three times per year, letting you know what your child's current attendance and punctuality rate is. We will be looking to work closely with families of children with attendance below that expected, supporting them to improve attendance. We would like to thank you all for your support with this.

## Premier Sport Holiday Club

Premier Sport is a working partner of St Osmund's, providing PE classes and after-school clubs. This Easter they are running a holiday club and have activities planned ranging from Human Battleships to Nerf Ball for the older ones and Tagging Time to Balloon Ball for the younger ones! Activity time tables (EYFS/KS1 & KS2) and competition can be found on our Facebook page: Premier Sport – Salisbury and Marlborough

There are limited spaces, the cost is £18 per day and a 15% discount is available until 27<sup>th</sup> March.

To book, please go online at [www.premiersport.org](http://www.premiersport.org)  
If you have any questions speak to a member of the team or email

## Golden Book Awards

**Our weekly winners are...**

Rec : Leon and Mya  
Year 1: Isona and Roxy  
Year 2: Ava and Samuel  
Year 3: Caleb and Evie B  
Year 4: Freddie and Isabel  
Year 5: Amanda and Dominic  
Year 6: David and Riley

## Dates for your diary...

- 20/03/17 ~ Y3/4 Orienteering Festival ~ St Edmund's ~ 3pm Postponed - Bad Weather
- 21/03/17 ~ Year 1 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 24/03/17 ~ Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief ~ Wear something red
- 25 and 26/03/17 ~ Fr Saji Matthew joining our Parishes as our new Assistant Priest
- 27/03/17 ~ Re-arranged Y3/4 Orienteering Festival ~ St Edmund's ~ 3pm
- 28/03/17 ~ Reception Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 28/03/17 ~ Parents' Forum 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting ~ 3:15pm
- 31/03/17 ~ Easter Fayre ~ PSA ~ School Hall ~ 3:15pm
- 04/04/17 ~ Year 6 Class Mass ~ St Osmund's Church ~ 9:45am
- 04/04/17 ~ Year 3/4 Primary Live ~ City Hall ~ 1:15pm
- 05/04/17 ~ Easter Egg Hunt ~ 9am
- 07/03/17 ~ Community Mass ~ School Hall ~ 10am
- 07/04/17 ~ Break-Up for the Easter Holidays ~ 3:15pm

With all best wishes,



Mr R Sanderson  
Headteacher



*God of infinite love,  
We thank you for this reminder of your love  
and your call that we be more patient,  
gentle and compassionate with others.  
Here in the middle of Lent,  
we turn to you to ask for your help.  
Please soften our hearts  
and help us to let go of those things that worry us.  
We ask this, in Jesus' name.  
Amen.*



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